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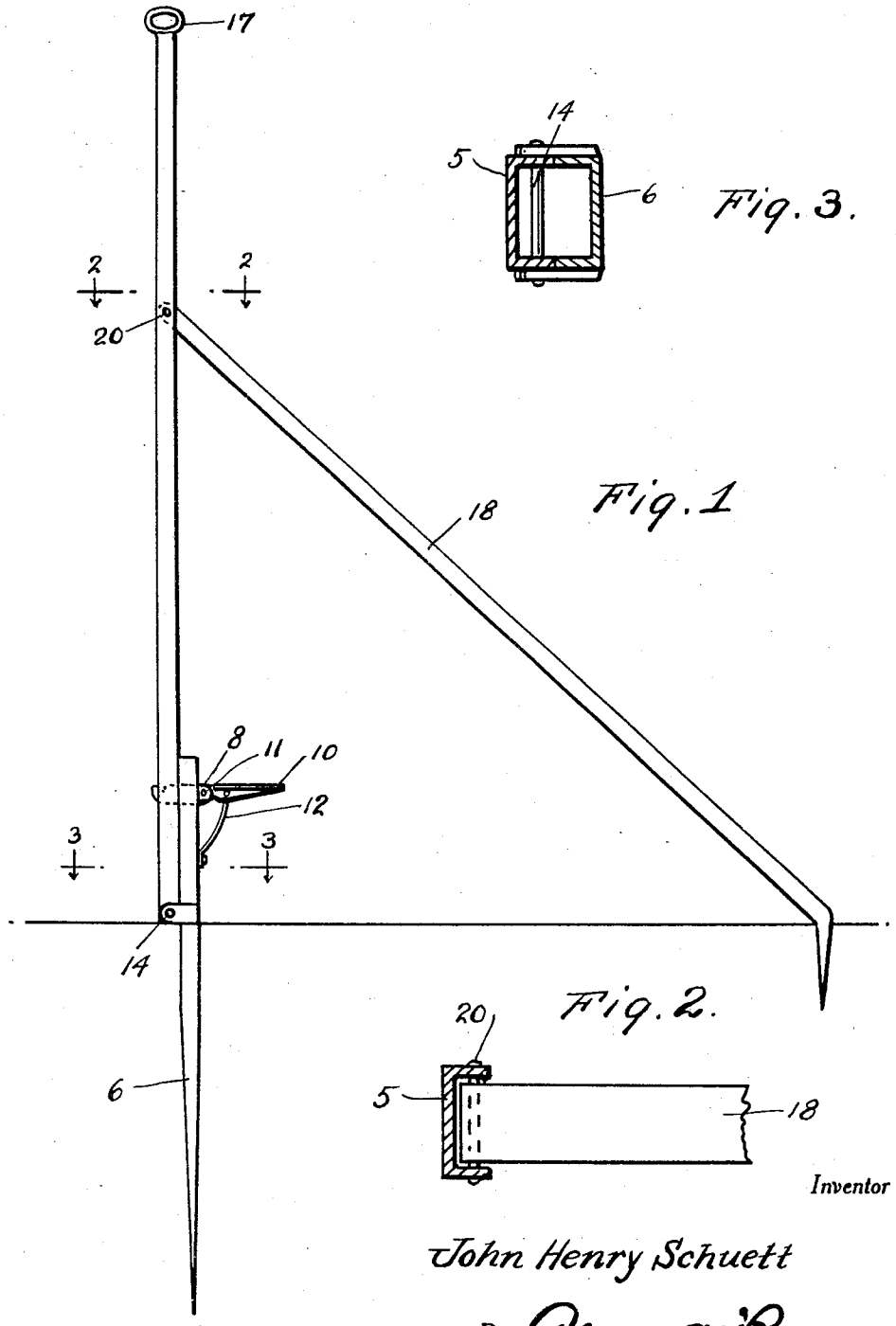


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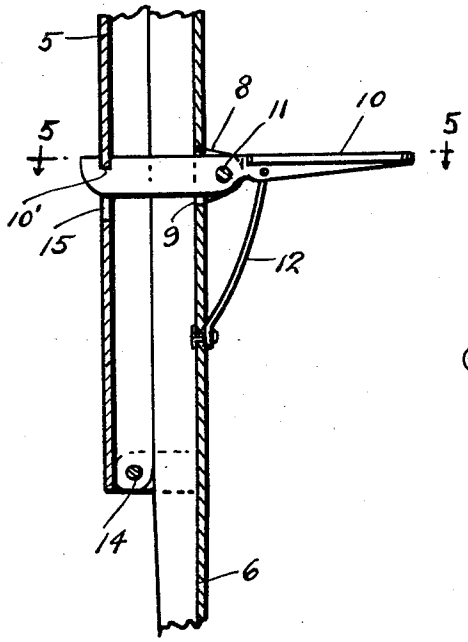


