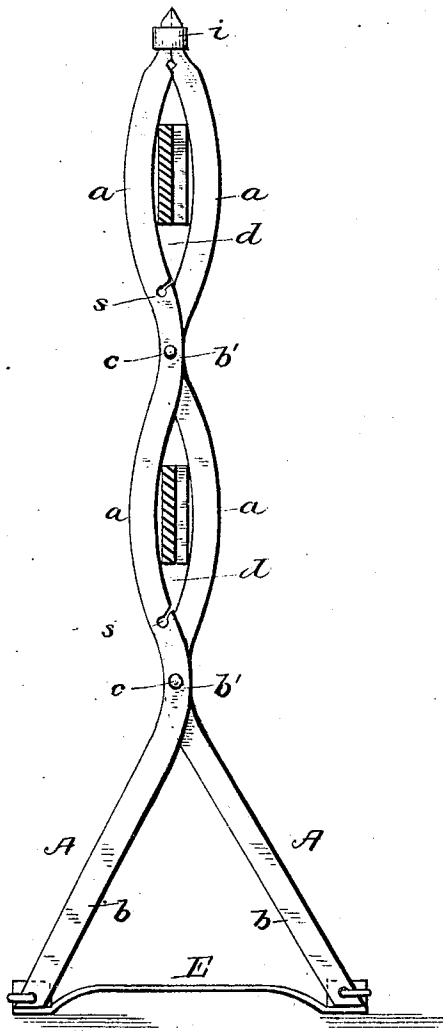


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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINER T. GLEASON, of Brodhead, in the county of Green and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which the figure represents a view of a completed post.

My invention has for its object to provide, at minimum cost, a strong and serviceable fence-post; and to this end it consists of a post composed of two metal bars, A A, each formed into two curves, *a a*, and having a straight lower portion, *b*, as shown. These two bars are brought together in reversed positions, as shown, and are joined at their points of intersection *b' b'* and secured by means of clinch-nails *c c*, or other equivalent fastenings. At their upper ends they are united by means of a suitable clamp, preferably an iron ring-clamp, *i*, as shown. From the lowest point of intersection the bars incline from each other and extend down in substantially straight lines, and at their ends are preferably united to a horizontal base-bar, E. The openings *d d* between the bars of the post are designed to

receive the ends of ordinary fence-boards. Instead of boards, however, wires may be stretched between and secured to the posts in slots *s*. The base-bar E may be dispensed with, if desired; but I much prefer to use it, as it makes a much stronger structure.

The parts of the post can be manufactured at slight expense, and can be put together without requiring any special skill.

I claim as my invention—

1. The fence-post consisting of the bars A A, having the reversed curved portions *a a* and substantially straight lower portions, *b*, and united by a clamp at their upper ends and joined together at the points of intersection, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described fence-post, consisting of the bars A A, having the reversed curved portions *a a* and substantially straight lower portions, *b*, and united by a clamp at their upper ends and joined together at their points of intersection, and having the base-bar, to which the bars A A are connected, substantially as described.

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