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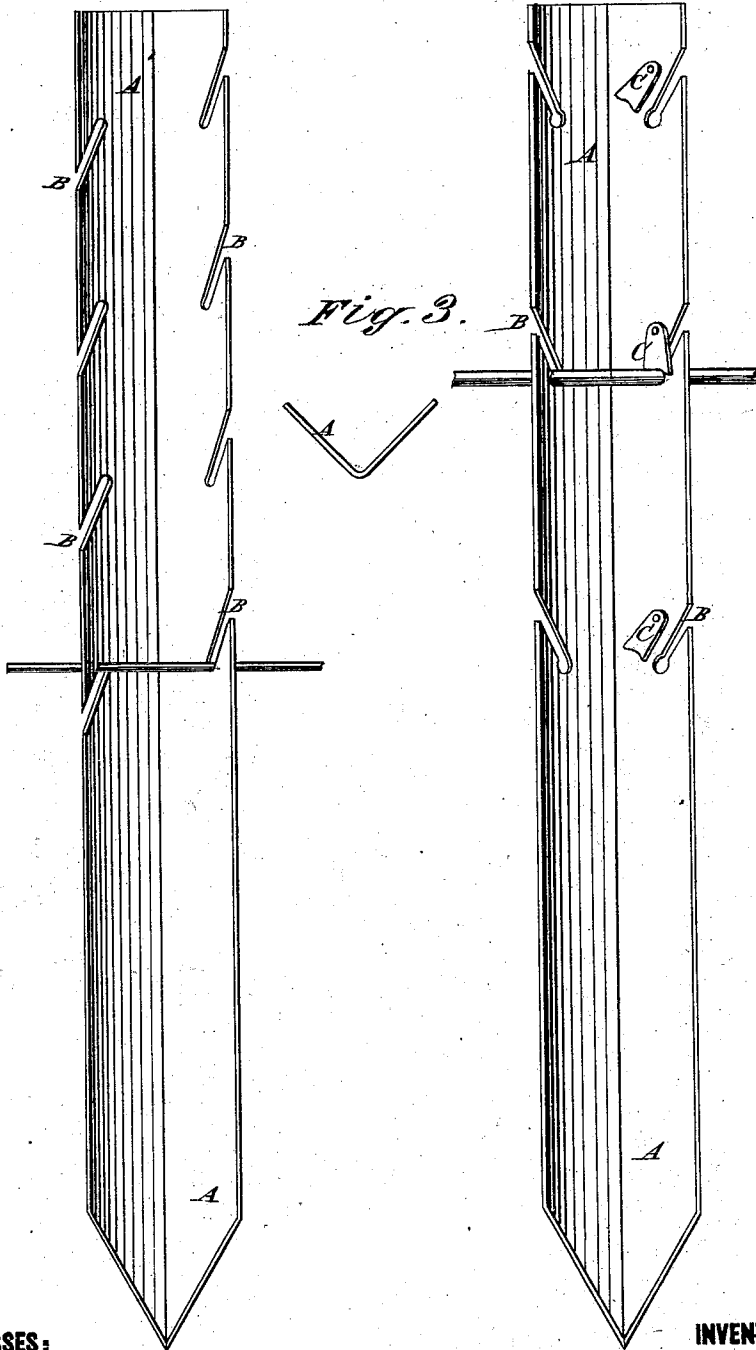
IRON POSTS FOR WIRE FENCES.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN IRON POSTS FOR WIRE FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN PLANE, of Belvidere, in the county of Boone and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Iron Posts for Wire Fences, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved fence-post. Fig. 2 is a front view of a modified form of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A is the post, which is made of angle-iron of any desired length and size, as circumstances may require. The upper end of the post A is at right angles with its length, and its lower end is tapered to a point, so that it can be readily driven into the ground. In one or both edges of the post A are formed inclined notches B, to receive the wires. The notches B may be formed in one or both edges

of the post A, and they may all incline downward, or the notches in one edge may incline downward and those in the other edge may incline upward. The corresponding notches in the two edges may be at the same level, or one may be higher than the other, and so arranged that the tension of the wire will draw it into the inner ends of said notches. The wire is secured in the notches B by buttons C pivoted to the posts A, in such positions that they may be turned down upon said wire, as shown in Fig. 2.

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

A wire-fence post having the oblique notches B and the buttons C, the latter pivoted with respect to said notches, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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