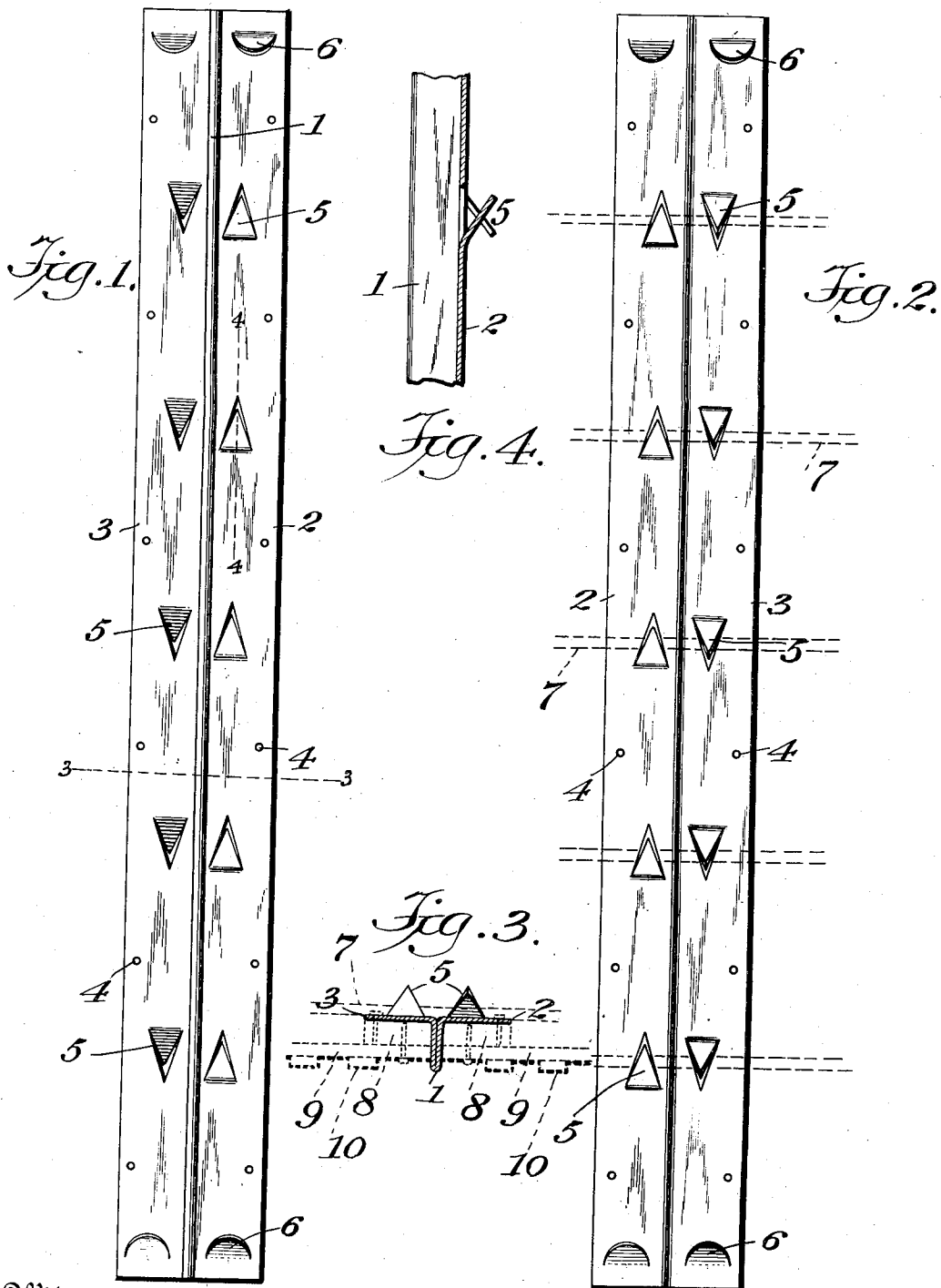


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSHUA J. WORLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sterrett, in the county of Blue, Indian Territory, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to metallic fence-posts; and its primary object is to provide a strong and durable post adapted to be cheaply manufactured and capable of being driven into the ground and securely retained in position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a metallic fence-post to which either wire or wood, or both, may be readily secured.

The construction of the improvement will be fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, and its novel features will be particularly set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a fence-post embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, the arrangement of a wooden fence construction being illustrated in dotted lines; and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Corresponding parts in all the figures are denoted by the same reference characters.

The post comprises a plate of sheet metal bent centrally upon itself longitudinally to form a strengthening-rib 1 and then bent outward in opposite directions at right angles to the rib to form flanges 2 and 3. Each of the flanges is formed near its outer edge with a vertical row of perforations 4 and at about midway of its width with a vertical row of struck-up barbs 5. The barbs of the flange 2 project upward, while those of the flange 3 extend downward, so that the two series of barbs are out of horizontal alignment. The flanges 2 and 3 are also each formed adjacent to each end with an anchoring-lug 6, as the post is reversible, so that either end may be driven into the ground. The adjacent lugs 6 at each end of the post project in opposite directions to insure a firm anchoring of the post in the ground.

The barbs or tangs are designed for securing wires, as at 7, to the post, which may be done by engaging the wires therewith or by bending or clamping the tangs over the wires.

The perforations 4 in the edges of the post-flanges permit the nailing of vertical strips of wood, as at 8, to the post where it is desired to employ wooden stringers, as at 9, and palings, as at 10, (see Fig. 3,) or, as will be obvious, both wire and wooden stringers may be attached to the post where a combination wire and wooden fence is required.

The post may be readily driven into the ground, and the construction permits of the convenient removal of the fence by the withdrawal of the posts.

An important advantage of the improvement is that no staples are required for the attachment of the wires.

The longitudinal rib affords a rigid reinforcement for the post and contributes materially to the stability and durability of the fence structure, and the construction of the entire post and its fastening devices in a single integral piece insures great economy in manufacture.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A fence-post comprising a plate of sheet metal bent upon itself centrally to form a longitudinal reinforcing-rib, and then outwardly at right angles to form oppositely-projecting flanges, said flanges being formed with oppositely-projecting struck-up barbs or tangs.

2. A fence-post comprising a plate of sheet metal bent upon itself centrally to form a longitudinal reinforcing-rib, and then outwardly at right angles to form oppositely-projecting flanges, said flanges being formed with oppositely-projecting struck-up barbs or tangs, and vertical rows of perforations.

3. A fence-post comprising a plate of sheet metal bent centrally upon itself to form a longitudinal reinforcing-rib, and then outwardly at right angles to form oppositely-projecting flanges each of which is formed with a vertical row of perforations, a vertical series of struck-up barbs or tangs, and projecting anchoring-lugs.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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