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Fig. 1.

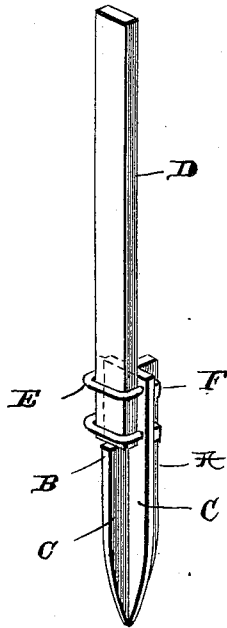


Fig. 2.

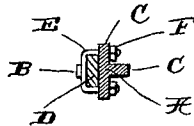
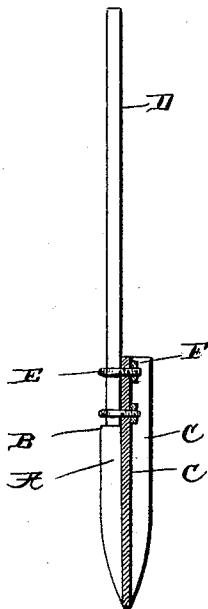


Fig. 3.



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POST-BASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Avoca, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in posts designed for fences, hitching-posts, and the like; and it has for its objects, among others, to provide a simple and cheap post constructed of a metallic base or foot portion having flanges and adapted to be driven into the ground, thus saving the expense and labor of digging a post-hole, and an upper portion of wood adjustably secured to the base or foot and adapted to receive the staples or other means for fastening the fence-wires thereto, or rails, in case a rail fence is to be built.

The post is designed to be made in any length or weight desired, according to the use to which it is to be put.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved post. Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the foot or base portion of the post. It is of metal, with the integral flanges, preferably four in number, each tapering from its upper end toward the point, so that the foot may be easily driven into the ground, and one of these flanges ter-

minates at a slight distance from the upper end to form a shoulder B, against which the lower end of the upper portion of the post may rest. The flanges C may be of any desired width and thickness.

D is the upper portion of the post. It is preferably of wood and is held to the foot or base portion by means of the clamps or clamp-bolts E, which embrace the same upon three sides and are passed through the opposite flanges of the foot and receive the nuts F upon their ends, by means of which the clamps may be drawn tight to adjust the upper section or to adapt them for the attachment of upper portions of differing dimensions.

The numerous advantages of such a post will be readily appreciated and will recommend it to the farmers and all others having occasion to set fences or use posts in other connections.

What is claimed as new is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described fence-post base having opposite flanges tapering to a common driving-point, one of said flanges terminating in a flat or horizontal upper end below the upper ends of the others, the upper end of the opposite flange also being flat or horizontal.

2. The combination with a fence-post of a base having opposite flanges tapering to a common driving-point, one of said flanges terminating in a flat or horizontal upper end below the upper ends of the others, the upper end of the opposite flange also being flat or horizontal, the faces of two of the flanges forming a lateral bearing against which the fence-post is secured, and the short flange forming a vertical support for the post, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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