

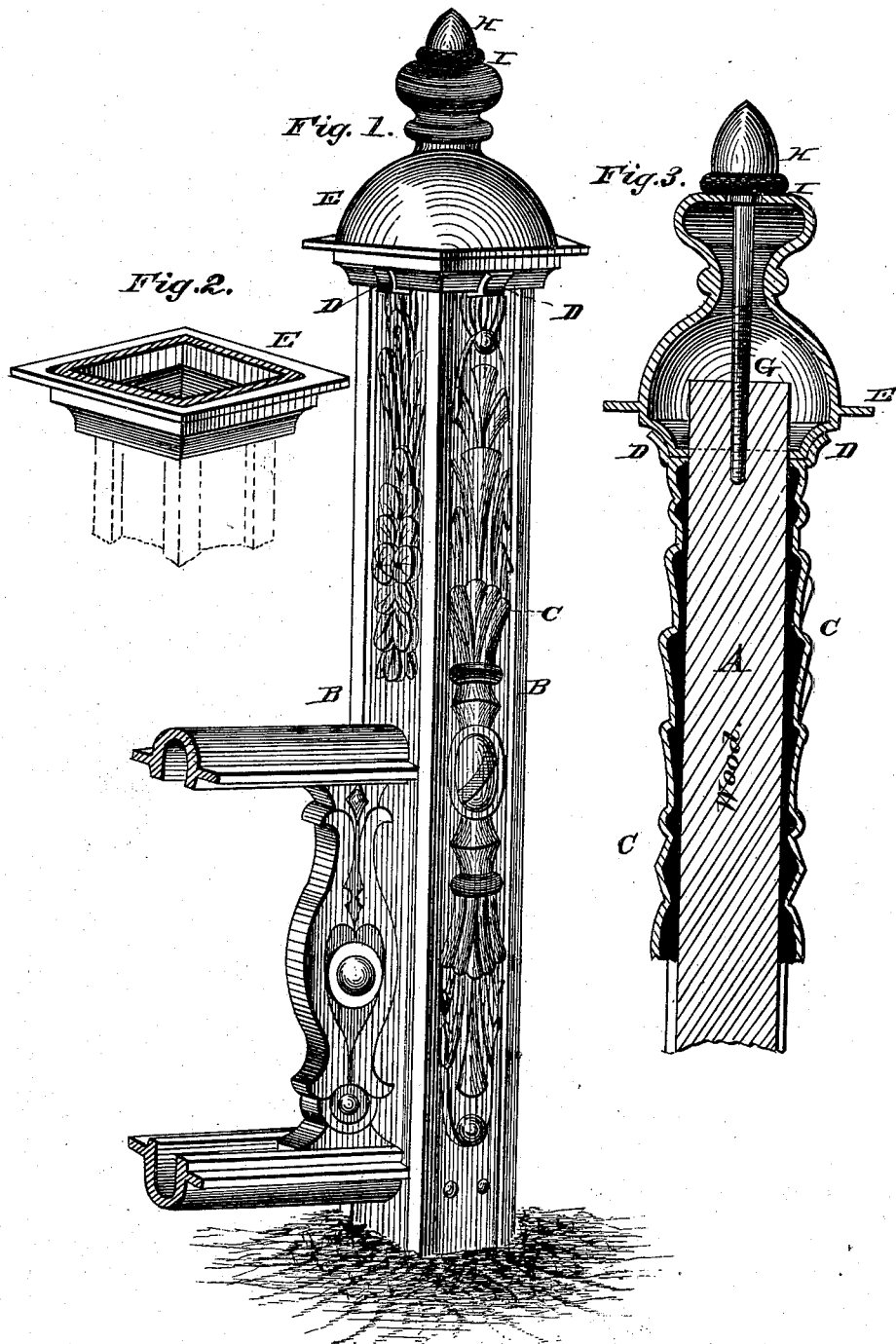
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. JOHNSTON, of Columbiana, in the county of Columbiana and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to an improvement in fence-posts; and it consists of a wooden core having wrought-iron corner-pieces, the sides of said core furnished with ornaments of cast-iron placed between said corner-pieces, said post being provided with a hollow cap secured in place by means of a screw having an ornamental head, the whole constructed as will hereinafter more fully and at large appear.

To enable others skilled in the art with which my invention is most nearly connected to make and use it, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement in fence-posts. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the hollow metallic cap. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the hollow metallic cap and post.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawings, A represents a wooden core, (square when viewed in cross-section,) the corners of which are covered with angle-iron, B, which may be secured to the core by means of screws. Said angle-iron is constructed of wrought-iron by the rolling process. These corners of angle-iron, B, form recessed panels, in which are placed cast-iron ornaments C, the upper end

of which ornaments are provided with projections D, the inner surface of which is fitted to the base of the hollow cap E, and serve as a support for said cap, and at the same time form a projecting ornament on said base. The cap is secured in place on the post through the medium of a screw, G, having an ornamental head, H, and a shoulder, I, which fits into an opening in the upper end of the hollow cap E. The lower end of the post, or that portion of it which enters the ground, should be heavily coated with asphaltum, and the post, when finished, as hereinbefore described, painted or sanded, the latter giving it the appearance of stone.

A post constructed as hereinbefore described can be made massive in appearance, and will be strong and durable, highly ornamental, and can be cheaply manufactured when compared with a post constructed wholly of metal, with the advantage of making it much more ornamental.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a fence-post having a wooden core, A, with wrought-iron corner-pieces B and cast-iron ornaments C between them, and a hollow metallic cap, E, secured in position on said post through the medium of screw G, having ornamental head H and shoulder I, substantially as herein described, and for the purpose set forth.

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