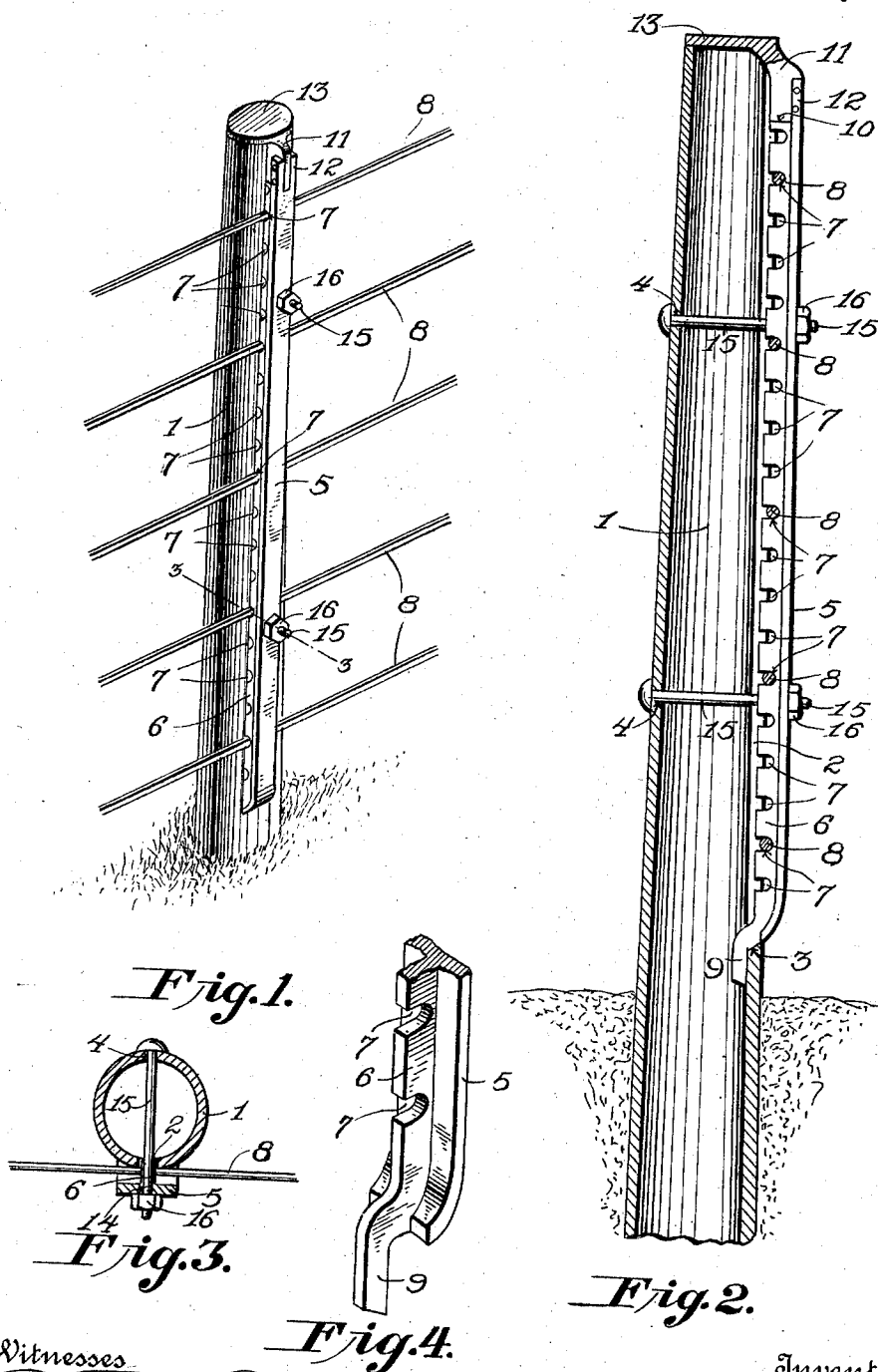


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. CULP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Catlin, in the county of Vermilion and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to fence posts, and the principal object of the same is to provide a novel wire holding means therefor, by means of which the fence wires may be rigidly but detachably fastened thereto.

15 In carrying out the objects of the invention generally stated above it will be understood, of course, that the essential features thereof are necessarily susceptible of changes in details and structural arrangements, one preferred and practical embodiment of which is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved fence post. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of the wire clamp for the post.

30 Referring to said drawings by numerals, 1 designates the hollow tubular post which preferably tapers toward its upper end, and which has a longitudinal slot 2 formed in one side which extends from the upper end thereof to a point adjacent the embedded base thereof, the lower end of said slot being in the form of an inclined shoulder 3. Said post is also provided with regularly spaced apart openings 4 which are in alinement 40 with the slot 2.

A substantially T-shaped wire clamp is employed in connection with the improved post, said clamp being of substantially the same length as the slot 2 of the post and 45 consisting of a wide flat head 5 and a central laterally projecting rib 6 adapted to be fitted within the slot 2, said rib having its outer edge broken by a plurality of regularly spaced apart notches 7 which provide 50 seats for the fence wires 8.

The rib 6 extends below the lower end of the head 5 and is outwardly and downwardly curved as indicated at 9 so that the same may be hooked within the slot 2, over the shoulder 3 at the lower end thereof, as 55 is shown in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawing. The upper end of the rib 6, terminates below the upper end of the head and provides an end rest 10 for the lower end of an upwardly and inwardly curved 60 arm 11 that has its outer edge suitably fastened within the bifurcated upper end 12 of said head, said arm carrying a flat horizontal annular plate 13 which forms a cap for the upper end of the post 1. 65

The wire clamp is provided with bolt openings 14 for the reception of the clamping bolts 15 which project through the openings 4 and slot 2 of the post and are locked in clamping position by the lock nuts 16 70 which bear upon the flat surface of the head 5 and thereby rigidly but detachably retaining the clamp in position on the post.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the improved post provides a simple and 75 effective means for firmly holding the wires in engagement with the post and also provides means whereby the post may be closed so that water or the like cannot enter the same. 80

It will also be seen that the curved extension 9 of the rib 6 provides simple means whereby said extension may be hooked over shoulder 3 to facilitate rocking the clamping strip to its wire holding position. 85

It will also be seen that when the end of the rib 9 is inserted in the slot and the clamp locked into position, the portion 9 will engage the inside of the post, while the end of the portion 5 will engage with the 90 outside of the post, causing the clamp to have a tendency to spring outward. When the nuts 16 are tightened upon the bolts 15, the clamp is drawn tightly into place and serves as a nut lock to hold the nuts 16 95 tightly in place.

What I claim as my invention is:—

As a new article of manufacture, a fence post comprising a body portion said body being provided with a longitudinal slot ter- 100

minating in a bearing shoulder, a wire clamp having a flat body portion, a longitudinal laterally extending rib, said rib terminating in an inwardly and downwardly
5 extending lug, said lug adapted to have binding engagement within said post when rocked upon said bearing shoulder to cause said rib to enter said slot, and means for

rigidly and detachably securing said clamp to said post.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
signature in presence of two witnesses. 10

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