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Fig. 1.

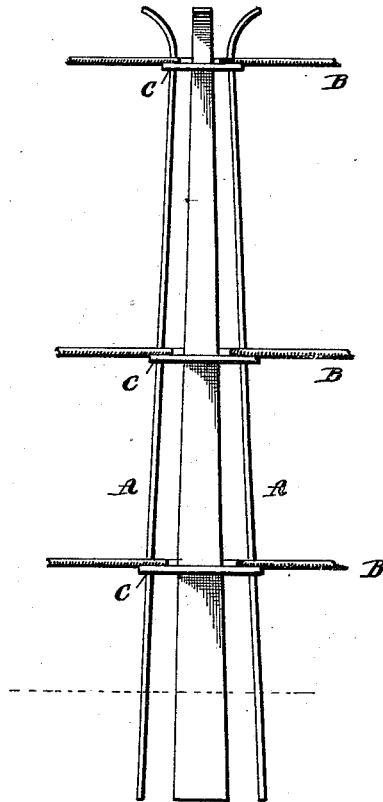


Fig. 2.

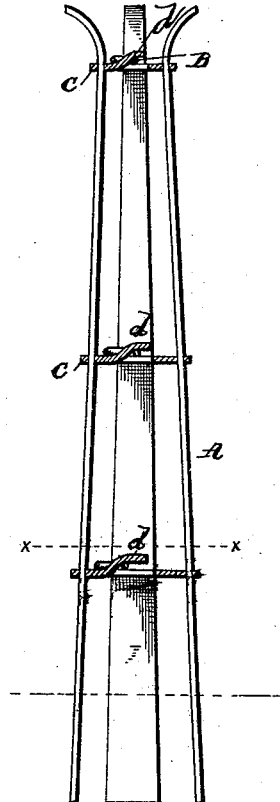
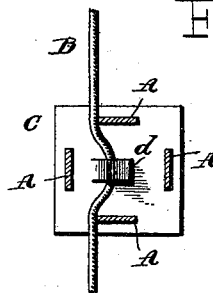


Fig. 3.



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## FENCE-POST.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES F. WADE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Effingham, in the county of Effingham and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to fence-posts for wire fences; and the object I have in view is to make a post of metal and in several parts, and to use with said posts certain plates, to be described, for holding the wires of the fence; as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a side elevation; Fig. 2, a vertical section; and Fig. 3, a cross-section on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

In the figures, A A represent four metallic straps or bars, which taper from their bottoms upward, and which form the sides of the fence-post.

C C represent a series of flat metallic plates, which are provided with openings *a*, through which the bars A pass. These plates are placed at a suitable distance apart, and as many are used as there will be wires in the construction of the fence. The plates diminish in size from the lowest to the highest, so that the post when complete will assume an obelisk form. A tongue, *d*, is struck up from the plate near its center.

B B represent the wires forming the fence. These wires, as seen, are passed through the frame of the post and over the plates C C.

The wires make a bend around two of the upright bars sufficiently to pass under the tongue *d* of the plate C. The wires having these bends, and being caught under the upturned tongues, are held securely in their places, both vertically and longitudinally.

Plain plates may be secured at the bottom of the posts to keep said posts in place and in upright position, and at their proper height, not allowing them to sink even in very soft earth.

The bars A may be of different shape from that represented. The openings in the plates would in that case of course be made to correspond.

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

1. In combination with the vertical bars of a fence-post, the perforated plates to receive the same, said plates being provided with raised tongues to catch and assist in holding the wires of the fence, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A fence-post formed of a series of parallel plates of unequal size, provided with raised tongues, and of bars with tapering sides, the said bars passing through the plates near their outer edges.

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

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