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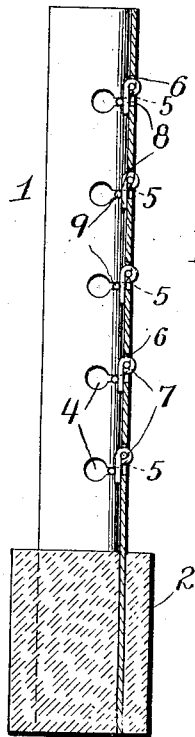
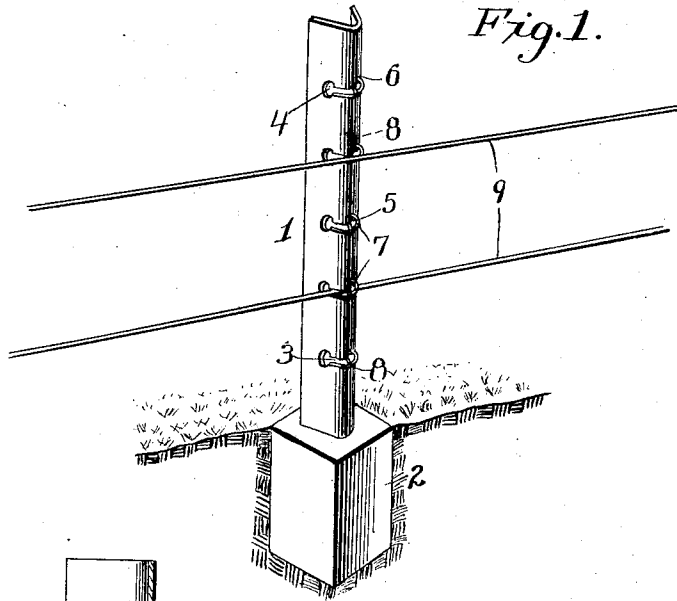
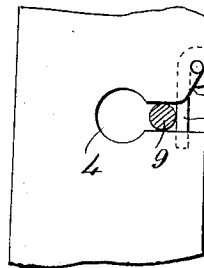
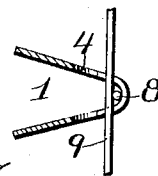


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in fence posts.

10 In carrying out my invention it is my purpose to provide a post for wire fences having means whereby the wires may be readily inserted within the post and retained therein without danger of accidental removal.

15 I also aim to provide a metallic fence post of a substantially V-shaped cross sectional formation, the said post having a plurality of horizontally arranged slits or openings and locking members loosely secured to the
20 apex directly above each of the slots, said locking members being adapted to fall by gravity after the wires have been inserted within the slots to retain the wires upon the post, and the slots being of a sufficient length
25 to permit of the operation of the locking elements in order to withdraw the wires from the post when desired.

30 With the above recited objects and others of a similar nature in view, the invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangements of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

35 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the post constructed in accordance with the present invention, and illustrating the method of inserting one of the wires and also showing one of the wires in position upon the post. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the post. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the same. Fig.
40 4 is a detail side elevation taken upon an enlarged scale.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, the numeral 1 designates the improved post.
45 This post is preferably formed from a single sheet of metal, which is centrally bent upon itself to provide a structure which is substantially V-shaped in cross section. The post 1 may be, and preferably is, provided
50 with a base of plastic material 2, and the

said post is also formed with a plurality of spaced cut-away portions 3, terminating in eyes or annular openings 4. These openings extend horizontally from the apex or front of the post toward the rear or sides thereof, 55 and the upper portion provided by the said openings is flared as designated by the numeral 5. Directly above the flared edge of the apex the post is formed with spaced openings or perforations 6, the said perfora- 60 tions being adapted to receive the hooks 7 of securing members 8. Each of these securing members is constructed of a single strand of suitable wire, and the body portion of the securing elements is of a sufficient length to 65 close the horizontal openings at the angle of the post. The securing elements are also of a sufficient length to be swung rearwardly away from the openings so that the fence wire 8 may be readily removed from the post 70 when desired.

The wires 9 normally contact with the depending portions of the securing elements, but when it is desired to remove any of the wires the said wire is forced rearwardly into 75 the eyes and the securing member is swung as just described. By providing the front of the post with flared or under cut portions it will be noted that the loops of the retaining or securing elements are brought out of the 80 path of the slots or openings, when the wire is to be inserted within the said slots or openings, so as to form no impediment to the passage of the wire through the open- 85 ings, and it is to be understood that the body or engaging portion of each of the elements is of a sufficient weight to fall by gravity to cover the openings to secure the wire when once positioned within the slots of the posts.

Having thus described the invention what I claim is:—

A fence post, comprising a member substantially V-shaped in cross section, the apex or front of the post as well as the angular sides thereof being formed with horizontally 95 arranged slots terminating in substantially cylindrical openings, the upper edge of the slots being flared or rounded upwardly upon the apex of the post, the said rounded or flared portions having perforations there- 100

above, retaining elements, each of said retaining elements comprising a loop engaged within the perforations and an extended body portion which is adapted to drop by
5 gravity and to close the slots, and each of the said bodies being of a length lesser than the said horizontal slots and openings.

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

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