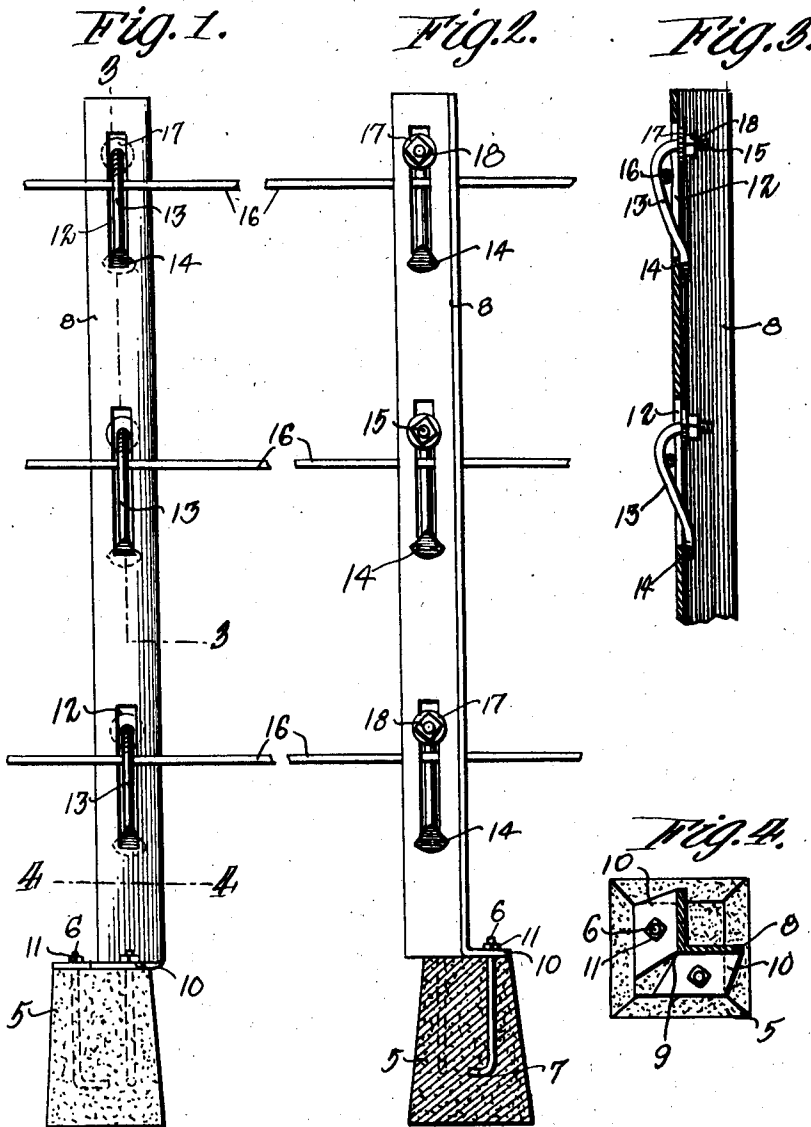


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW W. PIGGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Conway, in the county of Faulkner and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fenceposts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a fence post and has for its principal object the production of simple and efficient means for firmly binding the strands or mesh of a fence in engagement with the post.

Another object of this invention is the production of a fence post wherein retaining clips are mounted upon the post and project through slots to engage the strands of wire or the mesh placed against the post, thus permitting the fence to be secured for holding such strands or mesh in position.

Another object of this invention is the production of a fence post which consists of a metallic body carried upon a composition base, the body being so formed as to provide efficient means through it for securing elements fixed in engagement with the base, for holding the body in position.

One practical form of construction and assembly of the present invention will be hereinafter described and is illustrated in the drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the fence post.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the device.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

In the preferred embodiment of the present invention about to be described, 5 indicates in general the base, which may be formed of cement or any other suitable plastic material. As is indicated in Figs. 2 and 4, the base 5 is broadest at its lower portion and tapers toward its upper portion. The retaining bolts 6 having hooked ends 7 are carried within the base, for these bolts are inserted in the plastic material when the same is still in the mold and before hardening. The upper ends of the bolts 6 project above the upper surface of the base 5, for purposes to be hereinafter set forth.

The body 8 of the fence post is formed of metal and is in the form of an angle iron since it is substantially L-shaped in cross section as indicated in Fig. 4. The lower portion of the body 8 is split at the angle as indicated at 9, thus forming flanges 10, which are bent at right angles to the body 8 to extend in a horizontal plane. These flanges 10 are positioned upon the upper end of the base 5 and the ends of the bolts 6 project through these flanges to carry the retaining nuts 11. Accordingly it is noted that after the nuts have been applied flanges will be fixed upon the base and thus the body 8 of the fence post will be firmly held in a vertical position as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

The body 8 is provided with vertical slots 12 formed at spaced intervals apart although in alinement with each other as suggested in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive. Each retaining clip used in combination with each slot, comprises a curved body 13 having a substantially triangular and comparatively broad head 14 at one end thereof, while the opposite end terminates in a horizontal projection 15, this projection 15 being externally threaded.

In supporting strands of wire 16 the strands are positioned upon the outer surface of the body 8 and extend transversely across the slots 12 as shown. The clips are then inserted through the slots and pass around the strands 16. It will be noted that the clips will be held against entire forward displacement through the slots by the heads 14 engaging the inner surface of the body 8 contiguous to the slots and preventing this action. However, as above specified the opposite end of the body of each clip may be passed around a strand and the projection then passed through the upper portion of the slot to extend rearwardly, whereupon the bearing washer 17 is placed upon the projection 15 and the nut 18 is then screwed on this projection thus holding the clip against displacement.

It will be noted that as the clip is retained as above specified, it will form a loop like structure around the strand holding the strand between the fence post and the body of the clip. It is obvious that as the nut 18 is tightened upon the projection 15, the strip

will be swung inwardly by pivoting upon the head 14, while the opposite end of the clip is being drawn rearwardly through the slot, thus firmly binding the strand 16 upon the body.

Although the operation of the device is disclosed in conjunction with strands 16, it is obvious that wire mesh may be as easily secured, simply by placing the mesh upon the body 8 and passing the clips around through the mesh similar to the manner in which they are passed around the strands of wire.

It will be noted from the foregoing description that simple means are provided for efficiently supporting the body upon the plastic base, while the clips are constructed very simply to minimize the cost of production and simplify the operation of the structure although the clips will firmly hold the strands or mesh upon the post and by the adjusting of the nuts 18 the clips will be drawn into a firmer binding engagement with the strands or mesh without possibility of the clips being displaced, owing to the engagement of the heads 14 of the clips and the washers 17 which engage with the body 8 of the post.

The foregoing description and accompanying drawings have reference to what might be considered to be the preferred or approved form of my invention. I desire it to be understood that I may make such changes in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, materials dimen-

sions, et cetera, as may prove expedient and fall within the scope of the appended claim.

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

In combination with a post body having vertical slots therein, a clip for each slot, each clip comprising a curved body formed from a bar of material the diameter of which is less than the width of a slot, said clip being struck at one end to provide a flat head for bearing upon the inner surface of the post body to allow the curved body of the clip to extend forwardly through the slot with the head acting as a pivotal bearing for one end of the clip body, the remaining end of the clip body terminating in a horizontally threaded extension, and a nut screwed onto the extension, whereby the body of the clip may be drawn through its slot to restrict the space between the forward surface of the post body and the inner surface of the clip body as far as may be necessary by the passing of the clip body through the slot, for pivotal movement of the clip body upon the head and the drawing action of the nut upon the remaining end of the clip body.

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

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