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FENCEPOST ATTACHMENT.

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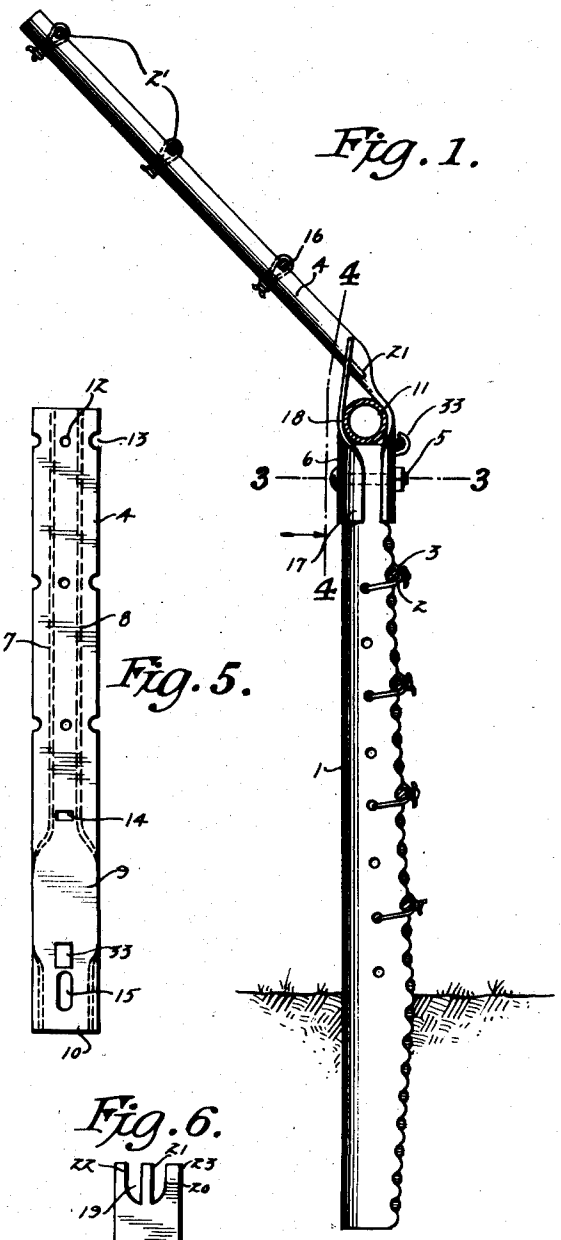


Fig. 1.

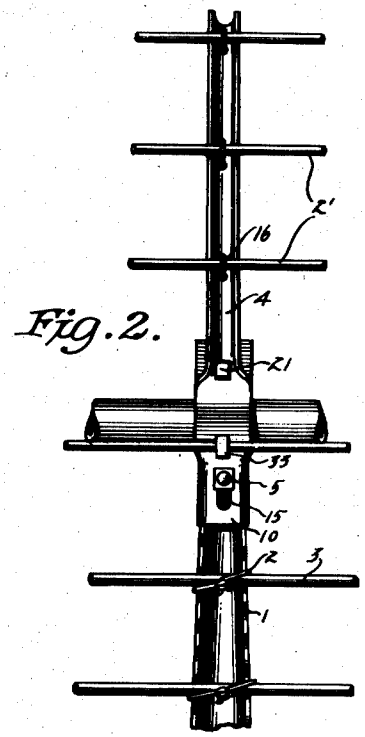


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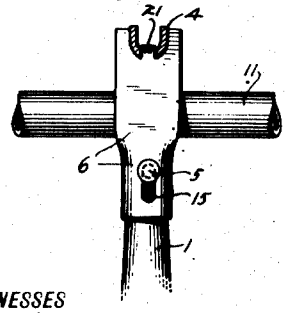


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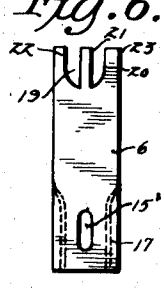


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERCY T. BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Middletown, in the county of Newport and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Fencepost Attachment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to fences and particularly to an improved construction of attachment for the top of fence posts for giving an additional fence structure or giving an ornamental appearance to the completed fence.

The object in view is to provide an attachment which may be mounted on a fence post of various types, as for instance the type shown in my Patent No. 1,190,080, issued July 4, 1916, wherein the post will act in the usual way and the attachment will augment the action of the post as means for supporting fencing material.

