



Figure 4.53 Photograph of picket fence corner detail.

wood. Figures 4.54 through 4.58 illustrate wooden fence installations. Wooden posts should be treated and dry. If treated wood is used, the type of wood treatment should be carefully evaluated (see Chap. 1). The dimension of wooden posts should be selected to provide adequate support for the fence; 4 in by 4 in is generally considered to be the minimum acceptable fence post size. Posts should be installed to at least the frost depth in places where frost heave occurs and at a depth adequate to resist the anticipated wind loads of a particular area. All corner posts should be set in concrete to add strength to the installation.

A less common but elegant method of diversion from the English landscape tradition is the *ha-ha*, or *sunken, fence* (see Fig. 4.59). To prevent livestock from wandering off, this technique of making an abrupt change in grade was used to avoid visually cluttering the landscape with walls and fences.