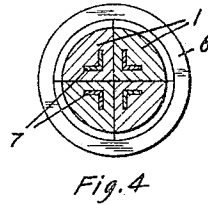
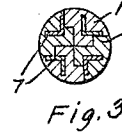
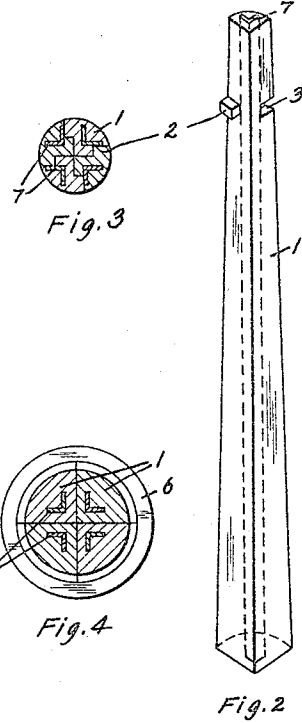
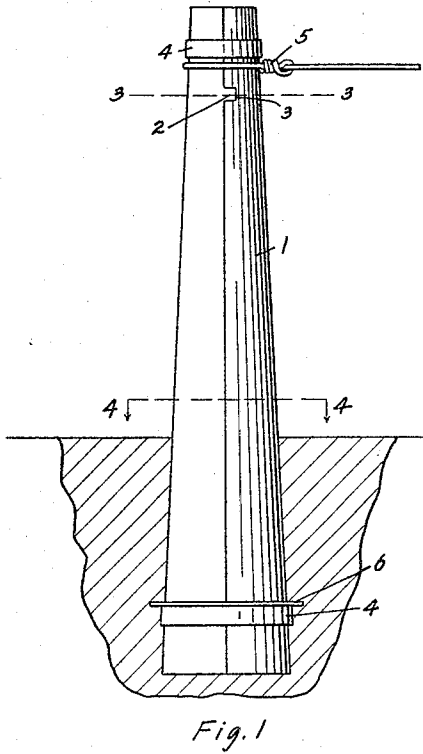


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLEY BURNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington Court-House, in the county of Fayette and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fence posts and aims particularly to provide a concrete fence post made up of various sections to facilitate ease of transportation. The ordinary weight of a concrete fence post is such that it has not been used extensively, owing to the amount of work and cost in transporting it to its point of erection.

My invention aims to provide a post built up of a plurality of longitudinal sections, each having a weight that may be readily handled by a single workman. I further provide these sections with an interlocking joint to prevent vertical shifting of the various sections after the post is in its assembled condition.

The preferred embodiment of my invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my post structure assembled and in its position in the ground, Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the sections forming my post, Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and, Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

From an inspection of the drawings, it will be apparent that I have shown a post formed of four sections designated 1, these sections, when assembled, producing a substantially unitary construction. I have also found it desirable to slightly taper the post as a whole from a comparatively wide bottom to a narrow top, as shown more clearly in Fig. 1. To prevent longitudinal shifting of the sections when in their assembled condition, I have provided each section 1 with a projecting lug 2 and a socket 3. These tongue and socket connections in each section, form an interlocking joint more clearly shown in Fig. 3. Each post is provided with a plurality of rings or bands 4 to securely hold the various sections in their proper position, although it will be apparent that wrapping the various wires form-

ing the fence, about the post as indicated at 5, will also maintain these sections in their proper position. The lowermost of the rings 4 is preferably provided with an outwardly extending flange 6 to serve as an anchor for maintaining the post in its position. This flange 6 forms the double purpose of holding the post in its position and of also maintaining the sections in their proper position, owing to their gradual taper toward their bases. More specifically, if it is attempted to withdraw the post from its position in the ground, the outwardly extending flange 6 will engage the earth and the natural taper of the post will tend to more tightly wedge the band 4 in its position.

From the above description, it will be apparent that I have provided a post that may be very readily constructed and one that requires the services of one man only, since it can be made in a sufficient number of sections to permit of its easy handling by one man. The structure described also forms a post that will at all times maintain its proper position after an initial assembling.

To further improve my post, I have provided a reinforcing member for each section. This reinforcing member is designated 7 in the drawings and is shown as being of angle form, although its exact shape is not essential, as its only function is to reinforce each section against breakage.

What I claim, is:

A concrete fence post comprising a body portion formed entirely of a plurality of continuous longitudinal sections, a reinforcing bar of substantially the length of each section and embedded therein to have both its ends covered, tongue and socket formations formed in opposite faces of each section to form an interlocking connection therefor, the tongue and socket formations being of less width than the faces in which they are formed to prevent lateral as well as longitudinal shifting of the sections, and means for holding the sections in abutting relation.

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

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