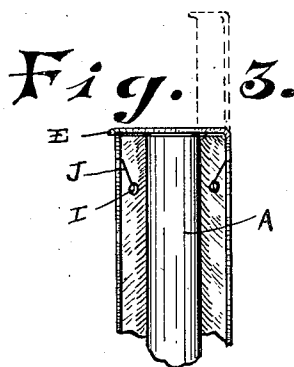
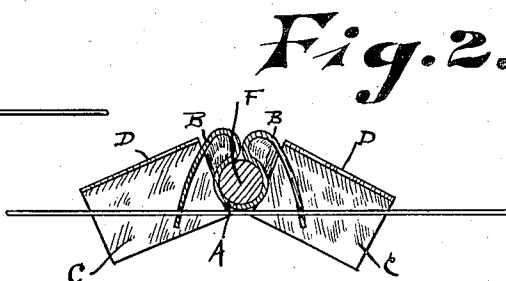
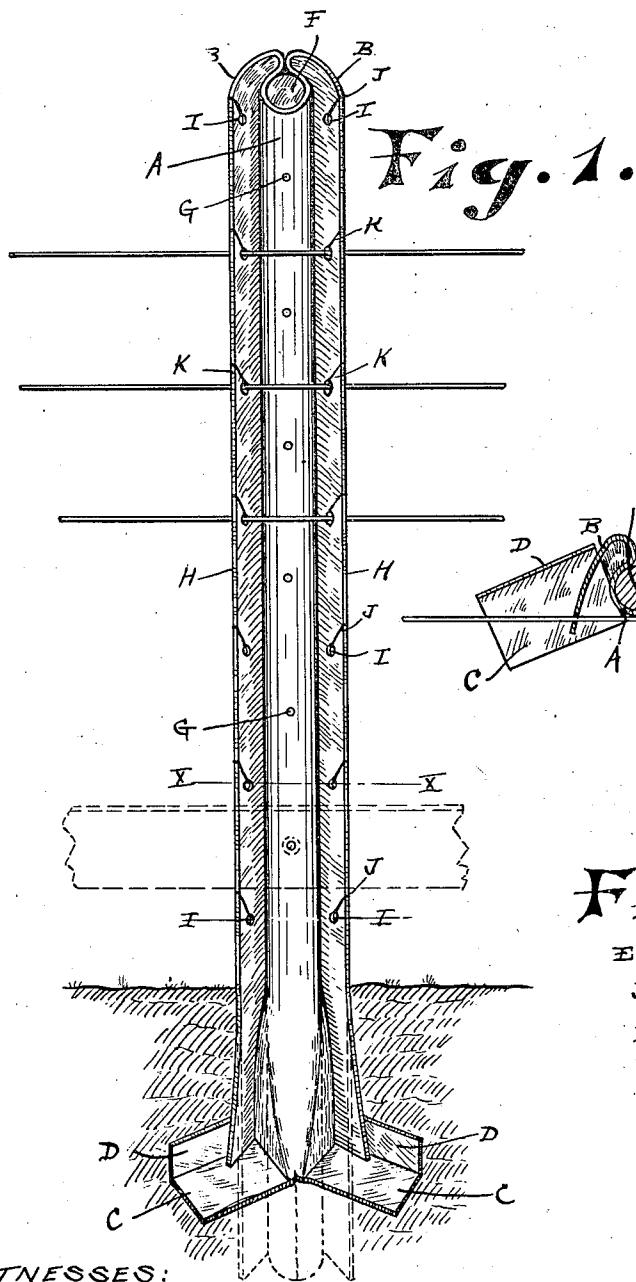


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. FITZGIBBON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in metallic fence posts and it pertains to that class which are adapted to be made of a single piece of sheet metal.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a post of such contour and arrangement of cooperating parts that it comprises in a single symmetrical structure the greatest possible strength with the least weight of material, while it is adapted to stand firmly in the ground and resist the greatest lateral strain to which it will under normal conditions be subjected while it may also be used for supporting either a board or wire fence or for supporting both boards and wires in the same fence as circumstances require.

20 The construction of my invention is further explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a transverse section drawn on line $x-x$ of Fig. 1, and Fig. 25 3 is a detail showing the upper end of the post provided with an overlapping cap.

Like parts are identified by the same reference letters throughout the several views.

My post comprises a longitudinal cylindrical central member A, two semi-cylindrical side members B, B, 30 two horizontal anchor plates C, C, two vertical strengthening plates D, D, and a cap plate E, all of which parts are formed integrally by cutting and bending from a single piece of flexible sheet metal. To facilitate fastening boards to the posts I preferably provide the central cylindrical member A with a cylindrical bar F which is formed in the desired shape and inserted within the folds of the central cylindrical member as it is being formed when it is secured rigidly in place by 40 the resilient action of the metal which is forced around and firmly against it. The central cylindrical member is preferably provided with a series of perforations G for the reception of the board retaining nails when boards are used in the construction of a fence, while 45 the respective edges of the respective semicircular side members are provided with a series of perforations I, I, and angular slits J, J, for the reception of the wires when the posts are used in the construction of a wire fence.

50 It will be understood that when desirous to support wires from the posts the V-shaped slits J are opened for the reception of the wires by bending the upper ends

of the angular pointed members K laterally, whereby the wires may be readily inserted into the perforations I. When the wires have been thus inserted the 55 pointed members K are bent back to their original vertical position above the wire, whereby the wire is securely retained in place. When desirous to cover the bar F, the cap E is formed integrally with one of the side members B and is bent over into a horizontal 60 position, shown in Fig. 3, above the bar when it serves to cover up and shield the bar from the elements.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

1. A metallic post comprising a longitudinal cylindrical central member, and two longitudinal semi-cylindrical side members formed integrally from a single piece of sheet metal, said semi-circular side members being curved forwardly partially around said cylindrical central member, and means for supporting the transversely arranged fence material from the vertical edges of said semi-circular side members. 65 70

2. A metallic post comprising a longitudinal cylindrical central member, and two longitudinal semi-cylindrical side members formed integrally from a single piece of metal said semi-circular side member being curved forwardly partially around said cylindrical central member and a solid wooden member supported within said cylindrical central member and means for supporting the transversely arranged fence material from the vertical edge of said 75 80 cylindrical central member between the edges of said vertical side members.

3. A metallic post comprising a longitudinal cylindrical central member, and two longitudinal semi-cylindrical side members, two horizontal anchorage members and two vertical members connected at their lower edges with said horizontal anchorage members, all of said parts being formed integrally from a single piece of metal and said posts being provided with means for securing the transversely arranged material thereto. 85 90

4. A metallic fence post comprising a longitudinal cylindrical central member provided with a longitudinal series of perforations, and two longitudinal semi-cylindrical side members, each provided with a longitudinal series of perforations and longitudinal series of diagonal slits communicating from said last named series of perforations to the vertical edges of said side members for the reception of fence wires, all of said parts being formed integrally from a single piece of metal, a vertical wooden member centrally located within said longitudinal central member, two laterally projecting anchorage plates and two vertically arranged strengthening plates all of said plates except said wooden member being formed integrally from a single piece of metal, all substantially as and for the 95 100 105 purpose specified.

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

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