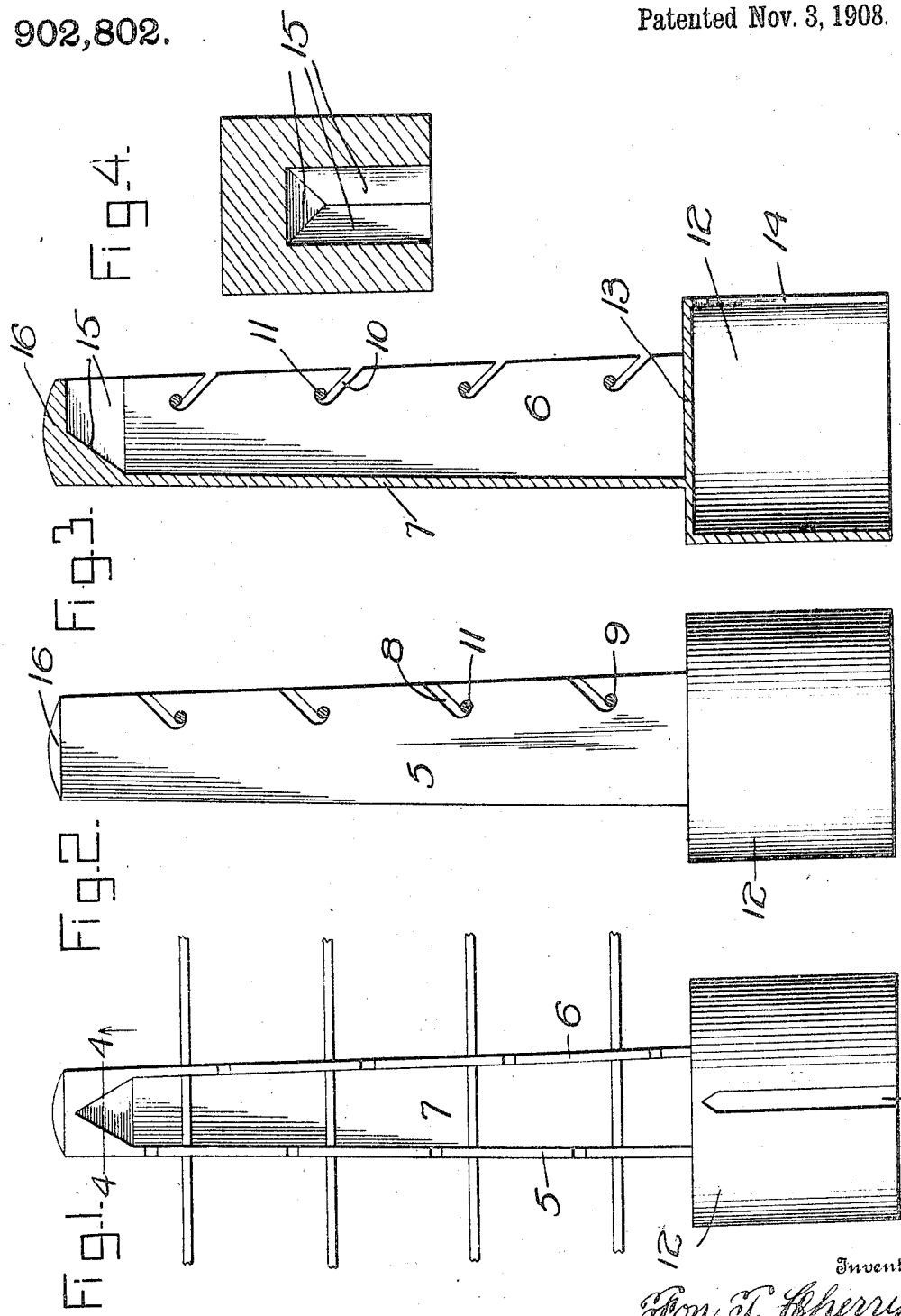
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FON T. CHERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Texarkana, in the county of Bowie, State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to fence posts and has for its object to provide a post which when driven into place in the ground will be stable and firm.

More specifically, the novelty lies in the provision of an improved form of base for the post, the base being so constructed that it will spread or expand when the post is driven into the ground and in this manner securely and firmly hold the post in place.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the post, Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the post taken in a line with the slit formed in the base, and, Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view through the upper end of the post looking in an upward direction.

As shown in the drawings, the post and its base are integral and the post is comprised of a pair of wings 5 and 6 formed at the longitudinal or vertical edges of the back of the post which is indicated by the numeral 7, the said wings being extended at right angles to the said back as clearly shown in the drawings. Formed in the wing 5 is a plurality of slots 8 which are directed downwardly at an angle from the free edge of the said wing and terminating in a recurvate portion 9, the wing 6 being provided with similar slots 10 which are, however, extended upwardly at an angle from the free edge thereof. In other words, the two wings are provided with a plurality of slots and the slots in the two wings are directed oppositely or more specifically stated, those of one wing downwardly and those of the other wing upwardly. The fence wires are indicated by the numeral 11 and these wires are engaged in the opposed slots of the two wings 5 and 6 and afterwards stretched, they being held against disengagement from said slots by reason of the relative location of the slots and their peculiar formation.

At its lower end, the post proper is formed integral with a base 12 which is hollow and cylindrical in form and has its upper end closed as at 13 the lower end of the post being formed integral with the said upper end 13. It will thus be seen that I have provided a fence post having a hollow cylindrical base closed at its upper end and having its lower end opened and presented downwardly. In order that the base may spread or expand when driven into the ground, it is formed with a slit 14 which extends vertically and opens through its lower edge, the upper end of the slit terminating just short of the upper closed end of the said base.

From the foregoing description of my invention it will be understood that when the post is driven into the ground, its split cylindrical base will be expanded to a greater or less degree and this will serve to hold the said post against withdrawal from the ground providing also for a greater base area and consequently for a firmer support.

All three wings of the post are increased in thickness in an upward direction from a point adjacent their upper ends to their said upper ends as indicated at 15, the thickened portions being merged to form a convex head 16 to receive the blows necessary to sink the post in the ground.

What is claimed, is—

A post provided with an integral base, the said base being hollow and being formed with a slit which opens through its lower end and extends substantially throughout its entire length.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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