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Fig. 1.

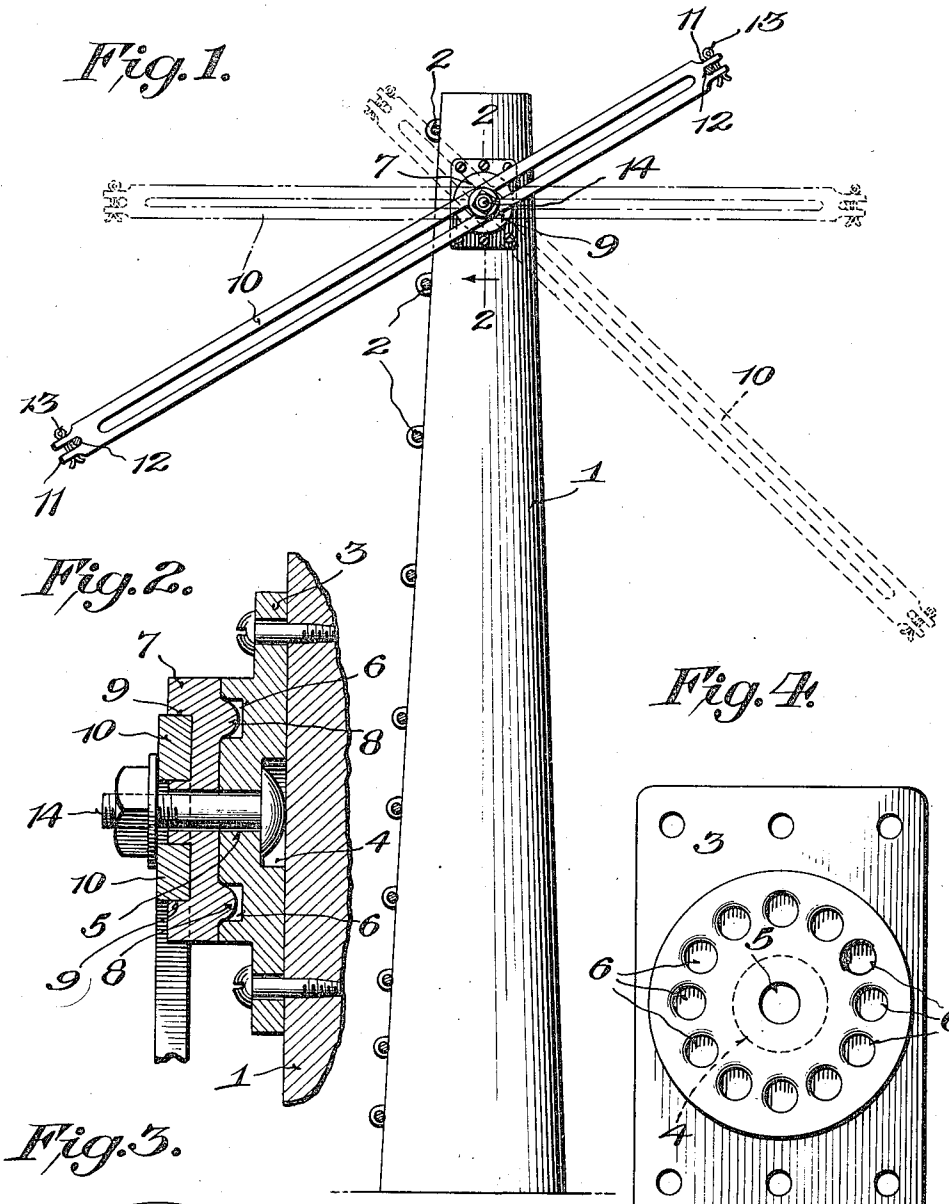
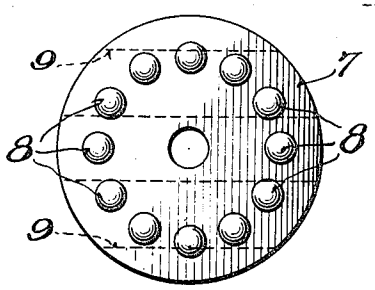


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM W. EIKENBERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flora, in the county of Carroll and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a guard for fences designed to preventing stock from jumping over a fence and also to prevent them rubbing against the posts and thereby gradually pushing them over.

To accomplish these results the device is so adapted that it will hold guard wires on each side of the fence, one above the plane of the fence top, the other in a plane below the top of the fence, both wires being spaced from the fence, and adjustable.

The invention also consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter described, pointed out in the claims, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a post showing my device in position, dotted lines indicating adjustments, the fence wires being in cross section.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an inner face view of a rotatable disk designed to be mounted on the base plate.

Fig. 4 is a detail face view of a base plate.

In the drawings 1 designates the post, and 2 the fence wires. My attachment comprises a base 3 adapted to be secured by screws or nails to a side of the post, and preferably adjacent its upper end. On its inner face this plate has a recess 4 communicating with a bore 5.

On its outer face it has a ring of circular pockets 6. Mounted on the base plate is a disk 7 having on its inner face knobs 8 adapted to enter the pockets 6 and lock the disk against rotation. On its outer face there are cut two parallel grooves 9 across the disk which form guideways for the members of a longitudinally slotted bar 10. At its ends the bar 10 is bifurcated as at 11 and guard wires 12 are held in the bifurcations by pins or keys 13. A bolt 14 passes loosely through the slot of the bar 10 and through the disk and the bore 5 and has its head seated in the recess 4 of the base 3.

By loosening the usual nut on the bolt 14 the disk can be slipped outwardly so as to withdraw the knobs 8 from the pockets 6 and the disk rotated to set the guideways at the required angle, thus changing the inclination of the bar 10. The bar can therefore occupy as many positions as there are pockets on the base. The bar can also be adjusted longitudinally so as to throw the guard wires toward or away from the fence, or to hold both at an equal distance from the fence. Three of the various adjustments are shown in Fig. 1. The adjustment made would depend on whether the fence was a line fence, was a division fence between two fields, and on whether stock was in only one or both of the fields, and the kind of stock carried.

The higher wire acts to prevent stock jumping the fence and the lower wire prevents the stock on that side rubbing against the posts and forcing them out of upright position. The device also prevents stock from trampling on the lower line wire of the fence, mashing it down, or rubbing on the upper line wires gradually pressing the fence over and breaking it down.

What I claim is:—

1. A device of the kind described comprising a bar, guard wires carried thereby, a rotatable disk having guideways to receive the bar, the inner face of the disk having a ring of knobs thereon, a base secured to a fixed support and having on its outer face a ring of pockets to receive the knobs, and common means for locking the bar, disk and base together.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a base secured to the side of a post, said base having a central recess on its inner face and a concentric ring of pockets on its outer face, a bolt having its head seated in the recess, a disk loosely mounted on the bolt and having knobs on its inner face to engage the pockets of the base, and having parallel guideways on its outer face, and a longitudinally slotted bar adapted to carry guard wires, the members of the bar being slidably held in the guideways, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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