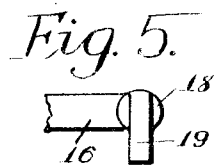
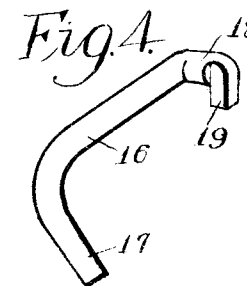
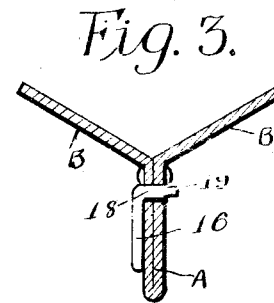
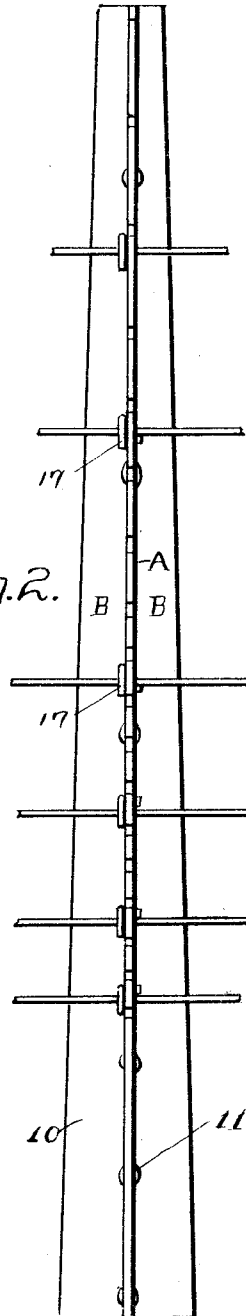
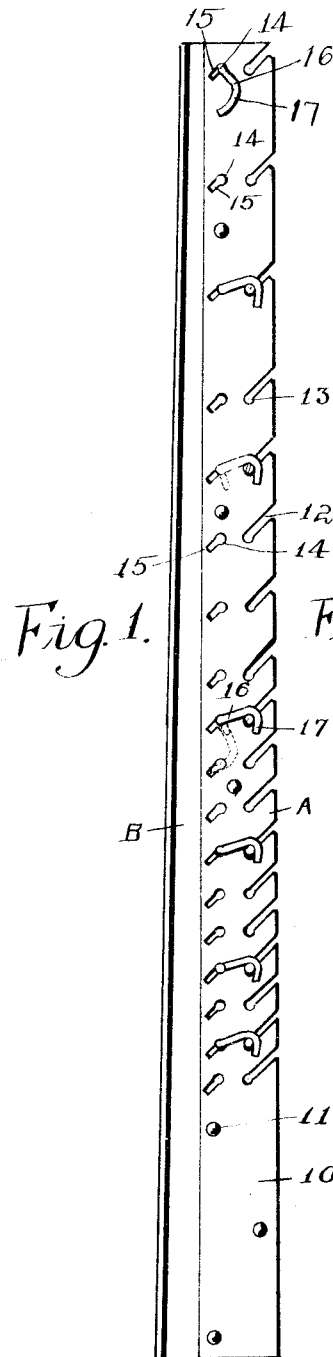


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. ROHE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Templeton, in the county of Carroll and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a post of sheet metal folded, constructed and arranged in such a way as to produce a post having a maximum of strength and a minimum of weight and material.

A further object is to provide such a post equipped with fastening devices of simple and inexpensive construction whereby wires may be quickly, easily and firmly secured to the post and from which the wires may be easily released and removed.

My invention consists in certain details, in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of a post embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows an end elevation of same. Fig. 3 shows a horizontal section through the post. Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of one of the catch devices and Fig. 5 shows a detail view of part of one of the catch devices.

In the accompanying drawings I have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate the sheet metal body of the post which is composed of a sheet folded longitudinally to form a double portion A. The sides of the sheet are then extended at obtuse angles from the portion A, forming the portions B. The folded parts of the post are secured together by means of rivets 11 or the like. It will be seen that in cross section my post has the form of a three pointed star. It will also be seen that the form of my post and its construction enable me to secure a maximum of strength and a maximum of surface where the post is placed in the ground, combined with a minimum of weight and material.

For securing fence wires to my post, I provide the following means: In the outer edge of the folded portion of my post, I provide a plurality of slots 12, which extend inwardly and downwardly. At the

bottom of each slot 12, I preferably provide a slightly enlarged portion 13. Fence wires may be inserted in the slots 12 and will rest in the portions 13 and be held in position by the weight of the wire. I have, however, provided the following means for easily and firmly securing the wires in the slots 13. Substantially on a horizontal line with reference to each of the portions 13, and spaced apart therefrom on the side next to the middle of the post, I provide an approximately round hole 14. Extending downwardly and toward the middle of the post from the hole 14 is a slot 15. Detachably mounted in the hole 14 and the slot 15 is a catch device which preferably comprises a short rod 16 having at one end a hook member 17 and having at the other end an extension 18 at right angles to the plane in which the rod 16 and the hook 17 lie. At the end of the extension 18 is a second extension 19 at right angles to the extension 18. The slot 15 is narrower in width than the diameter of the hole 14. The extension 18 is designed to fit the hole 14 so as to turn freely therein. The extension 18 is preferably angular and of narrower width than the diameter of the extension 18 and is designed to fit the slot 15. The catch member is so constructed that in installing it, the extension 19 is placed adjacent to the slot 15 with the portion 16 extending downwardly and outwardly from the middle of the post, as shown at the top of Fig. 1. The extension 19 is then inserted through the slot 15 with the extension 18 received in the hole 14. In fastening a wire to the post, the portion 16 and the hook member 17 are raised above the level of the slot 13, the wire is placed in the slot 13 and the hook member is dropped over the wire, as shown in Fig. 1.

Some of the advantages of my improved post and the fastening device are found in the cheapness and durability of the post, its simplicity of construction and the simplicity and efficiency of the fastening device.

I claim as my invention:

In a device of the class described, the combination of a post provided with a plurality of downwardly and inwardly extending slots at its free edge, and with a plurality of holes, each arranged a certain dis-

tance from one of said slots, and with slots
extending away from said holes, with catch
devices mounted in said holes, each com-
prising a short rod, a hook member on one
5 end thereof, a right angled extension on the
other end thereof, designed to be received
in said hole and a right angled extension
on said first extension designed to engage

the side of the post and to prevent the re-
moval of the fastening device therefrom. 10

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