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FENCE POST.

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Fig. 1

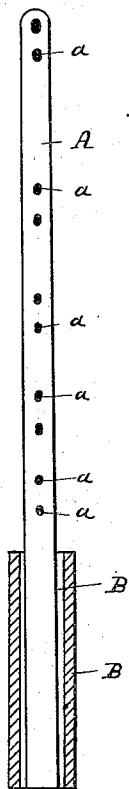


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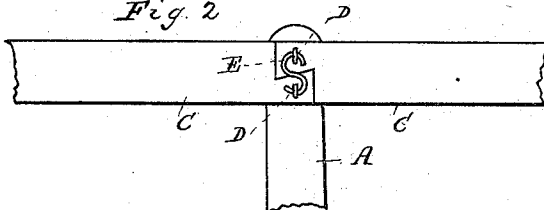


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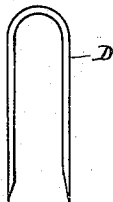


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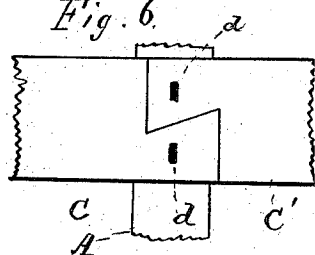


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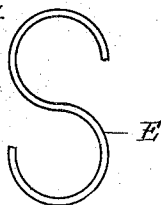


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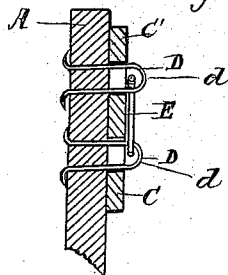
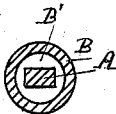


Fig. 5



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP VANBRIGGLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Russiaville, in the county of Howard and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts and Fastenings, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to fence-posts and fastenings therefor, and has for its object the production of a strong and durable post, and to provide means for securing the panels there- to and to each other. These objects are attained by the devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation, and shows the iron post and the base which holds it in section. Fig. 2 shows the ends of two of the boards forming the panels and the manner of fastening them to a post. Fig. 3 is a staple. Fig. 4 is a splice-coupler. Fig. 5 is a transverse section of the post and clay base. Fig. 6 is a detailed view of two of the ends of two boards cut into a dovetail form, and shows the openings therein for the passage of the staples forming part of the fastening whereby the boards are attached to posts. In this view the ends of the boards and of the post are broken away. Fig. 7 is a sectional view of part of a post and of two of the boards forming the panels. This view indicates the manner of using the fastenings.

The letter A indicates a post, made of iron, in which are a series of pairs of elongated perforations, *a*, placed about four inches apart, and spaced off on the post so as to give the proper distance between the boards or barbed wire, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

B is a base, made of burnt clay, and is intended to be about six inches in diameter and about twenty-eight inches long. It may be

made of any convenient shape for the purpose, but is preferably round, in order to be more readily adapted to circular holes in the ground, bored with an auger for that purpose. The base B is hollow, as shown at B', to receive the post A, which is set therein with cement.

C indicates the ends of two boards cut in the dovetail shape shown in Fig. 2, and provided with suitable openings, *d*, for the passage of the staples D, which are beveled from the inside outwardly at the points, as this shape facilitates their being clinched on the back side of the post A, either when they are placed over the barbed wire forming the panels of the fence or over the spliced coupler E, which is made of a stout piece of wire bent into the shape of an S, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and adds to the strength of the fastening when boards are used for the panels of the fence, as it extends across the splice, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

I am aware that fence-posts have been made with elongated openings, and, also, that they have been secured to a hollow base by means of cement. I do not claim such construction, broadly; but,

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

A fence-post, A, of iron, provided with elongated openings *a*, adapted to receive staples D, said post being secured in a hollow burnt-clay base, B, by means of cement, in combination with boards C C', having openings *d*, staples D, and S-shaped couplings E, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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

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