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Fig. 1.

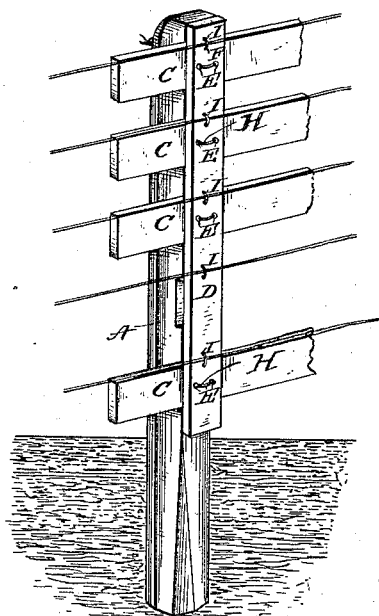


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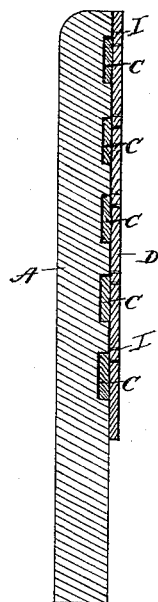


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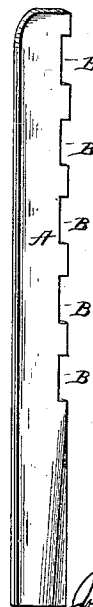
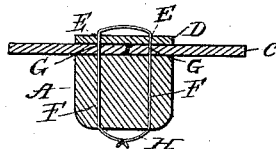


Fig. 3.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN F. POORMAN and WILSON VANZANT, citizens of the United States, the former residing at Dresden, in the county of Muskingum, and the latter residing at Allen's, in the county of Miami, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to fence-posts; and it has for its object to provide a simple and convenient post, which will be imperishable in its character, and may be readily applied to either a wire or board fence, for the purposes intended.

With these ends in view the said invention consists in certain details of construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved fence-post, showing the rails secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the post.

Like letters refer to corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates our improved fence-post, constructed of artificial stone in any suitable manner, the lower portion of the post, which is driven into the ground, having its corners rounded, and the upper portion, which projects out and above the ground, having the corners of its rear face rounded and the front face formed flat. By this means the appearance of the post is made more attractive, and there will be no sharp corners to cut or injure the person by contact therewith. The front face of the post is formed with transverse recesses or depressions B B at intervals, to receive the ends of the fence-rails C C, an upright bar, D, being arranged parallel with the post and against the front face of the same, and secured thereto in the following manner: Holes E E (two in number) are bored through the bar D, and similar holes, F F, are formed in the post A, through the recesses or depressions B, an opening or hole, G, being bored through each end of the fence-rail C, so that a clevis or

wire bail, H, may be passed through the holes E of the bar D, the holes G of the fence-rails, and the holes F of the post, to secure the rails within the recesses of the post. By this means the clevis serves to bind the upright bar D against the front face of the post, and thus hold the rails from displacement, and should it be desired to replace a broken rail of the fence the clevis may be withdrawn to permit the change in a very short time. The face of the upright bar D is provided with a series of staples, I, through which may be passed the wires of a wire fence, when it is desired to construct the latter.

The manner of constructing and applying our improved fence-post may be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains by reference to the above description, taken in connection with the annexed drawings.

The fence-rails are secured in the recesses of the post in the manner shown, between the bar D and the artificial post A, the clevises serving to hold the parts together. By this means we are enabled to construct an artificial post which will be imperishable in its character, and may be applied to a wire or board fence, as desired, or to a fence composed of both wires and boards, to serve the purposes intended.

Having described our invention, we claim—

The post constructed of artificial stone, and having its front face provided with a series of recesses or depressions, in combination with the fence-rails having their ends fitted in said recesses or depressions, an upright bar arranged parallel with the post and covering the ends of the rails, and a clevis passing through holes in the post, the bar, and the ends of the rails, and securing the parts together, as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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