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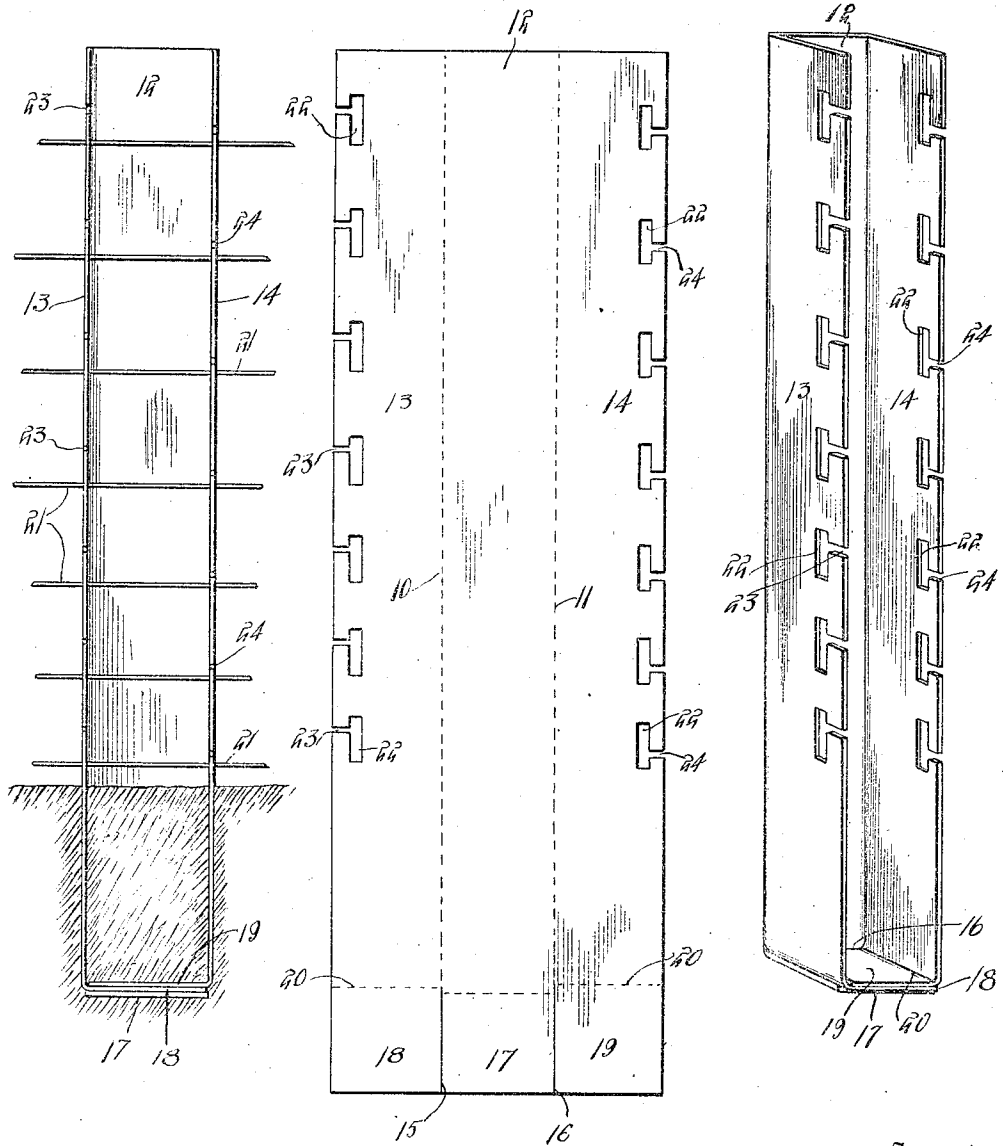
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER L. RUBECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Howard, State of Nebraska, 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.

My invention has relation to new and useful improvements in fence posts and more particularly to metallic fence posts.

An object of the invention is to provide a metallic fence post which may be constructed from a single section of thin metal preferably in sheet form, and provided with integral means to form an anchor for the post for preventing its accidental dislodgment.

A further object of the invention is to construct the anchoring means by a novel arrangement of the lower end portions of the post thereby permitting the anchoring means to be used at discretion.

A still further object is to provide a metallic fence post of the above described character, having a U-shaped cross section, the parallel edges of which are provided with openings arranged in a novel manner so as to positively hold the fence wires in position without preventing their ready application.

The invention consists of certain other combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and clearly specified in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is an inside view of a portion of a fence, showing my improved fence post and the wires in position. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a blank on a small scale from which the post is constructed. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a post in its folded condition ready for use.

Referring to the drawings in detail, there is shown a blank section of material which is adapted to be folded along the dotted lines 10 and 11 to provide a central section 12 forming the front of the post and the sides 13 and 14 which are disposed at right angles to the front portion 12. The lower portions of the blank in alinement with the

folded lines 10 and 11 are severed as shown at 15 and 16 adapting the bottom of the post to be formed as an anchor through the medium of the tongues 17, 18 and 19, the former of which is disposed centrally and forms a part of the front portion 12 and the latter of which form extensions of the side portions 13 and 14 and are adapted to be turned inwardly at right angles upon the dotted lines 20 as is more particularly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

It is preferable that the side tongues 18 and 19 be first bent inwardly and the portions 17 be disposed therebeneath, as it has been found that this forms a very desirable anchoring member and will resist an unusual pressure in an attempt to dislodge the post which when buried in the ground is tightly surrounded by the earth which is pressed to cover the tongues 17, 18 and 19 between the side portions to form the anchoring means.

It will be seen that the post is substantially U-shaped in cross section and in order to permit the application of the wires 21 forming the fence and the retention thereof, the side portions 13 and 14 are formed with spaced vertical slots 22 disposed in longitudinal alinement in the opposite side portions and also spaced from the edges of the blank forming the sides of the post. The slots 22 in the side portion 13 are formed with entering openings 23 which communicate with the edge of the blank and are disposed above the vertical center of the slots 22 in each instance, the slots in the side portion 14 having the openings 24 which are disposed below the vertical center of each of the slots 22 and out of alinement with the openings 23. It will be seen that by this construction, the wires may be readily applied to the inner slots by a suitable tool but when in position, the wires will be absolutely retained against accidental displacement. The post may also be constructed from a single piece of material, thereby materially lessening its cost without increasing its efficiency.

I claim:—

A fence post comprising a single section of sheet metal folded vertically at two points to provide a central and side sections, the side sections being parallel and formed with wire receiving slots, the lower portion of the metal being severed vertically on a

line with the folding points to form tongues, the side tongues being bent inwardly in opposite directions to overlap each other and the central tongue being bent at right angles thereto and in contact therewith to form an anchor within the area of the lower portion of the post.

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

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