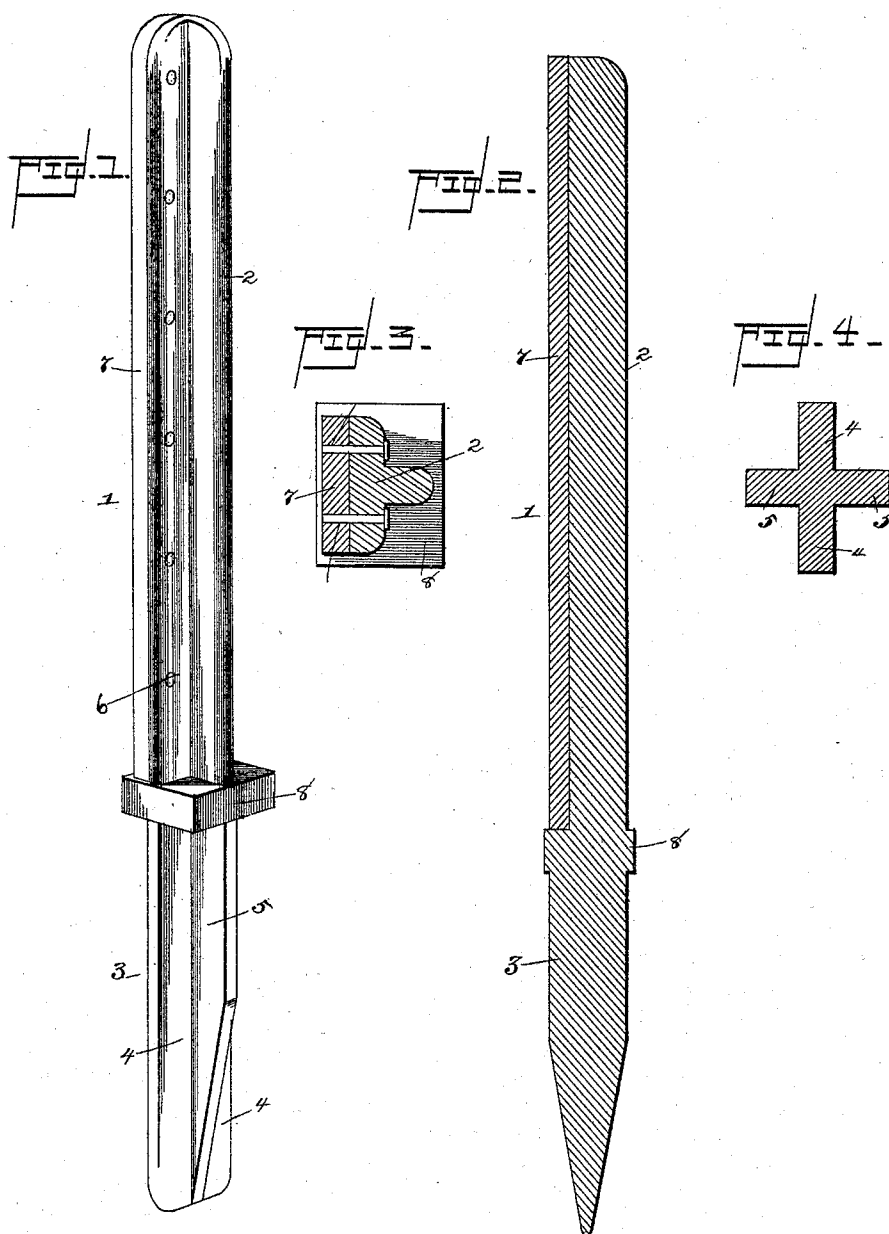


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FENCE POST.

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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT W. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sikeston, in the county of Scott and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in fence posts.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive fence post adapted to be readily planted in the ground and capable of being conveniently used in a wire, wood, or combined wire and wood fence.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence post constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the upper portion of the post. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the lower portion of the post.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a fence post constructed of metal or other suitable material and consisting of an upper portion 2, to which is secured the wires or rails of a fence, and a lower portion or base 3 adapted to be driven into the ground. The lower portion or base 3 is composed of oppositely disposed flanges 4 and 5, which in cross-section form a Greek cross and the flanges 4 are slightly rounded at their lower ends to provide a blade, and the flanges 5 are slightly tapered from their middle toward the lower end of the base, whereby a pointed base is provided and adapted to be readily driven into the ground.

The upper portion of the post is provided with a series of perforations 6, through which may be passed wires and it has a flat face to which is preferably secured a board 7, which is secured to the post by nails, bolts or the

like, passing through the said perforations 6, and the said board forms convenient means for securing the boards of a fence to the post, and for securing staples or other means for securing wires to the post. The opposite face of the post is slightly rounded at the longitudinal edges, and is provided midway between the edges with a longitudinal rib, making the upper portion of the post flanged and approximately T-shaped in cross-section. The upper and lower portions of a post are separated by a rectangular shoulder 8 formed integral with the post and forming convenient striking surfaces for driving the post when desired.

It will be seen that the post is simple and inexpensive in construction and is capable of readily being driven in the ground and is adapted to be conveniently employed in wire, wood, or combined wire, and wood fences.

What I claim is—

The herein-described fence post the same consisting of the rectangular metal base provided upon its under side with a drive point and having rising from its upper side an integral standard T-shaped in cross-section, the straight coincident flanges of which are perforated at intervals to form bolt and fence-wire openings, the inner faces of the coincident flanges and the outer edge of the other flange being rounded and wooden strip 7 supported upon the base and arranged against and corresponding in shape to the said coincident flanges of the standard and likewise provided with bolt and fence-wire openings and bolts passed through the former openings, and securing the board to the standard substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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