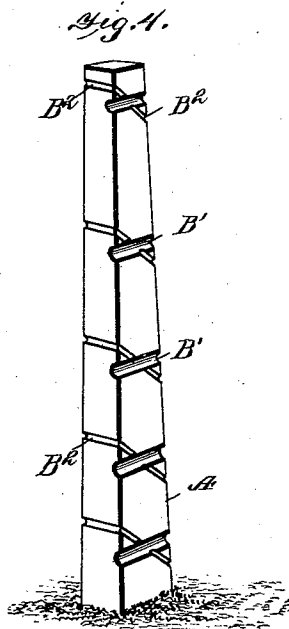
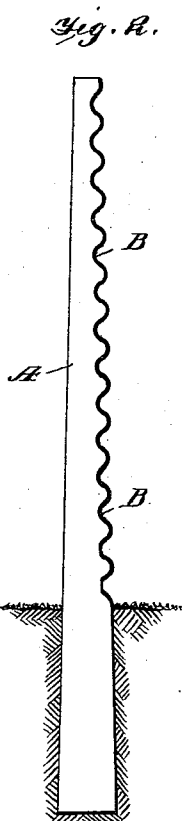
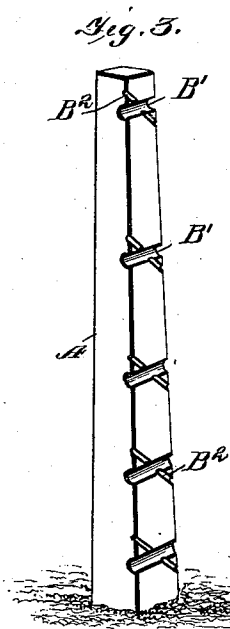
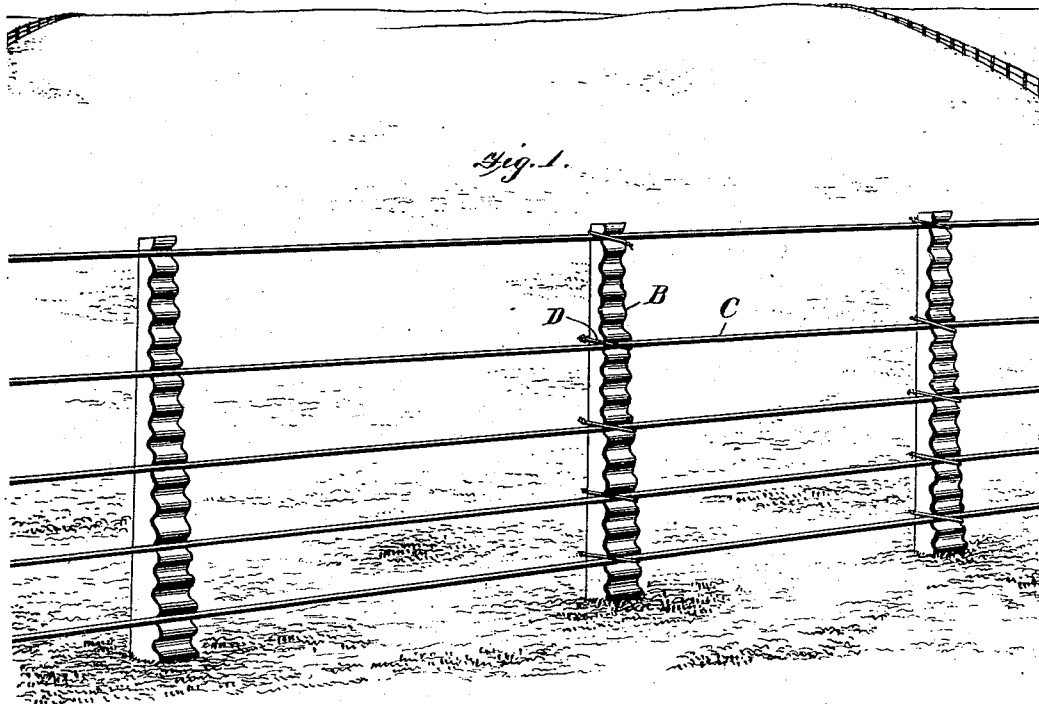


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ROBERT E. JENNINGS and JACKSON WINN, residing at Hallsville, in the county of Boone and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to fences, and more particularly to a fence-post, the object being to provide an exceedingly cheap, simple, and durable construction of post and one which will not rot away.

Another object is to provide a fence-post against which the wire can be secured without any possibility of slipping down.

With these various objects in view our invention consists, essentially, in making the fence-post of terra-cotta or earthenware to be burned or otherwise hardened.

Our invention consists also in making one face of said terra-cotta post corrugated or grooved for the purpose of receiving the strand-wires of the fence.

Our invention consists also in providing a post with a series of grooves to receive the horizontal strands, said grooves being intersected by inclined grooves to receive the fastening-wires; and our invention consists also in providing a terra-cotta post with horizontal grooves upon the front face to receive the strand-wires and cross-grooved upon the front face to receive the fastening-wires and the grooves surrounding the post adapted to receive the said fastening-wires.

Our invention consists also in certain details of construction and novelties of combination, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view showing the application of our invention. Fig. 2 is a detail side view of the post constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 3 shows a slight modification. Fig. 4 is a still further modification.

In carrying out our invention we employ a post A, which is preferably constructed of terra-cotta or other similar material, said post being made heavier at the lower end and

gradually tapering toward the top. The front face of this post is formed with a series of grooves or corrugations B for the purpose of receiving the strand-wires C of the fence, said wires being secured by means of the fastening-wires D, which encircle the post and strand-wire C. By this construction the strand-wire is securely held in place and prevented from sagging, and by constructing the fence-post of terra-cotta or similar material it is obvious that it cannot rot either above or below the ground.

In Fig. 3 we have shown a slight modification in which the front face of the post is provided with a series of horizontal grooves B', and crossing this groove B' is an inclined groove B², the groove B' being intended to receive the strand-wire, while the groove B² is intended to receive the fastening-wire, and in Fig. 4 we have shown a still further modification in which the groove B² extends entirely around the post.

It will thus be seen that we provide an exceedingly cheap, simple, and durable construction of fence-post, one which will not rot away and one which will securely hold at all times.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fence of terra-cotta or earthenware, the front face of which is grooved horizontally, the said horizontal grooves being crossed by an oblique groove, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A fence composed of terra-cotta or earthenware, having horizontal grooves in its front face adapted to receive the strand-wires, and an oblique groove surrounding the post adapted to receive the fastening-wire, said groove crossing the horizontal grooves upon the front face, substantially as shown and for the purpose described.

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