

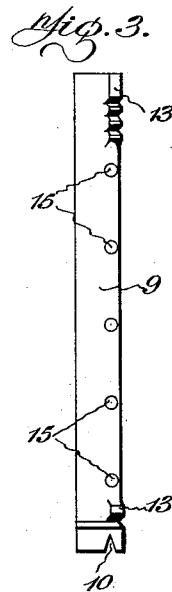
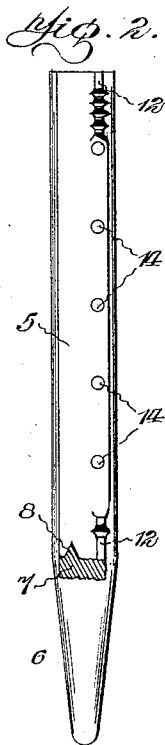
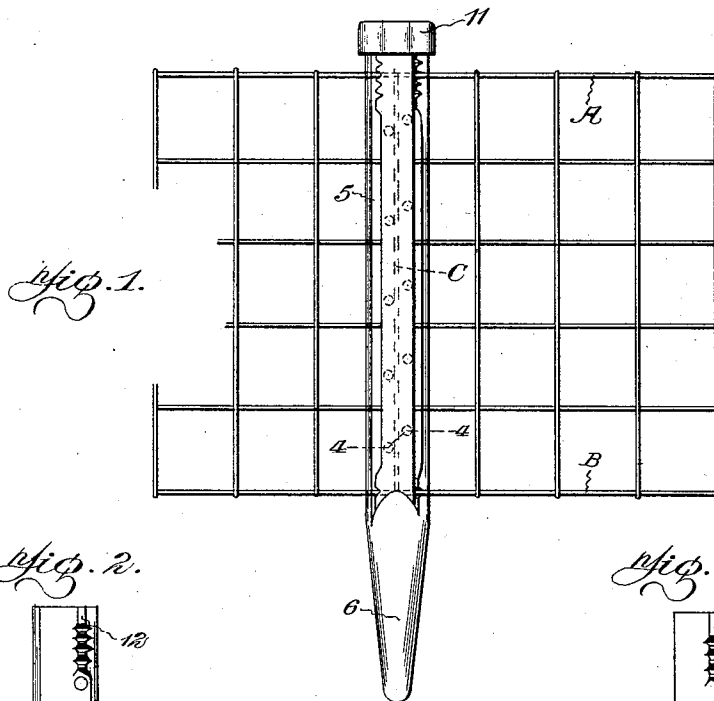
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI BONNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Earlville, in the county of Lasalle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to fence posts, and more particularly to a fence post particularly adapted for use in connection with wire fencing having both horizontal and vertical wires, my primary object being to provide a simple and inexpensive post which may be readily erected to engage the fencing in such a manner as to prevent both longitudinal and vertical movement thereof.

With this in mind, my invention resides in the features of construction and arrangement to be hereinafter described with respect to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved fence complete, showing its practical application. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the main post part detached, partly broken away and in section. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the supplemental post part. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken through the post on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view of the post cap.

Referring now to these figures, the main part 5 of the post, which has a lower sharpened end 6 adapted to be driven into the ground, is provided with a shoulder 7 at the upper end of its said portion 6, and with a tapering projection 8 extending between the same and the inwardly and downwardly inclined inner surface of shoulder 7. The lower end of the supplemental post part 9 is slightly beveled to conform to the inner surface of the shoulder 7, and has a tapering recess 10 which is adapted to straddle the projection 8, thus locking the lower end of the supplemental post part against side-wise movement, upon the main post part. A flanged cap 11, is adapted to be placed over the upper ends of the post parts 5 and 9, thus completing their connection and preventing displacement.

Adjacent to their upper and lower ends the respective post parts 5 and 9 are provided with side ribs 12 and 13, these ribs being provided with notches in order to ac-

commodate the upper and lower horizontal wires A and B respectively of wire fencing. The ribs 12 of the main part 5, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 1, are upon the opposite side of the post to the ribs 13 of the post part 9, and it will also be seen that, in the coupled position of the post parts, the ribs 12 and 13 are spaced from one another to accommodate a vertical wire C of the fencing.

Between their ribs before mentioned, the post parts 5 and 9 respectively are provided with longitudinal series of projections 14 and 15, which extend in opposite directions from the parts 5 and 9, respectively, upon opposite sides of the longitudinal center thereof, whereby to receive the before mentioned vertical wire C between the series of projections. These series of projections 14 and 15 are also staggered with respect to one another, as particularly shown in Fig. 1, so that should the post be used in connection with wire fencing of a width less than the distance between the upper and lower ribs of the post parts before mentioned, the horizontal wires of the fencing may be passed between the staggered pairs of projections 14 and 15 in a horizontal direction, and thus prevented from vertical movement, in addition to the location of the vertical wire between the longitudinal series of projections which prevents longitudinal movement of the fencing.

I claim:—

A post comprising two parts having side ribs adjacent to their upper and lower ends, provided with notches therein, the ribs of one part being upon the opposite side of the post, and spaced from the ribs of the other part, said post parts being also provided with longitudinal series of projections between their said ribs and extending in opposite directions from the post parts upon opposite sides of the longitudinal center of the post, and means to lock the post parts together.

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

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