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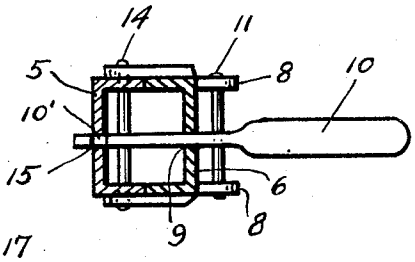


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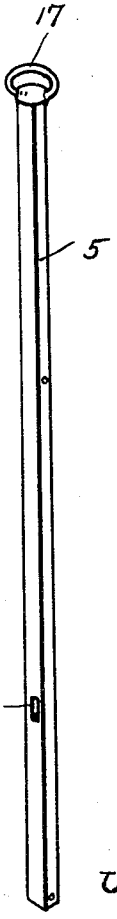


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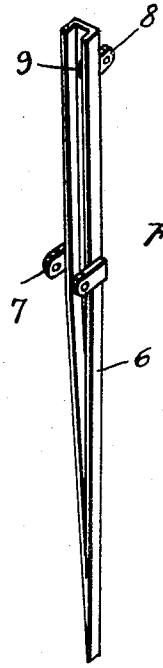
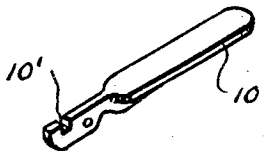


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POST

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The present invention relates to a post and has for its prime object to provide a post formed in sections connected together by means permitting the swinging of the upper section relative to the lower section when desired.

Another very important object of the invention resides in the provision of a post of this nature which is exceedingly simple in its construction, inexpensive to manufacture, thoroughly efficient and reliable in use, easy to manipulate and otherwise well adapted to the purpose for which it is desired.

With the above and numerous other objects in view as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in certain novel features of construction, and in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the post embodying the features of my invention.

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a vertical section through an intermediate portion of the post showing a pivotal connection between the sections thereof.

Figure 5 is a horizontal section taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the catch.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the upper section, and

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the lower section.

Referring to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the post includes an upper section 5 and a lower section 6. Both of these sections are of channel formation. The lower section 6 tapers in width toward its lower end so that it may be readily driven into the ground leaving the upper portion exposed. At the bottom of the upper portion are a pair of ears 7 and at the top of the lower portion are a pair of ears 8 extending in opposite directions to the ears 7 and these ears 8 are located one to each side of an opening 9. A catch 10 is rockably mounted on a pin 11 which is carried by the ears 8. A spring 12 is engaged with the catch to hold the same in normally engaging position.

The lower end of the upper section is pivoted between the ears 7 by means of a pin 14 and has an opening 15 to receive the catch 10 so that a notch 10′ thereof may be engaged with an edge of the opening 15, as is clearly illustrated in Figure 4. A handle 17 is mounted on the upper end of the upper section 5. A brace 18 is pivotally mounted as at 20 to the section 5. It will be apparent that by swinging up on the outer end of the catch 10 the upper section 5 may be swung so as to rest on the ground.

It is thought that the construction, operation, utility and advantages of this invention will now be quite apparent to those skilled in this art without a more detailed description thereof.

The present embodiment of the invention has been described in considerable detail merely for the purposes of exemplification since in actual practice it attains the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description.

It will be apparent that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

A post of the class described comprising a lower section having its lower part tapered to permit said section to be driven into the ground, ears on an intermediate part of the lower section depending at right angles therefrom, an upper section having its lower end pivoted between said ears, the top part of the lower section having an opening therein, ears on said top part of the lower section between which the opening is located, a latch lever having an intermediate part pivoted between the last-mentioned ears with a part of the lever passing through the opening, an upwardly extending spring connected with the lower section and engaging the

outer part of the latch to hold the same in latching position, the upper section having an opening therein in horizontal alinement with the first-mentioned opening when the top section is in raised position, the latch lever having a notch therein engaging a wall of the second-mentioned opening to hold the upper section in raised position, and a brace having one end pivoted to an intermediate part of the upper section, and its other end bent and pointed to engage the ground.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

JOHN H. SCHUETT.