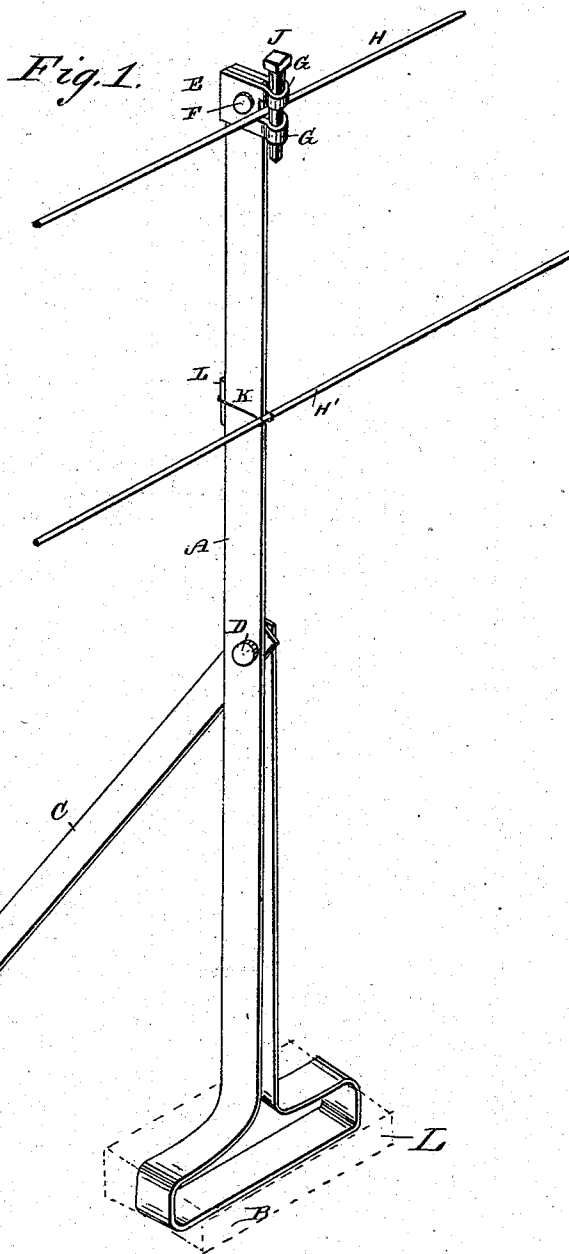
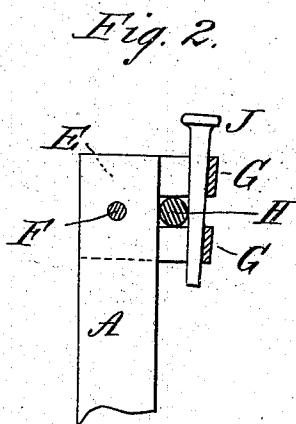


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE MOLL and FREDRICK HOTTES, both of Mascoutah, in the county of St. Clair and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Fence-Post, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of our invention is to provide a new and improved fence-post which is simple in construction, strong, and durable.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our fence-post. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the upper part of the post.

The fence-post A is made of bar or band iron, which is bent to form a flattened loop, B, at the lower end of the post, and is then bent upward to about the middle of the post. The loop is made flat, so as to adapt it to receive a block of stone or a brick, L. A brace, C, also made of band or bar iron, has its upper end pivoted to the post by a rivet, D, passed through the post A, and through the upper end of the upwardly-bent part of the band or bar. The lower end of the brace C is bent to form a loop or pocket for receiving a brick or block. To the upper end of the post a U-shaped clip, E, is held loosely by a rivet, F, so that it may be swung to opposite sides of the post, which clip is cut away at the bend, forming two loops or eyes, G, projecting from the edge of the post, between which eyes the upper wire, H, is passed. A wedge-shaped pin or nail, J, is then passed through the eyes G outside of the wire H, so that the said wire will be held between the pin or nail J and the edge of the post. A U-shaped wire, K, having hooks at the ends of the shanks, is passed around the post, the lower wire, H', is passed through the hooks, and a nail or wedge-shaped pin is driven in between the cross-piece of the U-shaped wire K and the edge of the post, or between the wire H' and the edge of the post; or the wire H' can be held to the post in the same manner as the top wire, H, or in any other suitable manner. The post is sunk in the ground a greater or less distance, as may

be necessary, and the band or bar of iron can have a greater or less thickness, as circumstances may require. By pivoting the brace and clip to the post, they may be swung to the opposite sides of the post if at any time it is desired to change their positions from the inside to the outside, or vice versa, and without digging up the post.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the fence-post A, of the U-shaped clip E, pivotally secured at the upper end thereof and provided with the loops or eyes G, and of the nail J, whereby the fence-wire may be secured to either side of the post by swinging the clip in the desired direction, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination, with the fence-post A, of the pivoted brace C, formed with an angular pocket at its lower end, and the U-shaped clip E, loosely secured to the upper end of the fence-post, whereby the clip and brace may be swung to the opposite side of the post without removing the post, substantially as described.

3. In a fence-post, the combination, with a piece of bar or band iron bent to form a loop at the lower end, and then bent upward to about the middle of the post, of a brace pivoted between the upper end of the upwardly-bent part and the post, substantially as herein shown and described.

4. In a fence-post, the combination, with a piece of bar or band iron bent to form a loop at the lower end, then bent upward to about the middle of the post, of a brace pivoted at its upper end between the upper end of the upwardly-bent part and the post, and having a loop formed on its lower end, substantially as herein shown and described.

5. In a fence-post, the combination, with a post made of bar or band iron bent to form a loop at the lower end, of a bar pivoted to the post and bent to form a loop at its lower end, substantially as herein shown and described.

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