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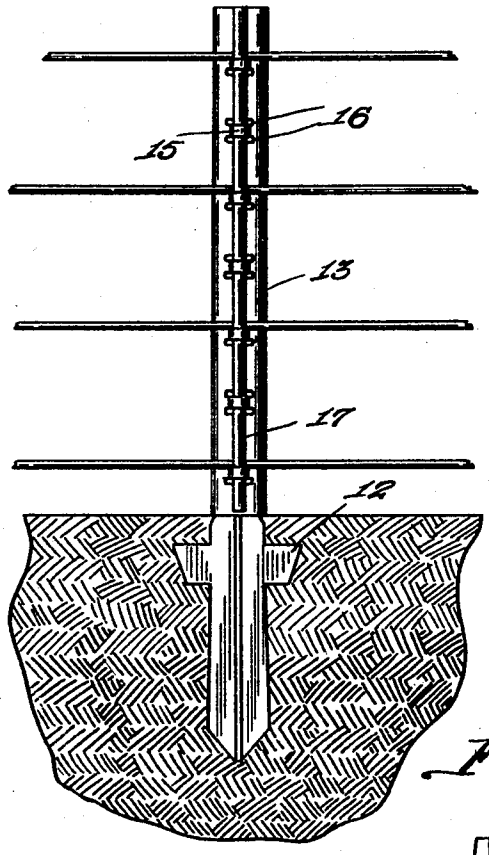


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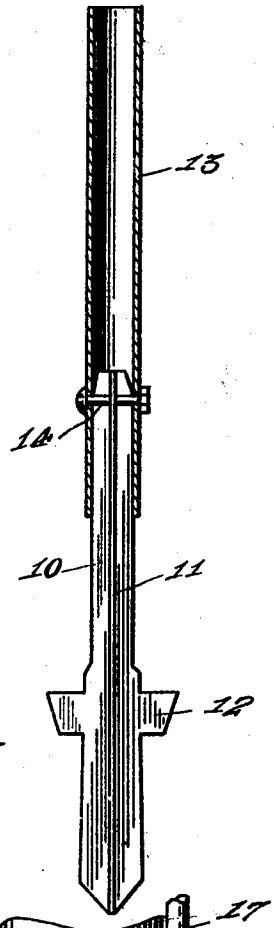


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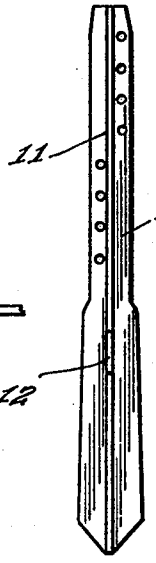


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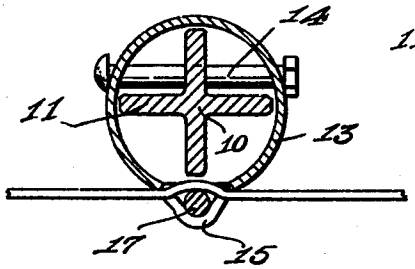
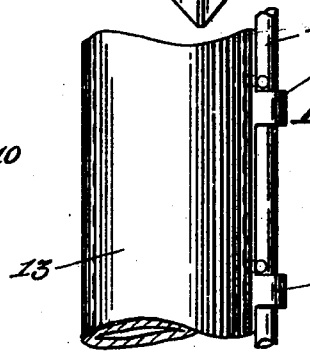


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FENCE POST.

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This invention relates to an improved type of fence post primarily adapted to be raised and lowered to accommodate fence wire of different heights.

An object of the invention contemplates an anchorage device for the post.

Another object of the invention contemplates locking means for the post upon the anchorage device whereby the former may be disposed at a desired height.

An additional object of the invention consists in the provision of holding elements for the wire upon the post.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further consists in the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the invention while in use.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through the post upon the anchorage device.

Figure 3 is an elevation of the anchorage device per se.

Figure 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken through the anchorage device and post and disclosing the means of lockingly engaging the post upon the anchorage device and the wire engaging means.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary side elevation of the post and wire engaging means.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates generally a fence post of double angular construction, namely, cross-shaped in cross section to provide fins 11. The lowermost ends of the fence are substantially enlarged where the particular post is adapted to be embedded or otherwise held within the ground. Anchorage plates 12, laterally disposed from diametrically opposite fins upon the post, are adapted to prevent turning and lateral displacement of said post.

Tubular posts, such as indicated at 13, slidably mounted upon the extended portion of the post 10, are provided with openings within the opposed side walls thereof adapted to accommodate a locking bolt or other fastening device, such as indicated at 14, which is passed through any one of a plurality of openings arranged within the fins 11 of the post 10, whereby the post 13 may be disposed at any desired height.

Loops 15, struck and extended from the post 13, are horizontally disposed thereof and upon the opposite sides of cut-out portions 16 therein. The cut-out portions are adapted to receive wire either in strands or in fencing.

Locking rods 17, slidably mounted within the loops 15 upon the tubular post 13, are adapted to force the adjacent portions of the wire within the cut-out portion 16 in the manner as illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawing, whereby the latter will remain taut from post to post. In other words, the wire may be independently stretched from post to post instead of from corner posts to corner posts, or corner posts and end posts with the intermediate portion of the wire merely supported by line posts.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is hereby reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

A fence post construction comprising upper and lower post members, the lowermost post member having fins laterally disposed at right angles thereon and extended throughout their lengths, the uppermost of the members being of tubular formation and telescopically associated for sliding movement upon the fins of the first mentioned post member, and a common fastening element for the completed post passed horizontally through the walls of the tubular member and the adjacent fin of the first mentioned post member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

HENRY MIERKEY.