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METALLIC FENCE POST.

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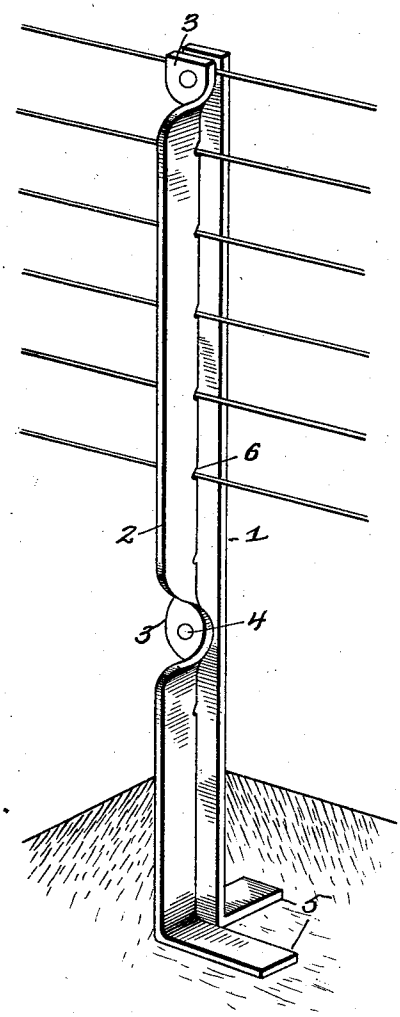
Fig. 1.



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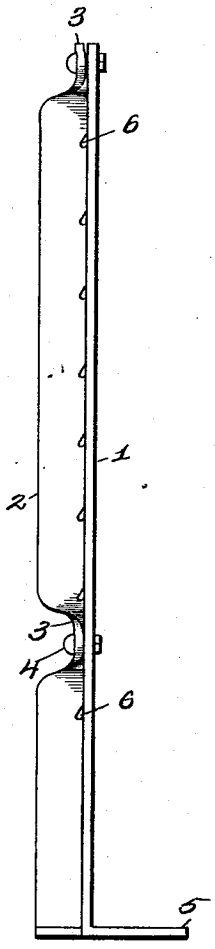

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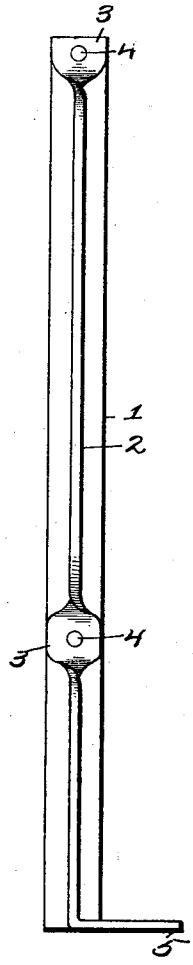

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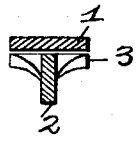

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METALLIC FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER A. HARKER, Jr., residing at Carbondale, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metallic Fence-Posts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My object is to construct an improved metallic fence-post; and my invention consists of a rectangular metallic bar having its lower end bent at right angles to the upper part, a second rectangular metallic bar placed against the face of the first bar along its center and at right angles thereto, said second bar having notches in its inner edge to receive the wires, the upper end of said second bar being twisted to lie parallel with and against the upper end of the first bar, and a portion of said second bar near its lower end being twisted to lie parallel with and against the lower part of the first bar, and the lower end of said second bar being bent at right angles to the upper part of the second bar and at right angles to the lower end of the first bar, and bolts securing said bars together, said bolts being inserted through said twisted portions of the second bar and through the first bar, and said bars being of equal length, and the lower ends of said bars, which are bent at right angles to the upper parts of the bars, forming anchors, and said bars being removably connected by means of said bolts.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the complete fence-post, showing the wires in position and the fence-post mounted in the ground. Fig. 2 is an edge view with the wires removed. Fig. 3 is a front view. Fig. 4 is a cross-section.

Referring to the drawings in detail, my improved fence-post comprises the rectangular bar 1, having its lower end bent at right angles to its upper part and forming an anchor 5, the second bar 2, placed with its edge against the center of one side of the bar 1 and having notches 6 in its inner edge to receive the wires, a portion 3 at the upper end of said second bar being twisted into a plane parallel with the upper end of the first bar and into engagement with said first bar, and a second portion 3 near the lower end of said second bar being twisted into a plane parallel with the first bar and in engagement therewith, the bolts 4, removably inserted through said portions 3 of the second bar and through the first bar, and the lower end of said second bar being bent at right angles to its upper part to form the second anchor 5 at right angles to the first anchor 5.

The post is constructed in two parts, comprising the first and second bars, and when the fence is being erected the bars are placed in the post-holes and the wires 6 are placed in position. Then the bars are brought together and the bolts 4 inserted.

I claim—

A metallic fence-post comprising a rectangular metallic bar having its lower end bent at right angles to the upper part; a second rectangular metallic bar placed against the face of the first bar along its center and at right angles thereto, said second bar having notches in its inner edge to receive the wires; the upper end of said second bar being twisted to lie parallel with and against the upper end of the first bar; and a portion of said second bar near its lower end being twisted to lie parallel with and against the lower part of the first bar; and the lower end of said second bar being bent at right angles to the upper part of the second bar, and at right angles to the lower end of the first bar; and bolts securing said bars together; said bolts being inserted through said twisted portions of the second bar and through the first bar; and said bars being of equal length, and the lower ends of said bars which are bent at right angles to the upper parts of the bars forming anchors; and said bars being removably connected by means of said bolts, substantially as specified.

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

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