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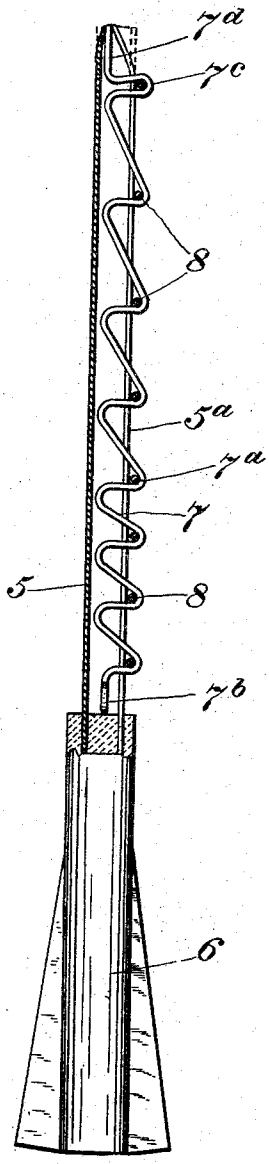

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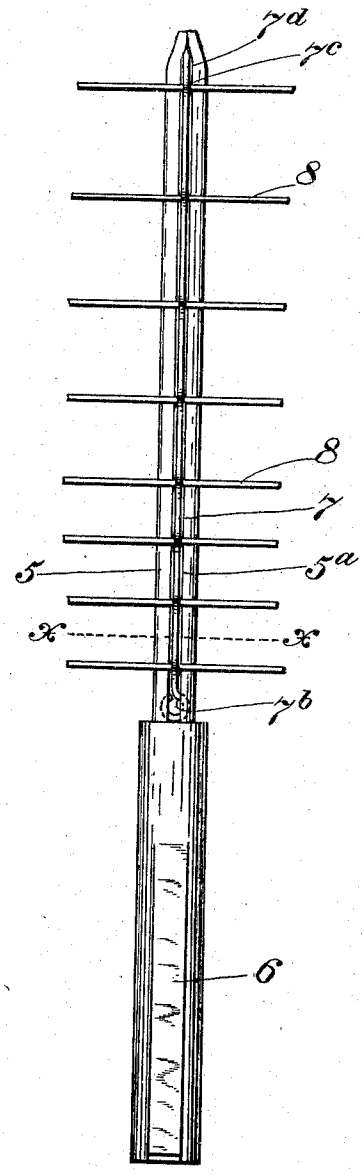

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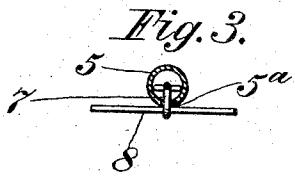

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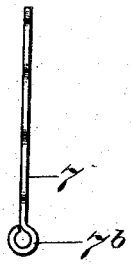

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SCHLARED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved fence post of cheap and durable construction to which fence wires may be quickly and effectually secured.

The invention is embodied in the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the fence post showing pieces of wire strung thereon. Fig. 2 is a view showing the upper portion in vertical section and the base mainly in elevation. Fig. 3 is a section on the line x—x, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view of the lower portion of the strand-securing wire.

Referring to the views 5 designates the metal portion of the post. This metal portion 5 is tubular in form with a longitudinal slot 5^a and has molded about its lower end an anchor or base 6, preferably of cement or other plastic material not liable to rapid decay. Said anchor is to be set in the ground to support the post.

7 designates a tie rod of wire bent to form a series of acute angled notches or seats 7^a for the horizontal fence strands 8. The lower end of the rod 7 is formed with an eye 7^b of greater diameter flatwise than the slot to secure that end of the tie rod within the tubular post when properly placed therein. The upper end of the tie rod is bent to form a U-shaped loop 7^c to receive the uppermost strand of the fence wires. One leg of the U-shaped loop 7^c is bent upward as seen at 7^d.

The post is set in the ground so that the fence wires when stretched will lie against the slotted portion of the post. After all the fence wires are stretched the tie rod 7 is secured in the slot by first inserting the eye portion edgewise, and while the rod is in an inclined position into the lower portion of the slot, then giving a quarter turn to the rod and then bringing the rod up to vertical position as seen in Fig. 2. In this position that portion of the rod containing the strand-wire seats projects beyond the tube. After the strands 8 have been placed in the seats or notches 7^a the upper end of the tubular post is bent inward to close the metal thereof around the tie rod at its upper end.

With this construction the strand wires can all be stretched before they are adjusted in their seats and the rod locked in place.

The spacing of the strand wire seats can, if desired, be varied and made closer together at the bottom to provide a fence that will prevent the passage of small animals and fowl.

What I claim is:

1. A fence post comprising a tubular metallic member slit along its side from its top to its bottom portion and a suitable base or anchoring portion, combined with a rod bent to form a series of open V-shaped strand-wire seats, said rod having at its lower end an enlarged portion of greater diameter than the slit for securing it in said tubular member at its lower end and said tubular member adapted to be bent to secure the rod at its upper end.

2. In a fence post, the combination of a tubular metallic member having a continuous slit in its side from its top to its bottom portion and a suitable base or anchoring portion therefor, a rod bent to form a series of strand wire seats and provided at its lower end with an enlargement engaging the interior of the post when inserted therein, said tubular member bent at its upper end to secure the strand wire seat rod at its upper end, and said rod lying in said slit with the strand wire seats projecting beyond the tubular portion of the post.

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