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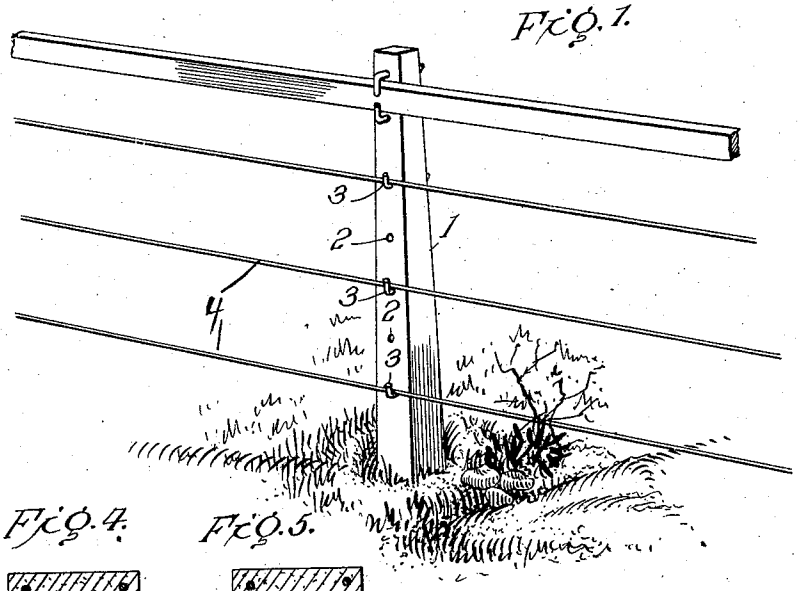
FIG. 1.



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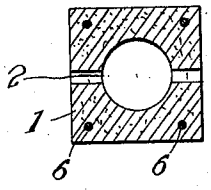

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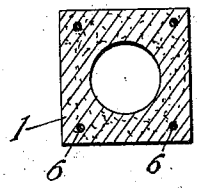

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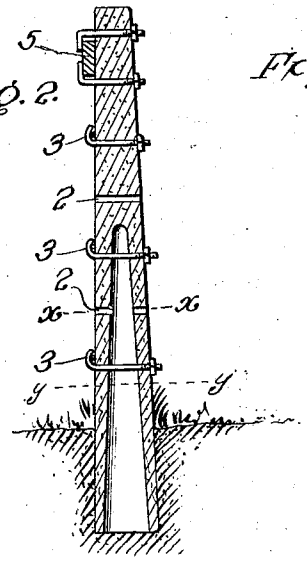

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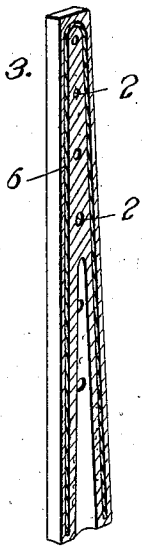

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL W. HOSKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Almond, in the county of Portage and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention provides a concrete post of novel structure, the purpose being to strengthen the same and to provide convenient means for attaching either fence wires or rails thereto, the post being tapered throughout its length and having a tapered opening extended lengthwise therein from the larger end and said post being strengthened by metallic stays molded into corner portions thereof.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a concrete post embodying the invention and showing a fence wire and a rail attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the post. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the post taken on a plane corresponding with a hair pin stay. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line *x*—*x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a transverse section on the line *y*—*y* of Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The post 1 may be formed of concrete or similar material commonly employed in the formation of artificial stone articles. In its formation, the post is molded and may be of any size with respect to length and cross sectional area. The post is hollow in its lower or wider end the opening therein tapering upwardly, and the post has a series of transverse openings 2 which receive the fastenings 3 by means of which the fence wire 4, rail 5 or like part is attached thereto, said fastenings consisting of angle or hook bolts, the threaded shanks of which pass through the openings 2 and the bent ends engaging with the fence wire, rail or like part. The post is strengthened by stays 6 molded in corner portions thereof, corresponding stays forming members of a single wire or rod doubled upon itself into the form of a hair pin. The stays 6 are molded in the post at the time of forming the same.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. The herein-described improved fence post, consisting of a concrete body formed with a tapered opening extending upwardly therein from its base portion and for a portion only of its length, stays embedded in the four corners of the said body and consisting of a single rod doubled upon itself in the form of a hair-pin, the members of the stays extending downwardly on opposite sides of the base opening, the body being also formed with a series of transverse openings extending therethrough, some of which intersect the tapered opening and others of which are in the solid portion of the body above such opening, and hook bolts secured in the transverse openings, the two uppermost hook bolts having their hooks facing each other and adapted to hold the rail between them, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The herein-described improved fence post, consisting of a concrete body formed with a tapered opening extending upwardly therein from its base portion and for a portion only of its length, stays embedded in the four corners of the said body and consisting of a single rod doubled upon itself in the form of a hair-pin, the members of the stays extending downwardly on opposite sides of the base opening, the body being also formed with a series of transverse openings extending therethrough, some of which intersect the tapered opening and others of which are in the solid portion of the body above such opening, and hook bolts secured in the transverse openings.

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

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