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WIRE FASTENER FOR POSTS.

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Fig. 1.

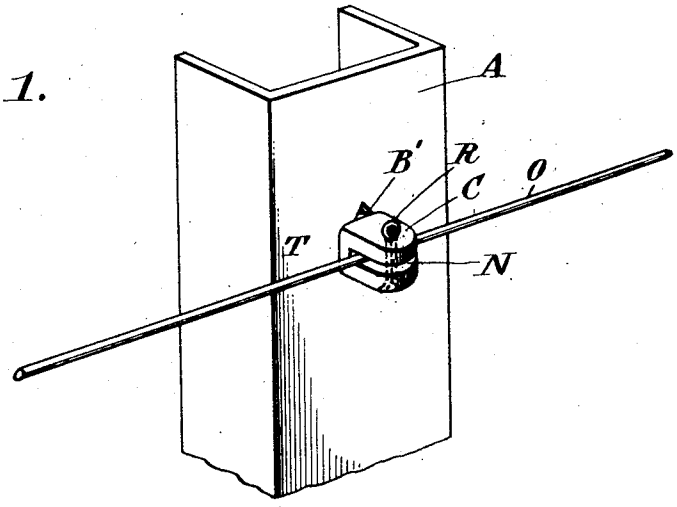


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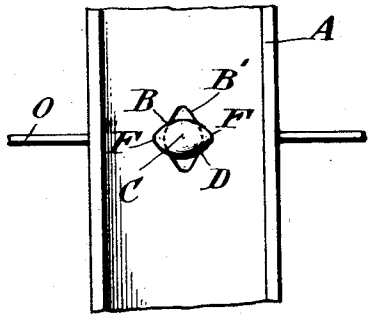


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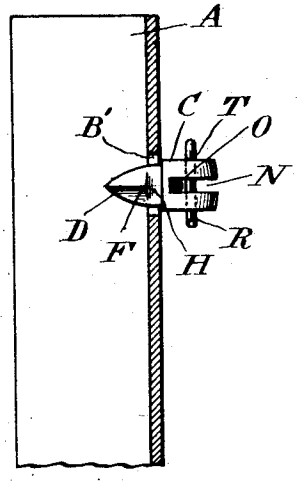
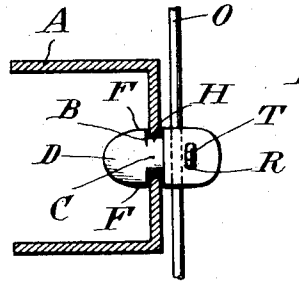


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. HUNTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Blaine, in the county of Pottawatomie and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wire-Fasteners for 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in devices for holding wire to metallic fence posts and consists of a simple and efficient device of this nature comprising a button, detachably held to the post and provided with a slot for the reception of a line wire which is held in place by means of a cotter pin.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through a post and wire holder.

Fig. 3 is a rear view, and

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a metallic post having an opening B therein for the reception of the button C. Said button has a circular outlined shank portion, designated by letter D, and is tapered to one end and provided with oppositely disposed wings F, the inner ends of which are grooved as at H, the bottom of the groove forming a part of the cylindrical outlined shank portion referred to. Said opening in the post has angular outlined offsets, designated by letter B′, adapted to receive the wings of the shank portion of the button, after which the button is given a partial rotary movement to bring the wings at right angles to the line connecting the offsets and serving as a means to hold the button in place upon the post. One end of the button is slotted as at N for the reception of a line wire O, and R designates a cotter pin which, after the wire is inserted in the slot in the button, is adapted to be passed through registering apertures T formed in the button and serving as means to hold the line wire in place in the slot in the button.

By the provision of a device embodying the features of my invention, it will be noted that a simple and efficient mechanism is afforded whereby line wires may be easily and quickly attached to and detached from a metallic or other post.

What I claim to be new is:—

A device for fastening wires to metallic posts comprising, in combination with a post having an oval-shaped slot formed in the wall thereof, a button provided with a tapering portion and having an oblong portion in cross section conforming to the shape of said oblong slot in the post, said button having a square-outlined head with a slot in the end thereof, the walls of said slot provided with registering apertures, a pin engaging said apertures, the inner ends of said tapering portion terminating in oppositely disposed shoulders, the shank portion of the button intermediate said shoulders and the shoulders formed at the inner end of the head being cylindrical in outline and adapted to contact with the opposite edges of the post adjacent the oval-shaped slot when the button is turned.

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

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