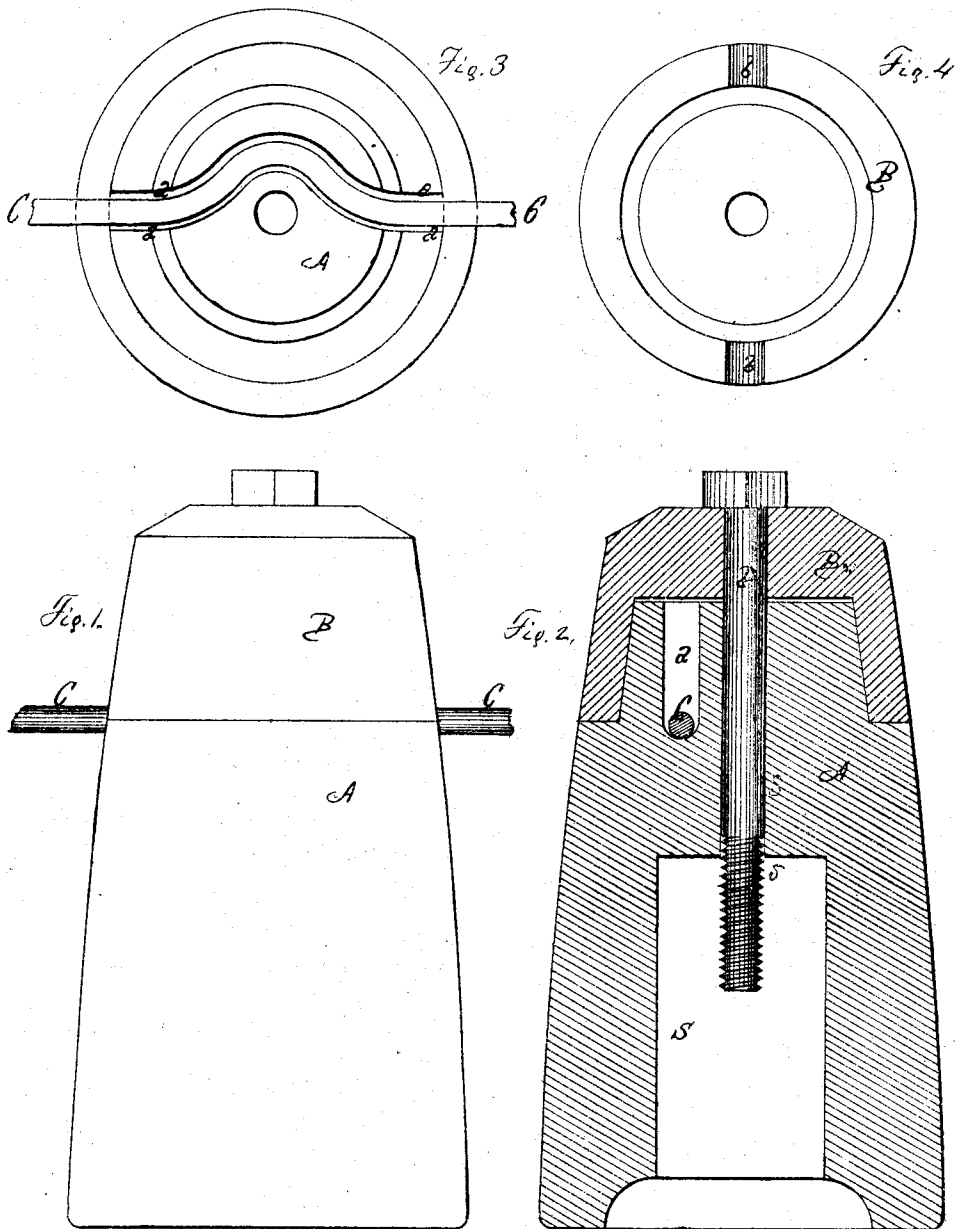


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. MERRELL, of East Lyme, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telegraph-Insulators, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation or view of the complete insulator. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a top view of the insulator with its cap removed. Fig. 4 is a view looking into the cap, which is turned upside down.

The insulator is made of glass or other non-conducting material, and is composed of the body A and the cap B which fits upon the body A. There is a groove, *a*, in the top of the body, in which lies the wire C. This groove is curved so as to hold the wire firm from slipping sidewise. The cap B fits down upon

the top of the body A and holds the wire down. This cap has half-circular grooves *b* cut into it where the wire passes out. The other half of the wire sets into the body A. The letter D indicates a screw-bolt, which passes down through the cap B and body A and screws into the common wooden pin, which pin fits up into the recess S.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the body A, made of insulating material, having the cavity S for a supporting-pin and the curved groove *a*, the cap B made of insulating material and the screw-bolt D, the whole constructed, arranged, and designed for use, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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