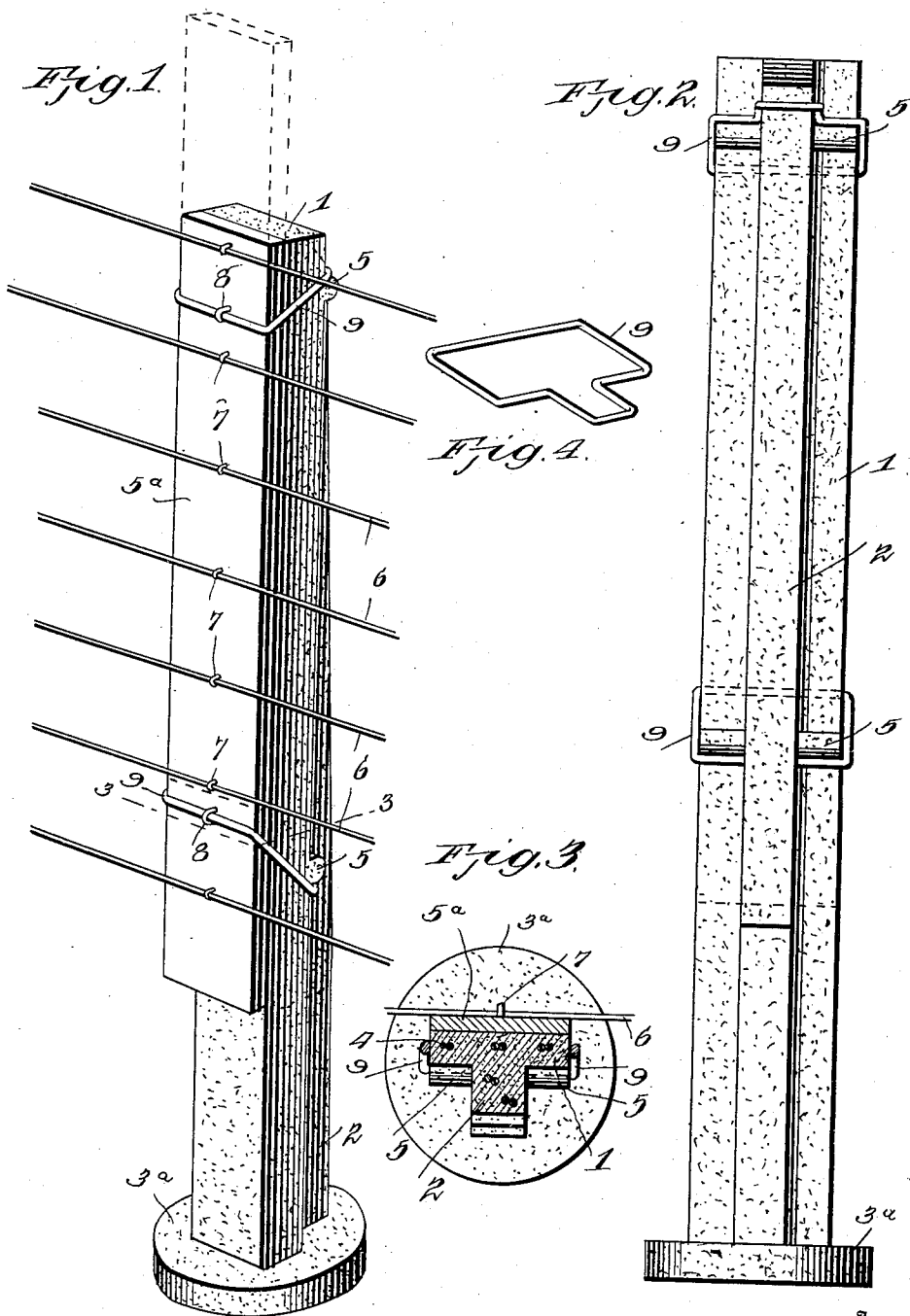


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. RECTOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Savannah, in the county of Wayne and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fence-posts; and its primary object is to provide a device of this character of cement and of such form and construction that it may be made of a maximum strength from the use of a minimum amount of material and manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost.

A further object of the invention is to provide an attaching member or plate adapted to have secured thereto the line-wires or horizontal rails of fencings and adapted to be so secured to the post that it may be adjusted vertically to support the line-wires or horizontal rails of fencings at varying heights.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with my invention, the attaching member or plate being illustrated as having applied thereto the line-wires of a fencing. Fig. 2 is a view in rear elevation of the post. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the members or bails for adjustably securing the attaching member to the post.

Referring to the drawings by reference-numerals, 1 designates a fence-post, the same being made of plastic material and of T-shaped formation in cross-section. The web 2 of the post gradually tapers upwardly from its lower end. The post and its web has formed integrally therewith a base 3^a, said base being of circular formation and considerably larger than the post. The T-shaped formation of the post, the circular formation of its base 3, and the tapering of its flange 2 provide a post of simple construction and one which may be made of the maximum strength from the use of a minimum amount of material. In order to add rigidity to the post and its web and to prevent its cracking, I embed in the post and its web strengthen-

ing members 4. Each strengthening member is constructed of two or more strands of wire twisted about each other, whereby to provide the strengthening members with a plurality of irregular surfaces about which the cement may form and harden. The web 2 is provided with lateral offsets 5, spaced a considerable distance apart, said offsets providing the post with means through the medium of which an attaching member may be secured thereto.

The attaching member is denoted by the reference-numeral 5^a, and the same is of a length shorter than that of the post and is adapted to be applied to the outer face thereof. The attaching member 5^a is formed of wood and is adapted to have secured thereto the line-wires 6 or the horizontal rails of fencings. The line-wires 6 of a fencing may be secured to the attaching member 5^a by means of staples 7 or any other device suitable for this purpose. Secured to the front face of the attaching member 5^a by means of staples 8 and adjacent its opposite ends are bails 9. The bails 9 are adapted to embrace the post 1, whereby to permit of the free end of the upper bail engaging over the upper offsets 5 and the free end of the lower bail engaging under the lower offsets 5, thus securing the attaching member 5^a to the post against movement. The bails 9 may be relatively adjusted upon the attaching member, so as to permit of its being supported at different elevations, in a manner that is apparent.

After the post has been positioned within a post-hole the soil is tamped around the same and upon the base 3^a, the base serving to prevent the post from becoming loosened by the action of frost. As the attaching member 5^a may be adjusted upon the post, it is apparent that a fencing may be supported at varying elevations and that the attaching member obviates the necessity of securing the line-wires or horizontal rails of fencings directly to the post, thereby adding life to the post.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and mode of operation of the invention will be understood without a further extended description. Changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be made within the scope

of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having fully described and illustrated my invention, what I claim is—

1. A fence-post provided with a web, offsets on said web, an attaching member, and means carried by said attaching member to engage said offsets to secure the attaching member to the post.

2. A fence-post provided with a web, offsets on said web, an attaching member, and means adjustably secured to the attaching member for engaging said offsets.

3. A plastic fence-post of T-shaped forma-

tion, said post being provided with a circular base and having the web or flange thereof provided with offsets, an attaching member, and means carried by the attaching member for engaging said offsets.

4. A fence-post provided with offsets, an attaching member, bails carried by the attaching member and adapted to engage said offsets.

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

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