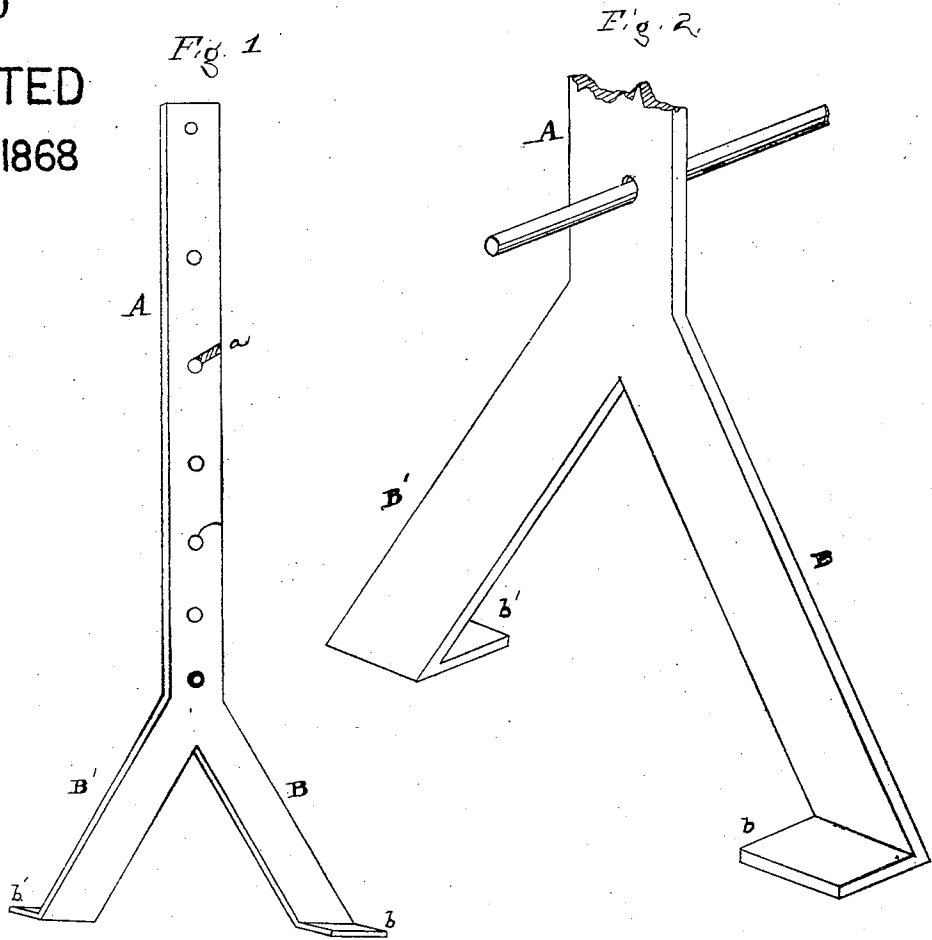


H.K. FLINCHBAUGH'S IMPROVED WIRE FENCE POSTS.

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IMPROVEMENT IN IRON POSTS FOR WIRE FENCE.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY K. FLINCHBAUGH, of Conestoga Centre, in the county of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Iron Post for a Wire Fence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the post perforated for the wire.

Figure 2 illustrates the spreading base enlarged.

The nature of this invention is so very simple in its form and construction as to require but little description to enable any one skilled in the art to make and use the same, being especially designed for a wire fence, and consists in the use of an iron bar, A, say, one and a fourth inch wide, and one fourth inch thick, forged out below to form a leg, B, with a foot, *b*. To this is welded or riveted another leg, B', with its foot *b'* so as to spread jointly at a like angle from their junction to the vertical bar A as to embrace, say, about sixty-five degrees. This spreading base will support the posts laterally, while the wires will support them in the line of fencing. These posts or bars are drilled at intervals for the wires to be passed through. A slot, *a*, might be cut in, which would facilitate the insertion of the wires, but weaken the bar, and be less durable.

Simple as this post is, I am not aware that such was ever used. I am aware that wooden posts of various construction are used, but they hold the moisture too long, and speedily cause the wire to rust off where it comes in contact. This tendency to rust is greatly lessened, if not wholly prevented, in the use of iron posts, and the durability and neatness of the entire fence will compensate for the extra cost in the material, which will retain its comparative value as old iron after years of service.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The construction and application of the iron post A, with its spreading base B B' and feet *b b'*, when applied in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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