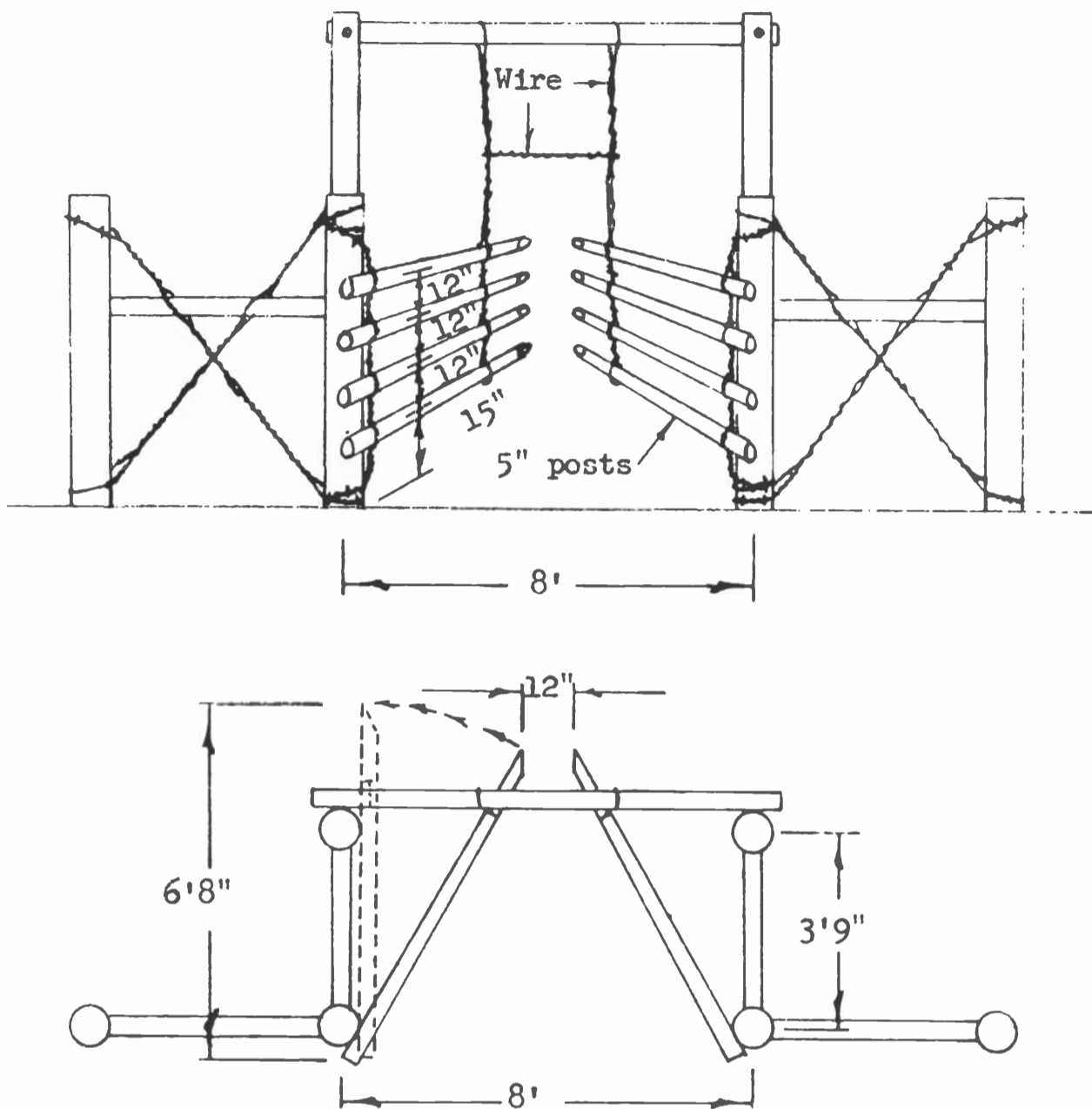


Easily Made Cattle Trap



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PLAN #A153 - TRIGGER, range cattle trap

Rounding up cattle can be difficult in remote and rough country. Ranchers trap cattle by fencing around the water supply. A trap gate system commonly called a "Trigger" is used. Trigger gates are usually left open so that the cattle can go in and out. As gathering season begins or a treatment season approaches, ideally the gates are closed a little at a time. The cattle get used to the gate being close. When trapping is desired, the gates are closed to a spacing of 8 to 12 inches allowing the cattle to go in, but not out. A little hay is usually put in the corral during this time.

In those areas where cattle are unusually wild, the in and out trigger system is used. This requires two triggers, both of which are closed to about 12 inches. When servicing the water supply, etc., the out trigger is used because cattle can pick up human scent. When trapping is desired, the out trigger is simply closed. Gate hinges and hangers are twisted barbed wire. Adjust by sliding the wire hangers to the desired position on the top cross bar. When trapping, a wire spacer between hangers is used. Accidental closing of these gates is dangerous, thus regular inspection is necessary just prior to trapping season. When not in use, wire the gates open.