A further object is to provide an arrangement which may be provided for holding merely a horizontal trimming pipe in place or holding a trimming pipe and an auxiliary system of fencing wires.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a side view of a post and an attachment disclosing an embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the upper part of the post shown in Fig. 1 together with the attachment.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through Fig. 1 on line 3—3.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary vertical section through Fig. 1 on line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a blank from which one of the attaching arms is formed.

Fig. 6 is a blank from which a second attaching arm is formed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates a metal fence post similar to that disclosed in my Patent No. 1,190,080, said post being designed to carry fence wiring 2 held in place in any desired manner, as for instance by tying members 3. In some instances it is desired to increase the height of the fence or to provide an ornamental top or finish to the fence. When it is desired to increase the effective height of the fence or to take care of some particular contour of the ground extra wires 2′ may be provided, the same being carried by an arm 4 held in place by a suitable bolt 5, said arm co-acting with an auxiliary arm 6. Arm 4 is bent from a flat piece of sheet metal, as shown in Fig. 5, so as to produce a U-shaped structure as indicated in Fig. 5 by the lines 7 and 8. Adjacent one end of the blank shown in Fig. 5 a flat portion 9 is left in its original condition while the end 10 is bent in a reverse direction to the bendings on lines 7 and 8 whereby the lower end may present an arc-shaped structure for hugging to a certain extent the upper part of post 1, while the flat portion 9 is bent as shown in Fig. 1 to properly fit against the pipe 11 resting on top of the post 1. In forming the blank of arm 4 a number of apertures 12 are provided opposite the notches 13 and also slots 14 and 15. The apertures 12 are intended to accommodate the tie wires 16 which tie the wires 2′ in the notches 13 while the slot 15 accommodates bolt 5 and permits an up and down adjustment. The auxiliary arm 6 co-acts with arm 4 and is provided with a lower bent portion 17 and a flat upper portion 18 fitting over the pipe 11, said upper portion being formed with cut out sections 19 and 20 whereby a tongue 21 is produced designed to extend through the slot 14 and be bent over as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, while the forked ends 22 and 23 rest against the outer part of the arm 4. The auxiliary arm 6 is provided with a slot 15′ similar to slot 15 in arm 4 so as to allow proper up and down adjustment to accommodate the size of the tube 11 and also to accommodate the angle at which the arm 4 is bent. The arm 4 is shown at approximately a forty five degree angle, but it may be bent at a greater or less angle from the horizontal without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A fence post attachment comprising a pair of arms, one arm being longer than the other, said arms having interlocking portions and curved sections, said curved sections being adapted to fit against a fence post, a bolt adapted to extend through said curved section and said fence post for clamping said arms to said post, said arms having bent portions for clamping a bar horizontally positioned on said post and holding the same in position and means arranged on the longer of said arms for receiving fencing material.

2. An attachment for fence posts compris-

ing a tube, a clamping arm formed with a bent section fitting against said tube, said bent section being capable of being bent in either of two directions for adjusting the angle of said arm, an auxiliary arm formed with an interlocking member interlocking with the first mentioned arm, a clamping bolt extending through both of said arms, and a post for holding the arms in place and for clamping said tube in place, and means on said arm for supporting fencing material.

3. In an attachment for the top of fence posts comprising a wire carrying arm and an auxiliary arm, said wire carrying arm being provided with a pair of slots adjacent one end, a plurality of notches and openings associated therewith at spaced intervals from one end to the other of the arm, said auxiliary arm being formed with a slot adjacent one end and a tongue adjacent the other end extending through one of the slots in the first mentioned arm, said tongue being bent to cause an interlocking action between the two arms, and a clamping bolt extending through the slots in the lower ends of said arms and through the upper part of said post for clamping said arms to the post.

4. An attachment for fence posts comprising a top trimming member substantially round in cross section, a wire carrying arm, an auxiliary supporting arm, and a clamping bolt for clamping said arms to said post, said wire carrying arm being formed with a bendable section whereby the outer end of the arm may be bent back and forth to assume various angles in respect to the post to which it is secured, said arms at the point for receiving the bolt being formed with slots for permitting an adjustment of either arm for permitting the bending of the wire carrying arm, and the correct positioning of both arms in respect to the post and trimming member for causing the arm to clamp the trimming member firmly in place.

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