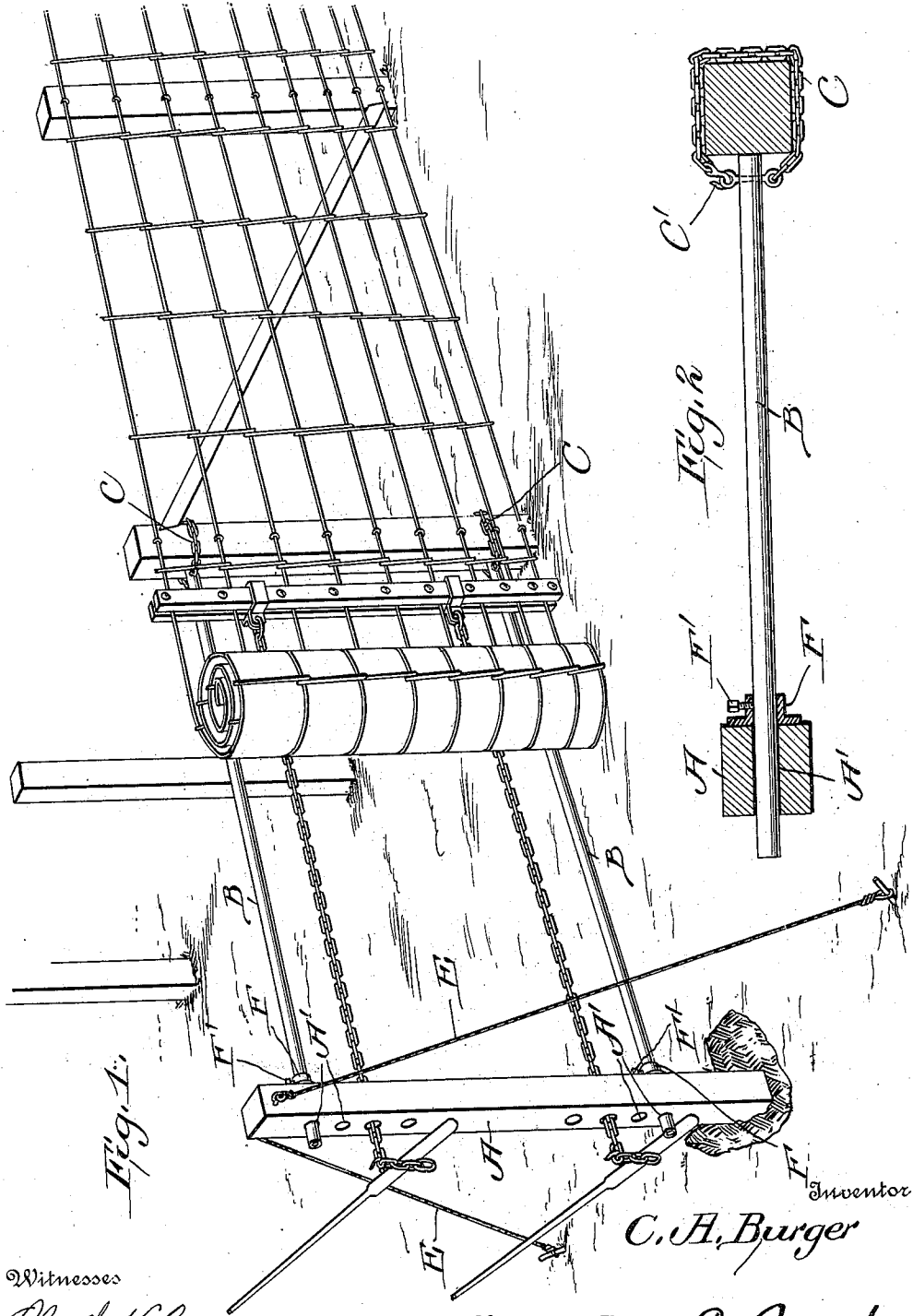


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BURGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clark, in the county of Randolph and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Braces, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in portable braces, to be used in connection with wire stretchers of all kinds for stretching wire at corner posts as it is now necessary to plant an extra post to accomplish this.

Another object of my invention is to provide a brace which is exceedingly cheap and simple in construction, and one which can be carried from place to place and easily and quickly adjusted.

A further object of my invention is to provide a brace which can be readily adjusted to suit any height fence, and one which is so connected to the permanent post, that all danger of the same slipping in any way is prevented.

A still further object of my invention is to provide the brace with guy ropes or chains so that the same will be held in a vertical position without any danger of it moving in any way, when in use.

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

In the drawing forming a part of this specification; Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved brace showing the application of the same. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section showing the manner of connecting the brace rods to the standard and post.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a standard or post A which is adapted to be embedded a slight distance in the ground in the desired position, and is provided with a series of openings A', in which are mounted brace rods B, preferably formed of pipe, and provided with chains C, at their outer ends for connecting the same to the permanent fence post, in order

to prevent the ends from slipping off. By connecting the brace rods to the permanent fence post in this manner all danger of the same slipping or moving in any way is prevented, whereby the braces will be held in their proper position upon the permanent posts.

The post A is held in a vertical position by guy ropes or chains E, and in the drawing I have shown my improved brace set in position against the corner post in order to enable the fence wire to be stretched tightly by any of the well known makes of wire stretchers now in use, as my improved brace is so constructed that wire stretchers of all kinds can be used on the brace.

Mounted on the brace rods C are collars F locked in their adjusted positions by set screws F' which are adapted to engage the face of the post A so that by adjusting the collars on the rod the post A can be set any distance desired from the permanent post, and it will be seen that by providing the post A with a series of openings, the rods can be placed in any of the openings, so as to adjust the same to suit the height of the post in which it is to be used in connection.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A brace comprising a post provided with a series of openings and having guy ropes for supporting the same in a vertical position, a pair of rods adjustably mounted in said openings and means carried by the ends of said rods for securing the same to a permanent fence post.

2. A portable brace for wire stretchers comprising a post having a series of openings and provided with guy ropes or chains for supporting said post in a vertical position, rods mounted in said openings, chains carried by the ends of said rods for securing said rods to a permanent fence post, and collars adjustably mounted on said rods.

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