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FENCE POST SUPPORTS.

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Fig. 1.

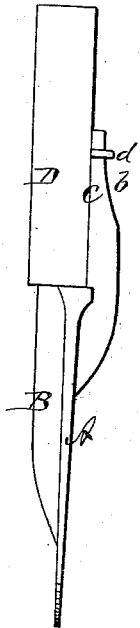


Fig. 2.

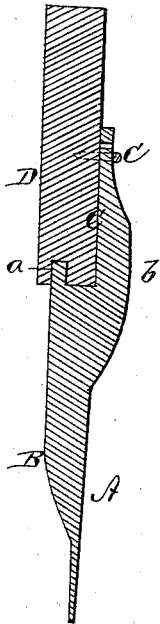
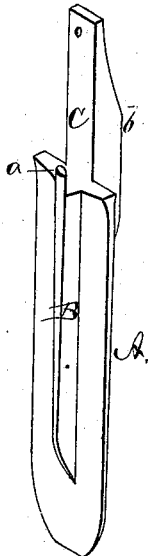


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POST SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH McKENZIE, of Oronoco, in the county of Olmsted and in the State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Post; and 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, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a metal base for fence-posts, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my fence-post base, with a plunger placed thereon for driving in the base. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the fence-post base.

My base for fence posts is made of cast-iron, in the form of a blade, A, of such length as will be necessary to admit of their extending above the ground to receive the wood top or post. On one side of the blade A is formed a rib, B, for strengthening the same, and from the other side extends a vertical arm, C, a suitable distance above the upper end of the

post, said arm being also strengthened by a rib, *b*. The rib B extends a short distance above the upper end of the post in the form of a round pin or tenon, *a*. The entire base thus constructed is cast in one piece, and is to be driven into the ground in such a manner that the flat surface of the blade A will run parallel with the fence, which gives it a good bearing against the earth to prevent the wind racking the fence over. D is a plunger, made of wood, for driving in the base. In its lower end it has a hole to receive the tenon *a*, and on the side it is provided with a staple, *d*, to receive the upper end of the arm C. This piece or plunger is readily detached as each base is driven into the ground.

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

The within-described fence-post base, consisting of the blade A, rib B, with tenon *a*, and arm C, with rib *b*, all cast in one piece, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of April, 1875.

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