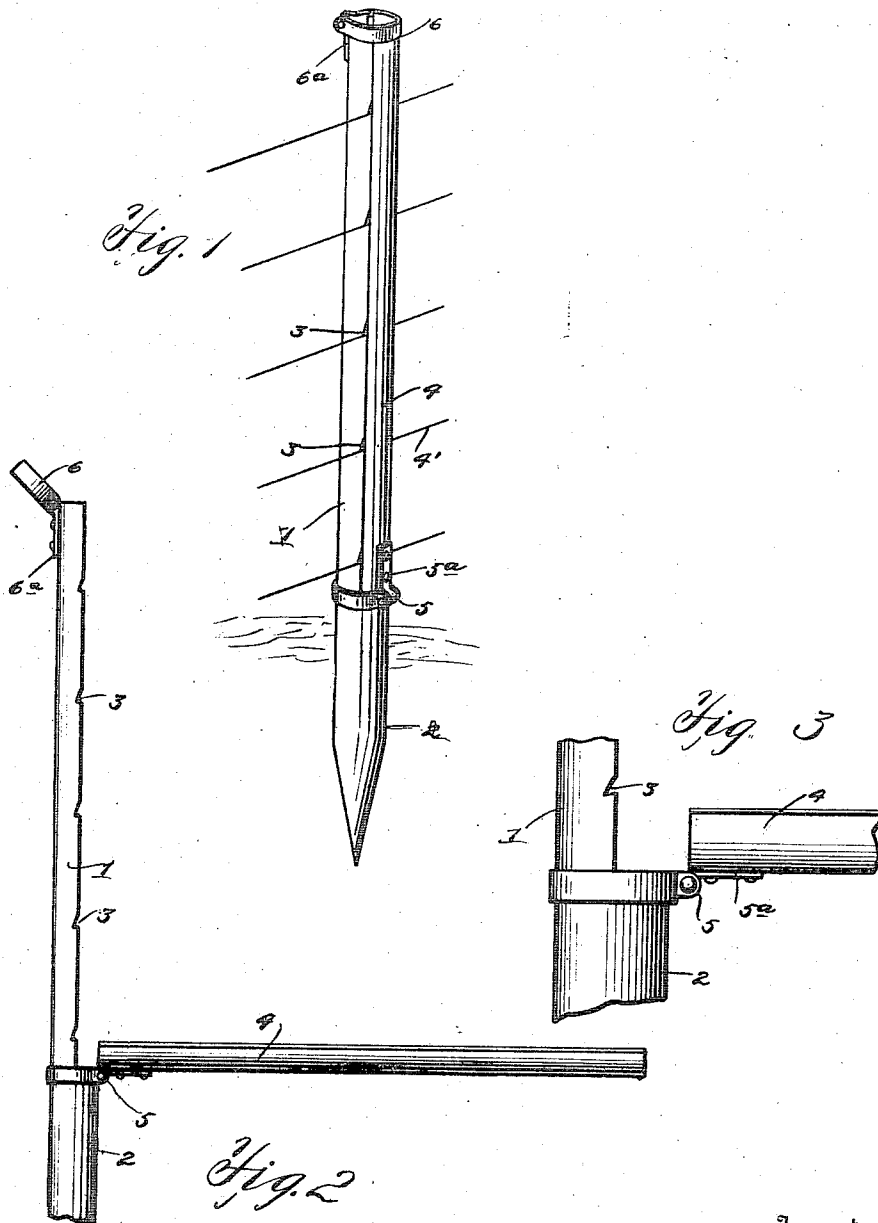


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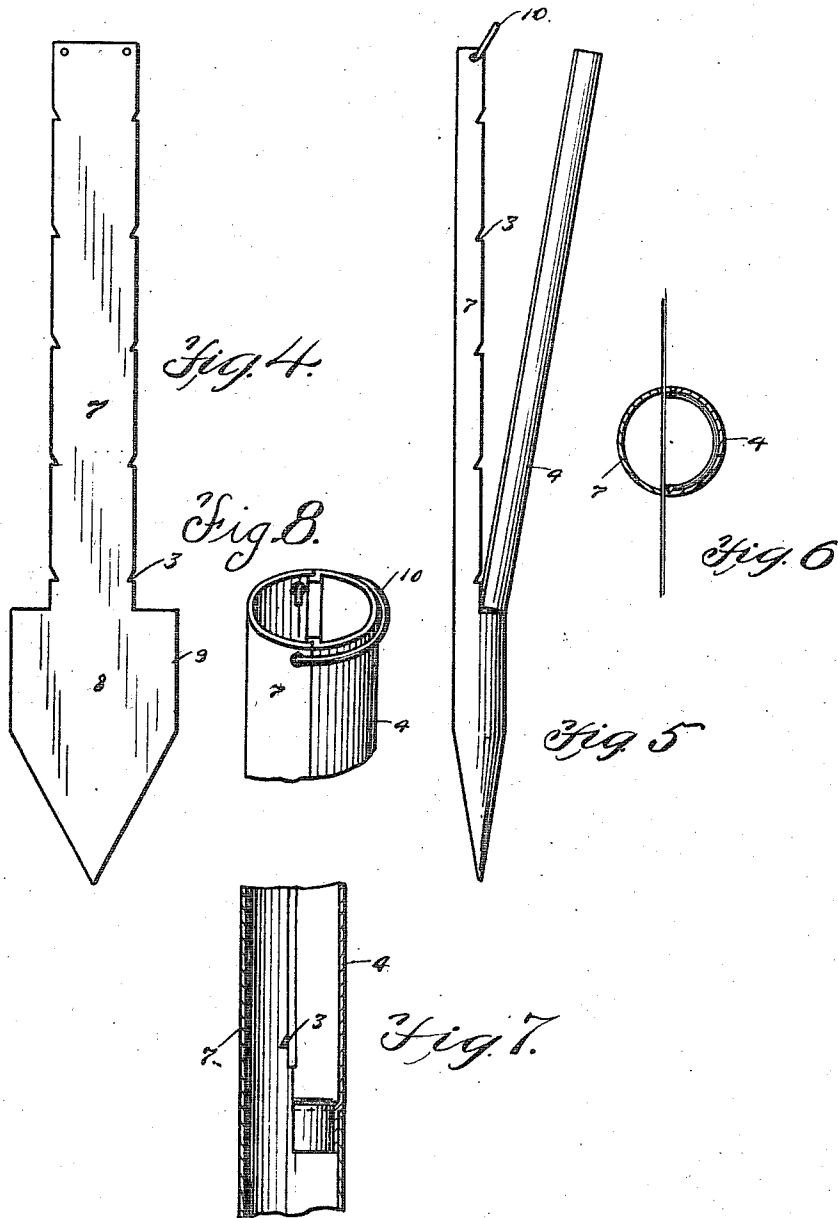
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD A. WEAVER, a natural-born citizen of the United States of America, residing at Bixby, in the county of Perkins and State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence posts and embraces the construction of a fence post provided with simple means for attaching fence wires thereto.

The improved fence post comprises a post section adapted to be forced into the ground and provided with a series of notches designed for the reception of fence wires, and a hinged section adapted to hold the wires in the notches.

With the above and other objects in view the invention comprises certain combinations, constructions, and arrangements of parts, clearly described in the following specification and clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing the post in use, Fig. 2 is a detail view on an enlarged scale showing the wire clamping section opened for the insertion of fence wires, Fig. 3 is a detail view of the joint for the wire clamping section, Fig. 4 is a plan view of a blank for a modified post section, Fig. 5 is a view in elevation showing the wire clamping section opened outwardly of the post section, Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view, Fig. 7 is a detail vertical sectional view, and Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of the top of the post.

Referring to the accompanying drawings illustrating the invention 1 denotes the post section, which is provided on its lower end with a base 2. The post section 1 is formed either U-shaped or V-shaped and is provided with notches or recesses 3, adapted to receive the wires 4. The recesses or notches 3 are spaced apart from each other according to the number of wires intended to be used. The post section 1 is formed with a longitudinal cut-away portion adapted to receive the wire clamping section 4, which is hinged at 5 to said post section.

