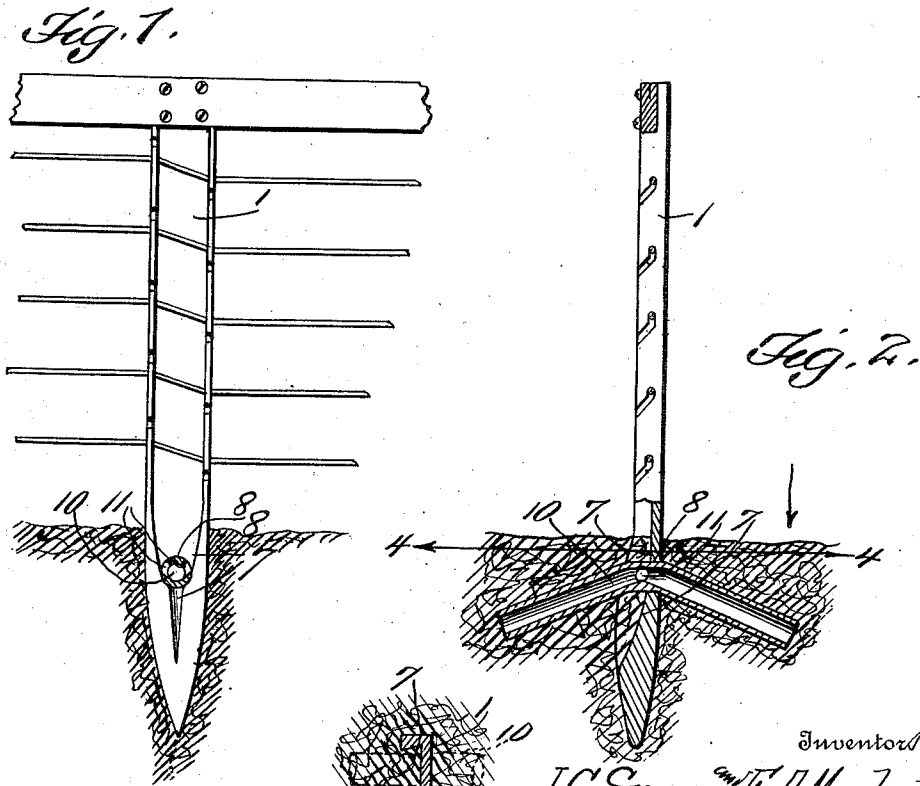


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN C. SPARR and ELISON A. MARCHANT, citizens of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post; and we 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.

This invention relates to a new and useful drainage anchor device adapted for use in combination with a standard having a tapering drain gulley, which standard is adapted to extend partially into the ground, and held firmly in position by the anchor. This anchor comprises a transversely arranged metallic member, which constitutes means for draining the rain from the gulley of the standard.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in elevation and partly in section of the fence post, showing the means for firmly supporting the post in an erect position. Fig. 2 is a view in edge elevation of the post showing the same partly in section, and embedded in the ground, which is also in section. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the lower end of the fence post.

Referring to the drawings 1 designates a standard or post, which is trough like as is shown in the drawings, the trough portion of which at its lower end terminates in a tapering drain gulley 7, the walls of which are arranged on an incline. This gulley acts as means for draining off the rain, thus preserving the lower portion of the post. Ex-

tending transversely of the post adjacent the gulley is an aperture 8, in which is arranged a metallic hollow member 10. The end portions of the metallic hollow member 10 are inclined downwardly, as shown in the drawings. That portion of the metallic hollow member which penetrates the post is provided with apertures 11 upon each side, which permits the drainage to pass from the gulley into and through the hollow member 10, so as to be drained off from the post for a slight distance.

From the foregoing it will be noted that there has been produced a simple, novel, and efficient structure of post, the same including a drainage system therefor, and one which has been found to be practicable.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

A drainage anchor structure in combination with a standard having a tapering drain gulley, the standard adapted to be extended partially into the ground, a hollow metallic member extending transversely of the standard, the end portions of which are extended outwardly and downwardly and embedded in the ground, the portion of the member which engages through the standard having oppositely arranged apertures, through which the drainage from the gulley passes, and carried off by the outwardly and downwardly extending portions.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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