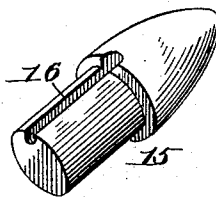
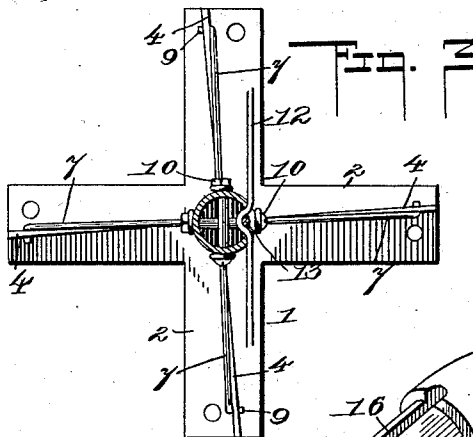
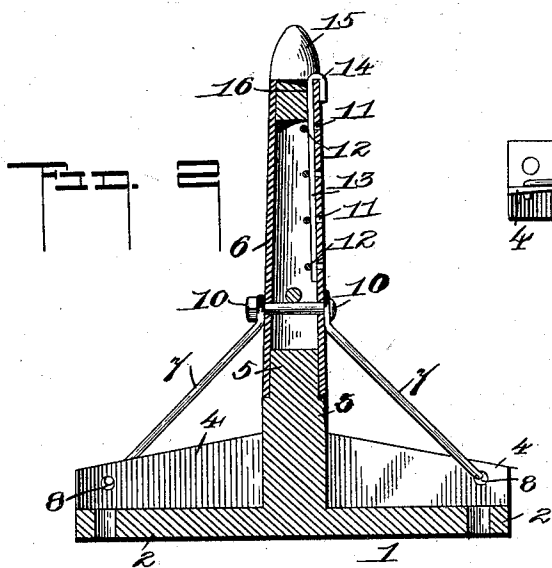
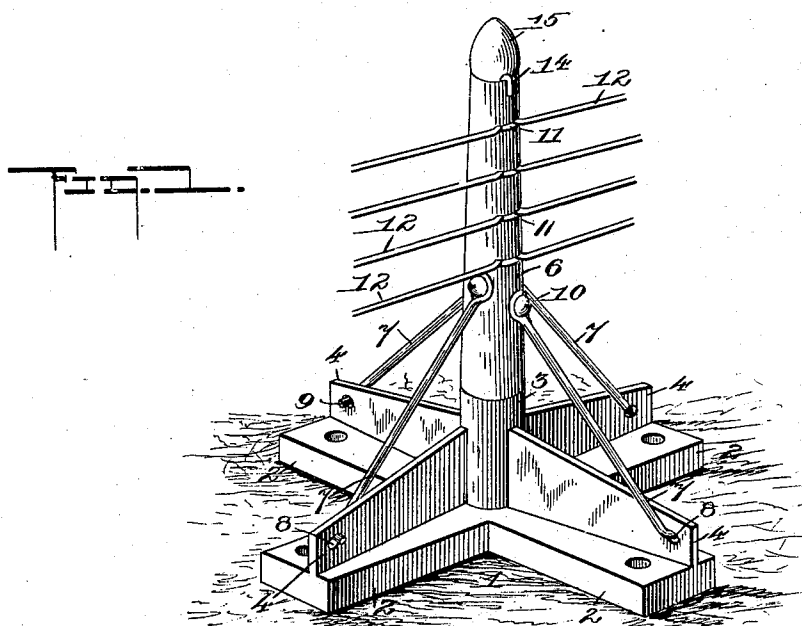


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FENCE POST.

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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. H. WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jerseyville, in the county of Jersey and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in fence-posts.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of fence-posts and to provide a simple, strong, and durable one which will be comparatively inexpensive in construction, capable of being firmly anchored in the ground, and adapted to receive readily a series of fence-wires.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the cap of the post.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a base provided with horizontal arms 2, extending diametrically from the center of the base and disposed at right angles to each other. The base is provided with a central vertically-disposed support 3 and has webs or flanges 4, disposed longitudinally of the arms and formed integral with the same and the support. The support has its upper portion 5 reduced to form a tapering projection or plug and a horizontal shoulder at the bottom thereof. The tapering reduced upper portion 5 of the support 3 fits into the lower end of a tubular fence-post 6, which is mounted upon the base and which is retained on the central support by inclined braces 7, extending upward from the outer ends of the arms and secured at their upper terminals to the post. The flanges 4 of the base are provided at their outer ends with perforations 8, and the lower ends of the braces are angularly bent to form hooks 9, which are engaged

with the perforations. The upper ends of the braces are provided with eyes and are secured to the fence-post by fastening devices 10, each fastening device passing through the eyes of two of the braces.

The tubular fence-post is provided at intervals with horizontal slots 11, communicating with the interior or bore of the post and receiving fence-wires 12, which are crimped adjacent to the post and which have their crimped portions extending through the slots into the interior of the post. The fence-wires are secured to the fence-post by a vertically-disposed rod or wire 13, arranged on the interior of the post and passing through the inwardly-projecting loops formed by the crimping portions of the wires. The upper end of the locking wire or rod is bent to form a hook 14, which engages the upper end of the post, and the upper end of the post receives a cap 15, provided with a reduced portion or plug fitting within the upper end of the post. The reduced portion or plug of the cap is provided, adjacent to the locking-wire, with a groove for the reception of the same.

It will be seen that the fence-post is simple, strong, and durable, that its base forms a firm anchor and support, and that fence-wires may be readily secured to the post.

What I claim is--

1. The combination of a base composed of a central vertical support having a reduced upper end forming a plug, horizontal arms extending diametrically from the lower end of the support, and flanges disposed longitudinally of the arms, formed integral with the same and the support and provided at their outer end with perforations, a tubular post mounted on the base and receiving the reduced upper end or plug of the support in its lower end, and inclined braces secured at their upper terminals to the post and provided at their lower ends with hooks engaging the perforations of the flanges, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a tubular fence-post provided with a vertical series of horizontal slots communicating with its interior, fence-wires arranged in the slots, extending into the interior of the post and forming loops, a vertical locking wire or rod arranged within

the fence-post, passing through the loops of
the wires and provided at its upper end with
a supporting-hook engaging the upper edge
of the tubular fence-post, and a cap having
5 a reduced portion fitting within the upper
end of the post and provided with a groove
receiving the locking wire or rod, substan-
tially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 10
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