The wire clamping section 4 is formed with the same outline and general design as the post section 1, and is intended to form a part of said section so as to make a complete post. The wire clamping section 4 is hinged to the post section 1 by means of a

hinge which comprises a leaf member 5^a secured to the wire clamping section 4 on its lower end, and adapted to pivotally engage with the ring hinge member 5, which is secured to the post section 1. The section 4 is adapted to engage the post section 1 so that the edges thereof will enter between the edges of the said section 1 and contact with the wires 4'. A ring 6 is pivoted to the member 6^a on the top of the section 1 so as to swing on the clamping section 4 and hold the edges thereof against the wires 4'.

In using the improved post the post section 1 is first positioned on the ground and the base 2 is driven thereinto, with the hinge joint 5 held above the ground. Wires are then placed in proper relation in the recesses or notches 3 and the wire clamping section is closed against the post section so as to hold the wires in the recesses or notches. The ring 6 is then placed over the top of the wire clamping section 4 and forced into position thereon. The wire clamping section 4 can be loosely connected to the post section 1 when it is desired to tighten the wires, after which the clamping section 4 can be placed in its clamping position, thereby holding the wires in their tightened condition.

In Fig. 5 is illustrated a modification of the post base 2 and the post section 1 is shown, comprising a member or post section 7, which is provided with a base 8 formed out of a single piece or blank 9 of metal, as shown in Fig. 6. The lower part of the blank or piece 9 is wider than the upper part thereof and is provided with a point, whereby the entering end of the base can be formed by rolling the blank or piece over a suitable forming tool, thereby bringing the side edges of the blank into engagement with each other and forming a closed lower end for the post section 7, which is adapted to enter the ground and firmly support the fence wires in the manner of a post made out of solid instead of blank material. The blank 9 is first stamped out of suitable sheet material, with the upper end thereof cut-away to receive the wire clamping section, and the formed blank is then shaped into a cylindrical shape ready for attachment to the wire clamping section. The upper end of the post section is formed with openings adapted to receive the ends of the bail member or attachment 10, which is thereby pivotally held on the post section 7 so as to en-

gage with the upper end of the wire clamping section and hold the same against the edges of the post section 7. The ends of the wire attachment 10 are bent to hold the same on the upper end of the post section 7. The post section 7 and the base, or the base by itself can be filled with cement or other material so as to support the walls of the base and the post section against collapse.

Having described my invention I claim:—

1. A fence post constructed of a blank, the upper portion of said blank being reduced, the lower portion of said blank being beveled on both sides of its lower extremity; notches formed on the two edges of the said reduced portion, said blank being curved so that the edges of the lower portion thereof contact and form a pointed base.

2. A fence post constructed of a blank, the upper portion of said blank being reduced, the lower portion of said blank being beveled on both sides of its lower extremity; notches being formed on the two edges of the said reduced portion, said blank being curved so that the edges of the lower portion thereof contact and form a pointed base, said reduced portion forming a vertical half of said post, and a member hinged to said base adapted to form another vertical half of said post.

3. A fence post constructed of a blank, the upper portion of said blank being reduced, the lower portion of said blank be-

ing beveled on both sides of its lower extremity; notches formed on the two edges of the said reduced portion, said blank being curved so that the edges of the lower portion thereof contact and form a pointed base, said reduced portion forming a vertical half of said post, and a member hinged to said base adapted to form another vertical half of said post, and means for locking the upper ends of the half sections of said post.

4. A post consisting of a blank, having an enlarged lower portion, said blank curved so that the lower ends of said enlarged portion contact to form a base to said post, the lower portion of said blank being beveled so as to form a point for said base, notches in the upper edges of said blank and means for retaining wires within said notches.

5. A post consisting of a blank, having an enlarged lower portion, said blank curved so that the lower ends of said enlarged portion contact to form a base to said post, the lower portion of said post being beveled so as to form a point to said base, notches in the upper edges of said blank and means for retaining wires within said notches, a collar secured to the upper part of said base, and a vertical half post hinged to said collar.

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

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