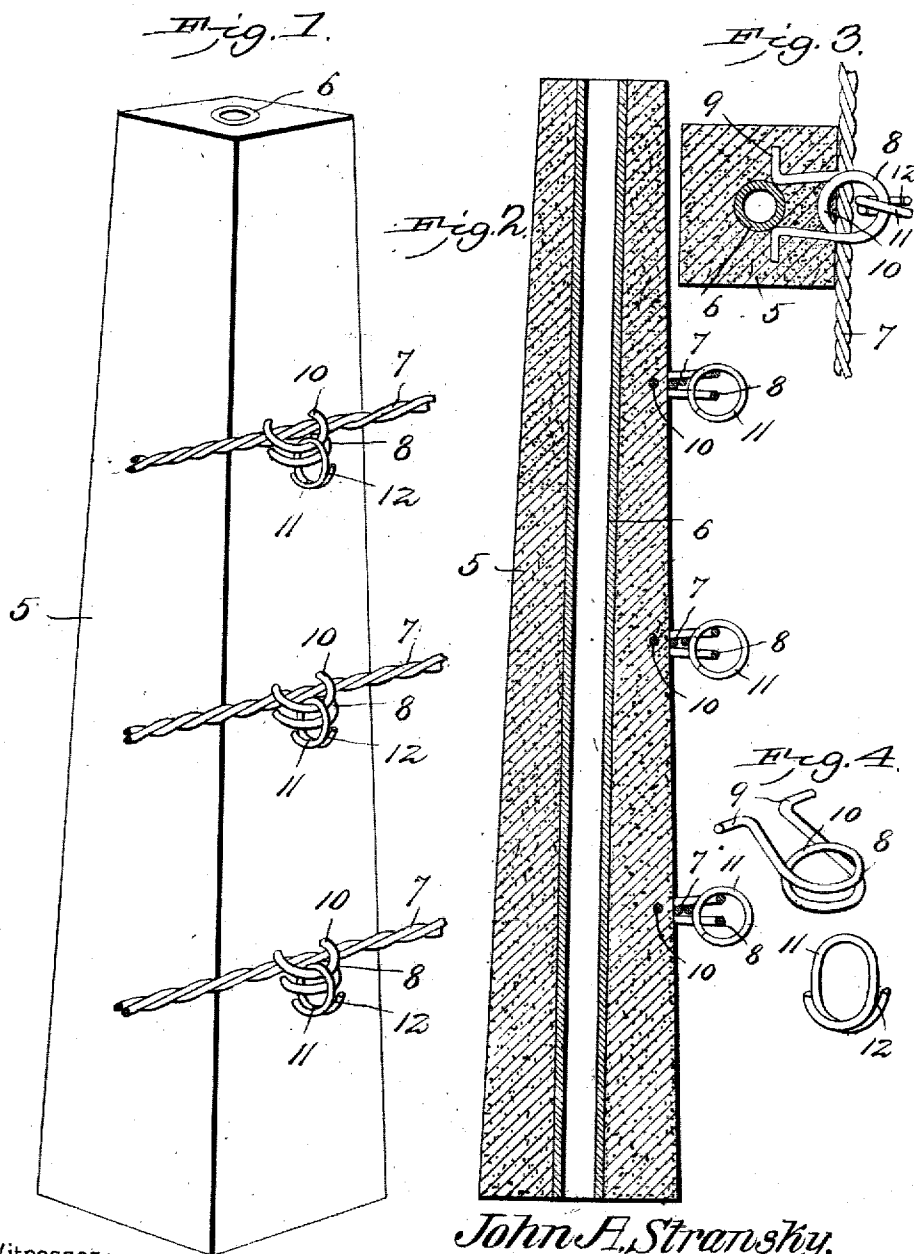


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. STRANSKY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pukwana, in the county of Brule and State of South Dakota, have invented a new and useful Cement Post, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence-posts, and more particularly to that class known as "artificial-stone" posts.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and durable post of this character having a central reinforcing-core whereby the post is materially strengthened and rendered more serviceable.

A further object of the invention is to provide the post with means for supporting the longitudinal wires in a line of fencing, said means consisting of a plurality of supporting-clips each provided with an intermediate coil forming a pair of spring-jaws adapted to receive the longitudinal wires.

A still further object is to provide means for securing the longitudinal wires between the spring-jaws of the supporting-clips, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the same.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an artificial-stone post constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the supporting-clips and fastening-rings detached.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The device forming the subject-matter of the present invention consists of a body portion 5, formed of concrete, cement, or other suitable plastic material molded or otherwise formed into the shape shown. Embedded in the cement or other material of which the post is formed is a centrally-disposed longitudi-

dinal core 6, said core being preferably in the form of a hollow metallic tube which extends from one end of the body portion to the other, thereby strengthening the post and preventing any tendency of the cement to crack or disintegrate.

Secured to the front of the post at regular intervals are a plurality of supporting-clips adapted to support the longitudinal wires in a line of fencing. The supporting-clips are each preferably formed of a single piece of wire, the intermediate portion of which is coiled to form a pair of spring-jaws 8, adapted to receive the line-wire 7, while the opposite ends thereof straddle the central core 6 and are bent laterally in opposite directions to form terminal anchors 9. By having the intermediate portion of the supporting-clips coiled in the manner described a clamping action is exerted between the spring-jaws 8, causing the latter to firmly grip the longitudinal wires and prevent accidental displacement of the same, while the ends of the clip firmly engage the central core on each side thereof and tend to retain said clip in proper position. The bottom portion of the coil 10 of each supporting-clip is preferably embedded in the cement or other plastic material, as shown, so as to increase the clamping action of the spring-jaws 8.

As an additional means for preventing lateral displacement of the longitudinal wires I provide a series of retaining-rings 11, the overlapping ends of which are slightly spaced apart, as indicated at 12, to permit said ring to readily engage the spring-jaws, as will be readily understood.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the post possesses the advantages of superior strength and durability and being very simple in construction may be manufactured by the farmer for his own use with comparatively little trouble and at a small cost.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is--

1. A fence-post comprising a body portion having a reinforcing-core, a plurality of supporting-clips engaging said core and provided with spaced spring-jaws adapted to receive the longitudinal wires in a line of fencing, and removable retaining-rings engaging the jaws of the supporting-clips.

2. A fence-post comprising a body portion having a reinforcing-core, a plurality of wire-supporting clips each having an intermediate

portion thereof, coiled to form a pair of spring-jaws and its opposite ends engaging the core, and retaining members engaging the spring-jaws of the clips.

5 3. A fence-post comprising a body portion having a reinforcing-core, a plurality of wire-supporting clips each having an intermediate portion thereof coiled to form a pair of spring-jaws and its opposite ends bearing against said core, and a split ring engaging said spring-jaws.

10 4. An artificial-stone fence-post comprising a body portion provided with a reinforcing-core, and a plurality of wire-supporting clips each having an intermediate portion thereof coiled to form a pair of spring clamping-jaws extending beyond the general plane of the post and its opposite ends bent laterally and engaging said core, a portion of the

in intermediate coil of each clip being embedded 20 in the body of the post.

5. A fence-post having a body portion formed of plastic material, a reinforcing-core extending longitudinally of the body portion, a plurality of wire-supporting clips each provided with horizontally-disposed clamping-jaws having laterally-extending terminal anchors straddling the core, and a split ring engaging the spring-jaws of said supporting-clips. 25

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 30 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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