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FENCE POST.

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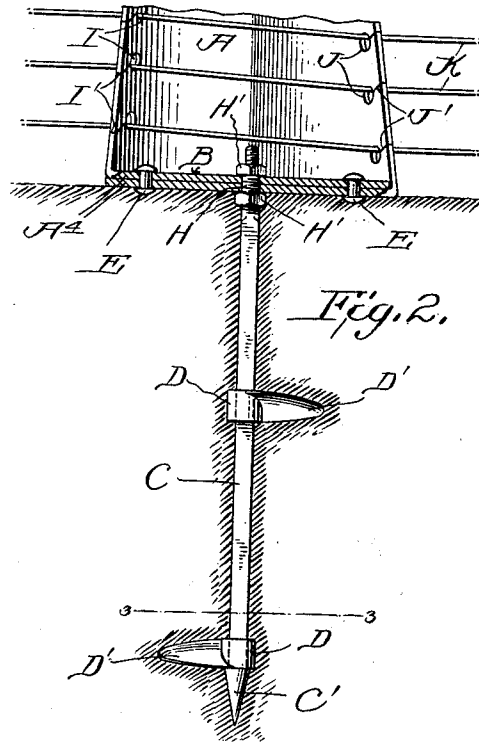
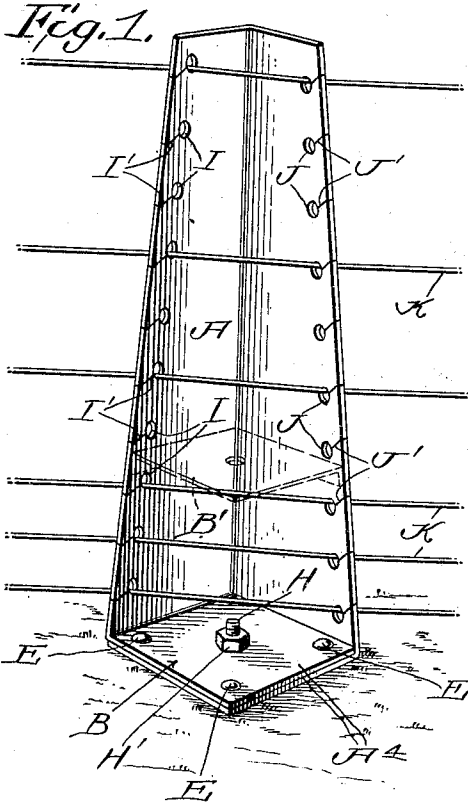


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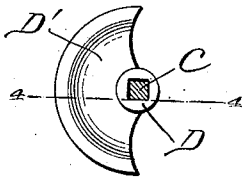
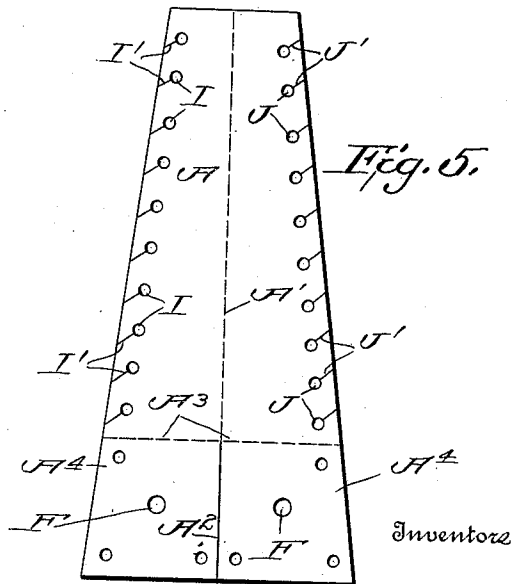
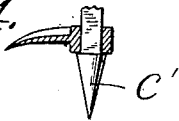


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH B. SKIFF and CHARLES J. WESTPHALL, citizens of the United States, the former residing at Clinton, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, and the latter residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in our former application for patent, filed June 10, 1910, Ser. No. 566,264, the object being to improve the general construction of the post proper in order to decrease the cost of manufacturing the same, and to form a post which is very strong and durable.

Another object of our invention is to provide an anchor for the post in which the shank of the same carries a pair of movable blades which can be adjusted in order to allow the blades to be embedded within the ground at any desired distance.

A still further object of our invention is to provide a post with novel wire fastening means, whereby the fence wires can be easily and quickly attached or detached.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangements, of parts hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing forming a part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved post. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, the upper portion of the post being broken away. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail vertical section of the shank and lower blade in line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank from which the post proper is formed.

In carrying out our improved invention, we employ an angled post proper A which is provided with an integral base B carrying a shank C having a pointed lower end C', said shank being square in cross section

and having adjustably mounted thereon hubs D with square openings and provided with semi-circular blades D', whereby said blades can be adjusted vertically upon the shank in order to allow the blades to embed themselves within the ground at the desired distance. It will be noted that as the shank is square the blades D' cannot rotate thereupon, and as shown in Fig. 2 said blades are arranged in different vertical planes and extend in opposite directions.

The post A is preferably formed of a wedge shaped blank of sheet metal as clearly shown in Fig. 5, which is bent along the line A' to form an angle, and the lower portion is split as shown at A² and bent upwardly on the line A³ so as to form overlapping portions A⁴ which are secured together by rivets E as clearly shown, and are provided with central threaded registering openings F through which the upper threaded end H of the shank extends, and is secured by nuts H' as clearly shown so as to lock the shank securely in position therein, by this construction the post is formed with an integral base in such a manner that it will be held firmly.

The side edges of the post A are formed with openings I and J out of horizontal alinement, and the edge portions are split as shown at I' J', the splits I' extending downwardly, and the splits J' extending upwardly in such a manner that after the fence wires K have been forced through the splits into the openings, all danger of the wires coming out is prevented.

From a foregoing description, it will be seen that we have provided a fence post which is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction, and one which is very strong and durable. It will also be seen that the base of the post is formed double by the overlapping portions in such a manner as to increase the weight in order to hold the post firmly in a vertical position.

If desired a supplemental plate B', may be secured in position at any desired distance above the base plate and a longer

bolt can be used in order to bolt to said second plate. The position of said second plate is indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

What we claim is:—

- 5 The combination with a metal fence post having a base, of a depending shank carried by said base, and semi-circular blades slidably and non-rotatably mounted upon said shank, said blades occupying different
10 horizontal planes and projecting laterally

in opposite directions, said blades being out of vertical alinement with each other.

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