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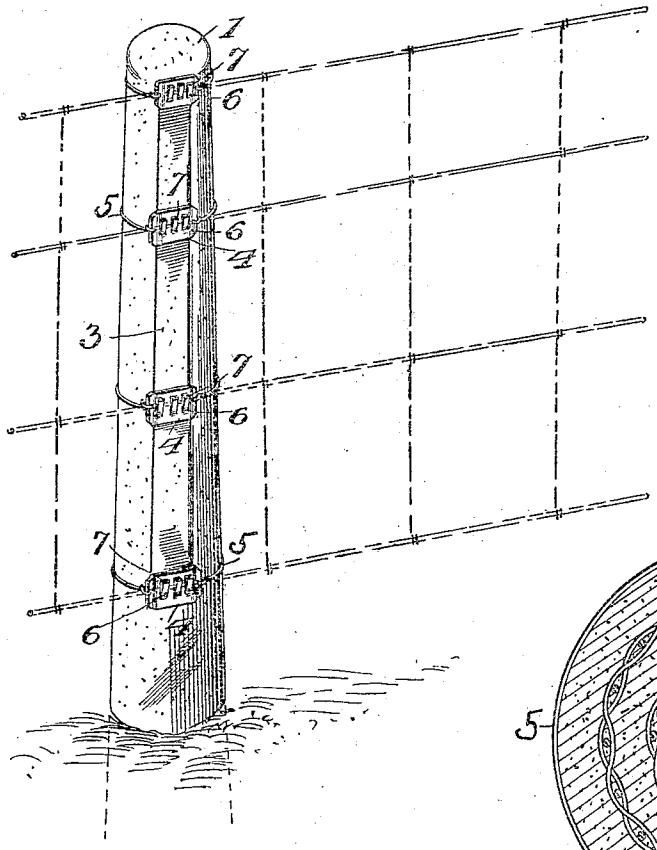

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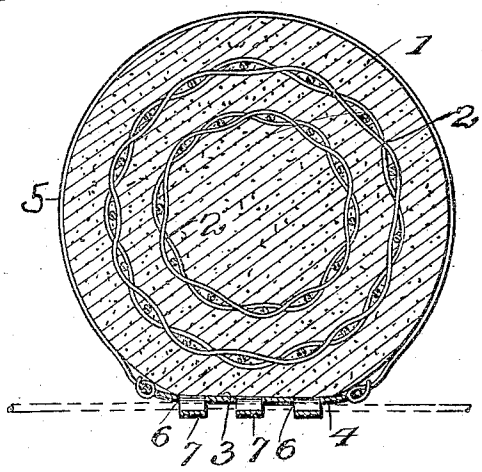

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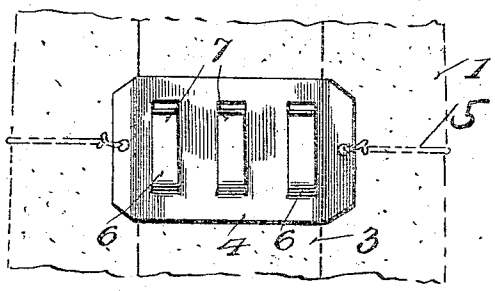

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. HICKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomington, in the county of Monroe and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to posts adapted for use as fence posts, hitching posts, and as posts or columns for supporting mail boxes, and to that end it consists of a column or post made from cement, concrete, burnt shale, or burnt clay.

The object of my invention is the production of a structure adapted for any of the above enumerated uses, or for other purposes for which such a structure may be employed and which will be simple in form, inexpensive in cost of manufacture, and efficient for the uses for which it is designed.

To these ends my invention consists of the structure described in the following specification and defined in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved post; Fig. 2 is an enlarged horizontal section of Fig. 1 taken through the wire clamp. Fig. 3 a plan view of the plates by means of which the fence wires are secured to the post.

Like numerals of reference denote similar parts wherever they occur in the several views of the drawing.

1 designates a post which may, as stated, be made from Portland cement, concrete, burnt shale or burnt clay, and in the shape in which I prefer to make the same consists of a shaft round at its lower end and of uniform diameter from such end to a point which will be level with the ground line when such post is seated in the earth, from which point it slightly tapers to its upper end. The top of the post may be of oval or other form as may be desired. The post when made from cement or concrete may be reinforced by wire 2 placed in the body thereof which wire is preferably made up of one or more woven wire truncated cones which are placed in position and the concrete or other material forming the post built up around the same. The post is provided with a narrow flattened surface 3 extending in the case of fence posts from the ground line of the structure to the apex thereof, and where the post is designed for use as a hitching post, or for supporting a mail box, from any desired point to the top.

The interior or core portion of the post may be made of coarser material and the surface portion thereof made of a layer of finer material to give the structure a smooth exterior surface. The material forming the outer layer or surface of the structure may also be colored to give the completed post the color which is desired.

The post is banded at intervals throughout its height by means of narrow iron plates 4, the central portions of which are adapted to fit upon the flattened surface 3 and the ends of which extend for a short distance beyond said surface where they are bent over the circular portion of the structure. These plates are provided at their ends with holes to receive the ends of wire or other form of metal bands 5 which encircle the post and hold such plates in place. The plates are also provided with slits 6 cut therein from which tongues 7 are bent up and beneath which the fence wires are passed to confine said wires in place on the post.

Where the structure is used as a hitching post a metal loop may be riveted through the plate, and through which the hitching ring may be connected, and where the post is used as a mail box support said box may be riveted or bolted to one or more of the plates.

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

A post of the character described comprising a cylindrical body portion slightly tapering between the ground line and its apex, and provided on one side from the ground line to the apex with a narrow flattened plane surface adapted to support securing plates having means encircling the post, whereby the securing plates are prevented from longitudinal movement down the post and circumferential movement on the post.

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

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