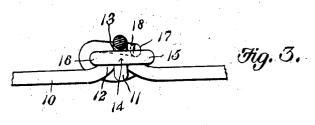
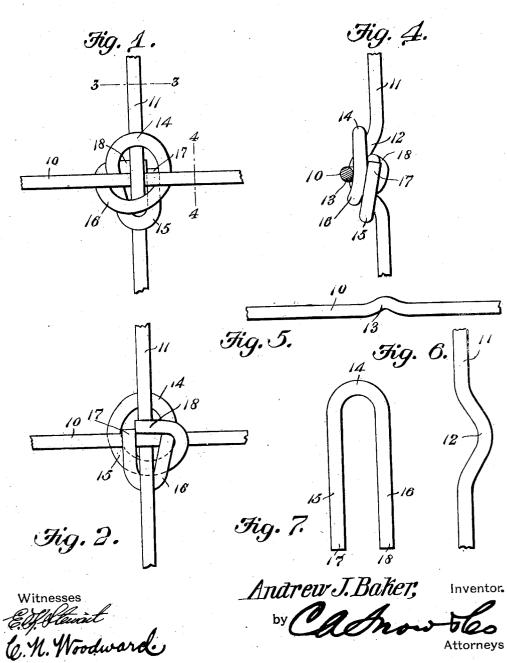
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## WIRE-TIE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Adrian, in the county of Lenawee and State 5 of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Wire-Tie, of which the following is a specifi-

This invention relates to ties for connecting the crossed wires in wire structures, more particularly for coupling the strand-wires and stay-wires of wire fences, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the strength and efficiency of devices of this character.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view from one side, and Fig. 2 is a view from the opposite side, of a portion of a strand-wire and at a stay-wire with the improved tie ap-25 plied thereto. Fig. 3 is a plan view in section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a side view in section on the lines 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a view at a section of the strand-wire, and Fig. 6 is a view at a section of the stay-wire. 30 Fig. 7 is a view of one of the tie-wires ready

to be applied.

The strand-wire 10 and the stay-wire 11 cross at right angles and are preferably crimped, as at 12 13, where they cross in the 35 usual manner. The tie-wire employed to unite the crossed wires consists of a loop preferably in U-shaped or staple form, as shown in Fig. 5, and applied by disposing the central bend at 14 over one of the wires, prefer-40 ably the stay-wire, at one side and passing the leg 15 downwardly at the rear of and in engagement with the crimp 13 of the strandwire and thence transversely across the front of the stay-wire 11 at the crimp 12 and bend-45 ing the terminal 17 of the leg 15 upwardly at the rear of the strand-wire, as shown, the leg 16 of the loop or staple being bent downwardly and interposed between the rear of the crimp 13 and the free end of the leg 15 and 50 thence extended transversely across the

at the rear of the crimp 13 of the strand-wire, the end 18 of the leg being bent laterally into engagement with the leg 15 at the bend 14 and extended substantially parallel with the 55 strand-wire for engagement with the terminal 17 of the leg 15. After the loop or staple has been bent or twisted in the manner described the terminals 17 and 18 of the legs 15 and 16 are bent or compressed inwardly, 60 so that said terminals will not protrude beyond the recess formed by the crimp 12 in the stay-wire.

By this means it will be obvious that a very strong and durable tie is produced, which 65 may be readily applied to any of the various forms of fences having stay-wires and strandwires crossing at right angles or disposed in any position other than parallel and will firmly hold the wires from movement in any 70

direction.

The ends 17 18 being compressed into the structure of the tie do not protrude, and thereby will not catch the hair or wool of animals which may be confined within the inclo- 75 sure formed by the fence.

Having thus described the invention, what

is claimed is-

1. In a wire structure, the combination with the cross-wires, of a tie member an inter- 80 mediate portion of which engages one of the cross-wires with its opposite ends bearing upon the rear of the adjacent cross-wire and extended downwardly beneath the same, the ends of said member being crossed and ex- 85 tended upwardly at the rear of and beyond the last-mentioned cross-wire.

2. In a wire structure, the combination with the cross-wires, of a tie-wire an intermediate portion of which engages one of the 90cross-wires with its opposite ends bearing upon the rear of the adjacent cross-wire and extended downwardly beneath the same, said members being crossed at a point beyond the intersection of the cross-wires and extended 95 upwardly at the rear of and beyond the lastmentioned cross-wire.

3. In a wire structure, the combination with the cross-wires, of a tie-wire an intermediate portion of which engages one of the 100 cross-wires with its opposite ends bearing crimp 12 of the stay-wire and bent upwardly | upon the rear of the adjacent cross-wire and

extended downwardly beneath the same, said members being crossed at a point beyond the intersection of the cross-wires and extended upwardly at the rear of and beyond the last-mentioned wire and having their terminals bent inwardly at the intersection of said cross-wires.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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