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

$$a+b+b=1174 \Rightarrow a=1174-2b$$

Now compute the area:

$$\text{area}=a \times b = (1174-2b)b = 1174b - 2b^2$$

Notice the Parabolic function, compute the vertex:

$$\text{vertex} = \left(\frac{587}{2} \text{ yd} , \frac{344569}{2} \text{ yd}^2 \right)$$

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