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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILES G. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Enid, in the county of Garfield and State of Oklahoma, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to fence posts, and has particular application to a corner post adapted to be used in the construction or erection of wire fences.

In carrying out my invention, it is my purpose to provide a corner post of the class described, which will embody the desired features of simplicity, strength and efficiency.

Still a further object of my invention is to provide an improved corner post which is preferably constructed of sections of metallic angle bars, so correlated and arranged that a firm and stable base is provided for the main post, said base being adapted to be anchored in the ground in such manner as to retain the post in upright position.

It is also my intention to provide a post which may be manufactured and marketed at a relatively low cost.

With the above-recited objects, and others of a similar nature in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangements of parts, set forth in and falling within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence post embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation.

In the present instance, I have illustrated a corner post comprising a vertical main post formed of angle iron, to the lower end of which I connect two horizontally extending base or angle members also of angle iron, said members crossing each other at the point where they are connected to the post, the ends of said anchoring members being provided with laterally extending heads to assist in the anchoring of the device while I also employ angle braces extending from the main post to the outer ends of the horizontal anchoring members.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the numeral 1 indicates the main post which is preferably formed of a metallic bar or angle iron, L-shaped in cross section and of the desired height. To the lower end of this post I secure a horizontally disposed angle bar 2, forming an anchoring

member, said bar being secured through the medium of a rivet, bolt or other fastening means 3 which passes through the vertical side of the angle iron and connects the adjacent side of the post. The end 4 of the anchoring member is provided with a laterally extending angular head 5 also preferably formed of a section of angle iron which is bolted to the end of the member 2 by means of a rivet or bolt 6. The opposite end 7 of this anchoring member is also provided with a similar angular head 8 bolted or riveted thereto as at 9. The numeral 10 indicates a second base or anchoring member also formed of a section of angle iron secured as at 11 to the post 1, said base member 10 crossing over the top of its base member 2 at right angles thereto and is also provided at its extremities with laterally angular heads 12 and 13 which are secured by bolts or rivets 14 and 15, respectively.

The numerals 16 and 17 indicate inclined braces of angle iron which extend from the outer extremities of the horizontally disposed anchoring members to a point near the top of the post, said braces being bolted or riveted by means of bolts or rivets 18.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and manner of employing my invention will be readily apparent.

In use, two short ditches are dug meeting at right angles and the base or horizontally disposed angle bars forming the anchoring members are placed or set therein. The anchoring members or the base of the corner post is then covered with earth so that such base will be firmly embedded in the ground. The post will now be held firmly and securely in its erected position, and the wires are strung on and wrapped about the same the desired distance apart, each strand of wire lying in a notch 19 formed in the edge of the vertical post.

It will be seen that I have provided a simple, cheap and efficient construction of corner post, capable of withstanding the strains and circumstances to which fences of this character are ordinarily subjected.

Furthermore, it will be noted that I have provided a durable and stable form of post which being composed of angle iron is not liable to decay as is the case with wooden structures.

I claim:—

1. A device of the class described com-

prising a vertical post formed of angle iron, two horizontally extending base or anchoring members also formed of angle iron and secured to the bottom of the vertical post, the ends of said members crossing each other at right angles and extending beyond the post, and brace bars connecting the post and the horizontal anchoring members.

2. A device of the class described comprising a main post of angle iron to which the wires of the fence are to be secured, horizontally disposed members formed of angle iron and connected to the bottom of the main

post, anchoring heads carried at the ends of the members, said heads being formed of short sections of angle iron, and inclined braces of angle iron extending between the horizontally disposed anchoring members and the post.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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