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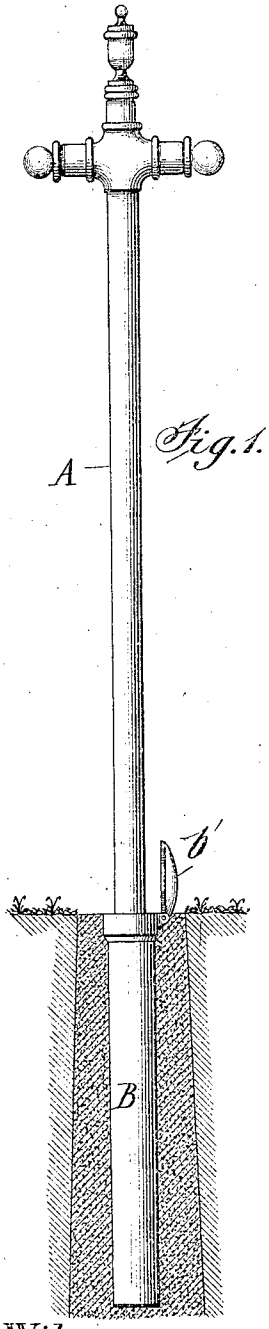
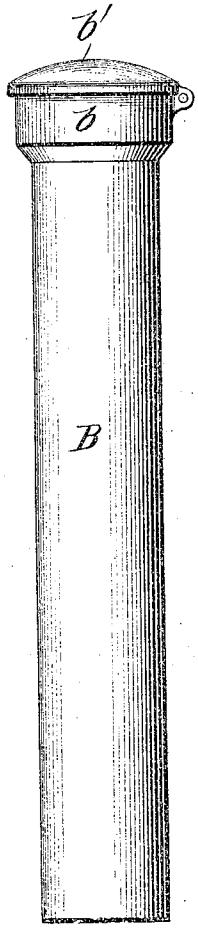


Fig. 1.



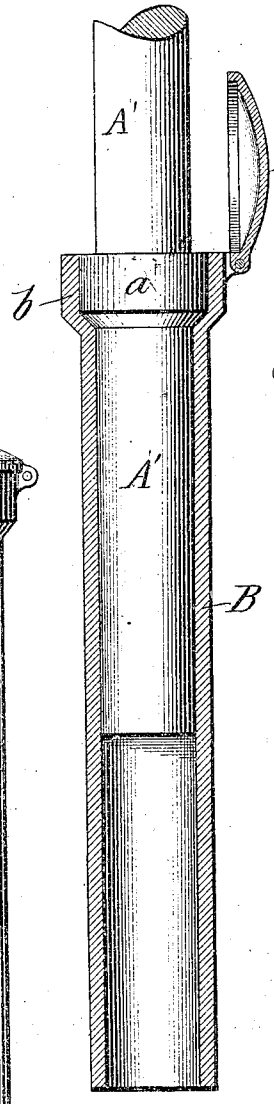


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE WELCH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Jamaica, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented an Improved Post and Socket Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in that class of posts in which the post proper is supported in a metal or other socket fixed in the ground by cement or otherwise. The details of construction and combination of parts are as hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the post proper, together with a socket therefor, shown set in concrete or cement in the ground. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the socket with the post proper inserted therein. Fig. 3 is an outside view of the post-socket with the cover closed.

A indicates the body or upper portion of the post, which is provided at its upper end with a cross-bar, and A′ the lower portion of the post, which is inserted in the body of the metal socket B. At the junction of the two parts A A′ the post is provided with an integral enlargement constituting a collar *a*, the same being beveled on the under side. The post is preferably constructed of metal. The socket B is preferably constructed of cast metal, the body of the same being cylindrical and the upper end or head *b* enlarged laterally and provided interiorly with a beveled shoulder, thus forming a seat for the collar which exactly corresponds to it in shape. Such enlarged portion *b* not only serves to receive and support the post firmly, but supports the socket B in the ground or in the cement in which it is preferably embedded, as shown in the drawings. A cap *b′* is provided for closing the opening in the socket B when the post A A′ is absent. Such cap is hinged at one side, and thus adapted to close, as will be well understood. It serves to exclude rain and dirt or other foreign substances. It will be understood that this cap will be flush with or below the surface of the ground.

The post proper is particularly intended and adapted for use for attachment and support of clothes-lines, and the latter may be conveniently secured to or hung upon the cross-bar of the post proper.

What I claim is—

The improved fence-post comprising the post proper having a circular beveled collar located a suitable distance from its lower end, and the metal socket having a cylindrical body and an enlarged head provided interiorly with a beveled socket corresponding to and forming a seat for the collar of the post proper as shown and described.

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