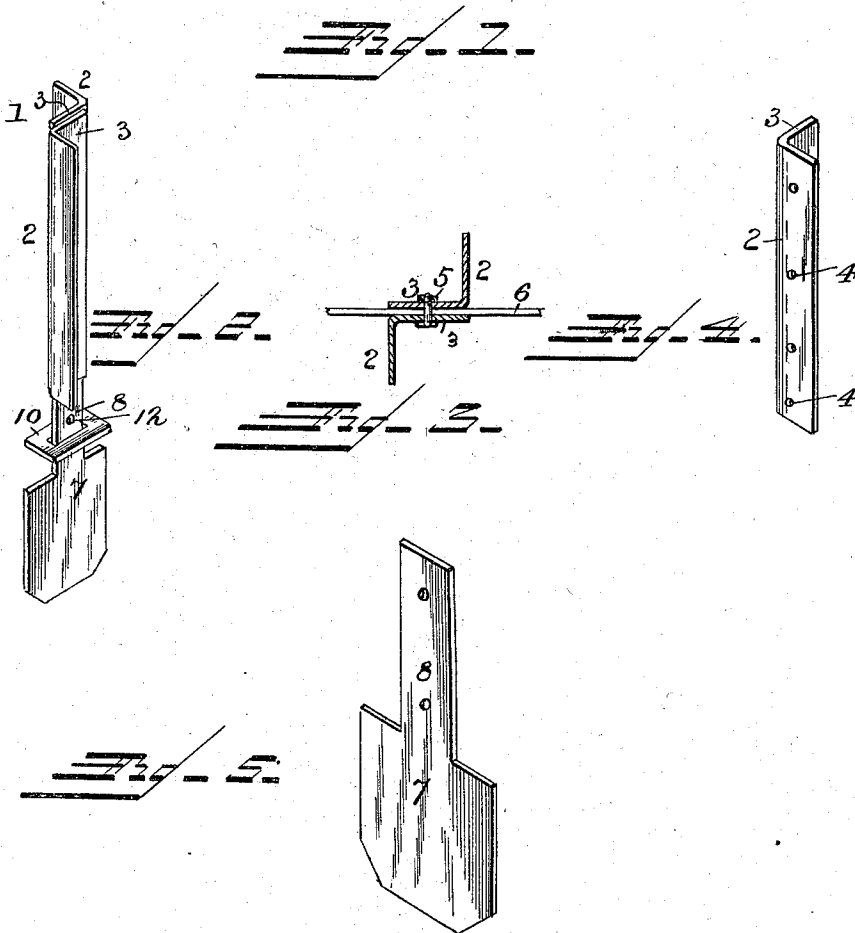
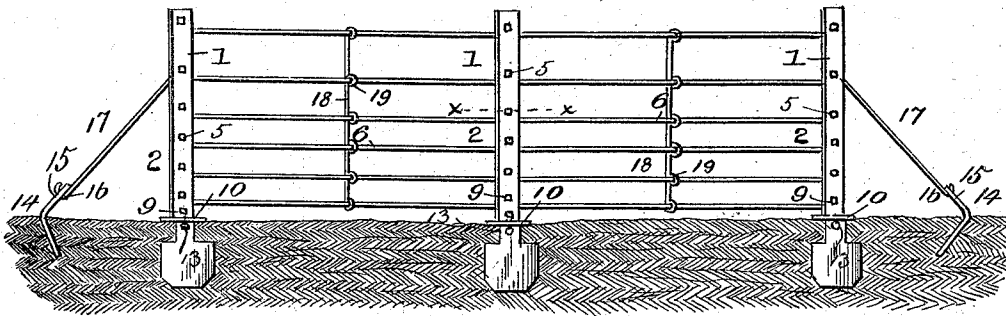


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. FRICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wabash, in the county of Mercer and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to metallic fence-stays and braces for the same, and its object is to provide an improved construction of the same which shall possess superior advantages with respect to efficiency in use.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a fence constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the posts. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of one of the posts on the line $x x$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the parts or bars comprising the post. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the flat plates.

In the said drawings the reference-numeral 1 designates the post, made in two parts, which are exact duplicates of each other. Each of these posts consists of a bar or strip of metal bent over at the center at a right angle, forming two vertical wings or ribs 2 and 3. One of these wings or ribs intermediate of its ends is formed with a number of holes or apertures 4, corresponding with the number of strands in the fence. Passing through these apertures are bolts 5, by which the two parts comprising the post are secured together. The fence wires or strands 6 pass between the two parts 2 and 3. At the lower end the posts are provided with flat plates 7 having shanks 8, which pass up between the lower ends of said posts and are secured thereto by bolts 9, thereby holding the plates to the posts.

The numeral 10 designates a shoe having a slot therein through which the shank passes, and the latter is formed with a hole 12 for the

passage of a pin 13 for holding the shoe up against the lower ends of the wings.

The numeral 14 designates an anchor for the corner-posts of the fence similar to the plate 7, and having a shank 15 formed with an aperture 16, with which is connected a brace-wire 17 connected with the top of the post.

The numeral 18 designates stays consisting of vertical wires formed with kinks or loops 19, which engage with the fence-wires. These loops are open so as to admit of the said wires engaging therewith, after which they are closed by pliers or other means so as to securely hold the wires or strands.

In using the invention the wings or ribs 2 of the two parts comprising the post are placed against each other and secured by means of the bolts 5. The plates are then secured to the lower ends of the posts and are driven into the ground until the shoe 10 rests upon the ground. The fence-wires are then passed between the two parts comprising the posts, and the stays secured thereto. The anchors are then driven into the ground at an angle and the shank bent over and connected with the corner fence-posts by means of the brace-wires.

A fence made as described is simple and economical in construction, may be readily put up and taken down, and is very durable in use.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination with the fence-post consisting of the two angle-bars, the bolts for securing them together and the plate having a shank which is confined between the lower ends of said bars and formed with an aperture, of the shoe having a rectangular opening through which said shank passes, and the pin passing through the aperture in the shank for holding the shoe against the lower ends of said bars, substantially as described.

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

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