Square the unit for vertex's vertical coordinate since it is a quadratic.

4. There are 3 sides to fence, two sides with length b and one side with length a:

Notice the Parabolic function, compute the vertex:

 $a+b+b=1228 \implies a=1228-2b$ Now compute the area:

 $area=a \times b = (l-2b)b = 1228b - 2b^2$

 $vertex = (307 yards, 188498 yards^2)$