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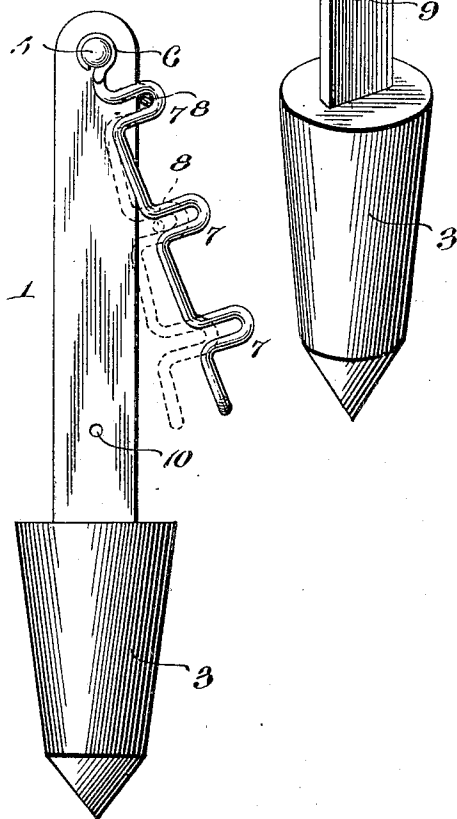
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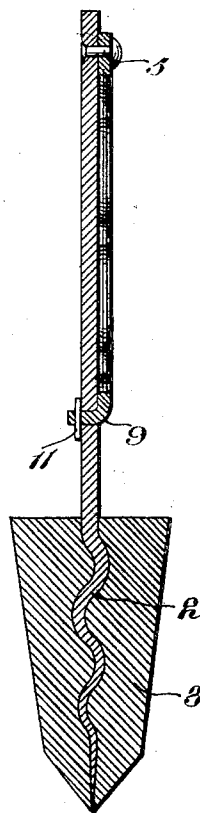
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER WARNEKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Klinger, in the county of Bremer and State of Iowa, 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 and comparatively inexpensive one of great strength and durability designed for use in wire fences and capable of detachably securing a plurality of fence-wires and of permitting the same to be readily removed when desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fence-post of this character having a locking-lever capable of engaging a plurality of fence-wires and adapted to successively engage and release the same, whereby the wires may be applied to and removed from the post one at a time.

With these and other objects in view 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, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation illustrating the manner of operating the locking member. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the fence-post.

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

1 designates a fence-post constructed of metal and provided at its lower portion with a spiral shank 2, adapted to be embedded in a base 3, designed to be constructed of cement, artificial stone, or any other suitable material which will be unaffected by moisture. The post may be constructed of any suitable metal, having at least one flat face for the reception of a locking member secured at its upper end to the upper portion of the post by a pivot 5 and detachably connected at its lower

end to the said post by means hereinafter described. The locking member consists of a rod, and it is provided at its upper end with an eye 6, through which passes the pivot 5, which pierces the post. Any other suitable means, however, may be employed for pivoting the locking member to the post.

The locking member, which is arranged to swing in a plane transversely of the fence, is provided at intervals with substantially U-shaped bends 7, extending outwardly and forming wire-receiving recesses. When the locking member is arranged in a perpendicular position, the U-shaped bends, which are disposed horizontally, project slightly beyond the front face or edge of the post sufficiently to receive the fence-wires 8, which are confined in the recesses by the post.

The locking member may be provided with any desired number of wire-receiving bends, which are arranged at intervals, and these are adapted to be opened and closed successively when the locking member is swung outward and inward, whereby the fence-wires may be applied to and removed from the fence-post one at a time. By moving the locking member inward to the position illustrated in full lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings the top wire is confined in the top bend, and the intermediate bend is spaced from the post to afford access to the same for enabling the second wire to be applied to the post. By moving the locking member inward to the position illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings the second bend is closed, but access is afforded to the bottom bend.

The lower end 9 of the locking member is bent at right angles and is adapted to extend through an opening 10 of the post, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The rod possesses sufficient resiliency to enable the end 9 to be swung into and out of engagement with the opening of the post. The end 9 projects beyond the post and is provided with a perforation adapted to receive a pin or key 11 or other suitable device for positively locking the member in its closed position.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a post, of a locking member pivoted at one end to the post and provided with plurality of wire-receiving recesses, said locking member being resilient and provided at its other end with means for detachably interlocking it with the post and

adapted to be sprung into and out of engagement with the same.

2. The combination of a post, having an opening and a locking member pivoted at one end to the post and provided with a plurality of wire-receiving recesses, the other end of the locking member being disposed at an angle and being arranged in the opening of the post.

3. The combination of a post, having an opening a locking member pivoted at one end to the post and provided with a plurality of wire-receiving recesses, the other end of the locking member being disposed at an angle

and being arranged in the opening of the post and extending beyond the same, and means for engaging the extended end of the locking member for detachably securing the same in its engagement with the post.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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