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FENCE-POSTS.

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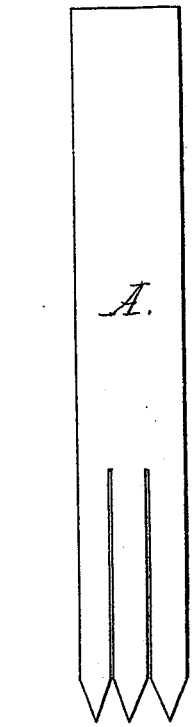
Fig. 3.



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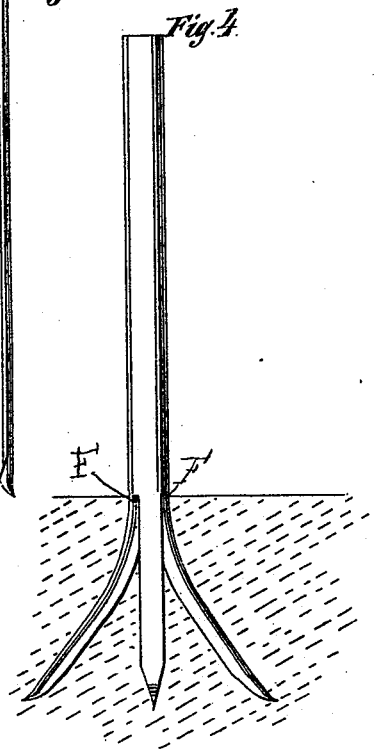

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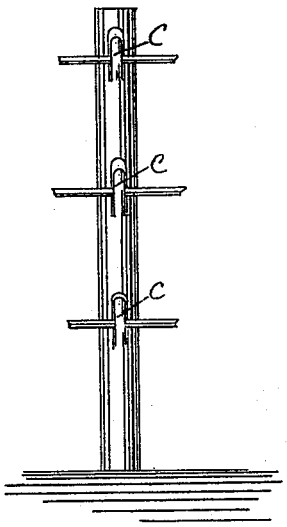

Fig. 5.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAYRES N. LENNON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and the State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Metallic Fence-Posts, which is fully described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the blank as it is cut from a plate of sheet metal. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of a post as formed out of the blank; Fig. 3, a top view of the same when the edges are welded together. Fig. 4 represents a side elevation of the post driven into the ground. Fig. 5 represents a side elevation of the post, showing the way in which fence-wire is connected therewith.

The object of my invention is to make a cheap, but strong and durable, metallic fence-post, which can be readily driven into the ground, and be firmly and solidly held therein.

My invention consists in a metallic fence-post with a slitted end, having points slightly curved outward, so that they will spread apart as the post is driven into the ground, as is clearly shown in Fig. 4; and it further consists in the special device, hereinafter described, for securing the fence-wire to the post, all of which I proceed to describe with particularity.

A, in Fig. 1, represents the blank as cut from a plate of sheet metal. One end of this blank is provided with slits and points. B represents the same blank rolled into the form of a fence-post, with its points slightly curved outward, so that they will spread apart as they are driven into the ground.

I make my post so as to be adapted to support fence-wire, to make a wire fence.

To adapt it to support a fence-wire, I cut strips C from the blank, and bend them slightly outward, so as to receive and support the wire, as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

There is another feature which I deem of considerable importance, but do not wish to limit myself to that construction; and it consists of flattening the prongs F F of the post near the upper end of the slits, so that they will flare outward as they are driven into the ground, without breaking the metal directly at the upper end of the slits.

I contemplate galvanizing that part of the post which is driven into the ground, but do not wish to limit myself to the use of any particular quality or kind of metal, as I may use any kind, depending upon the quality of the fence I desire to make. Neither do I limit myself to the precise construction of posts above described, as I may modify the form and still accomplish the same results, so far as the spreading of the prongs at the foot of the post is concerned, in substantially the same manner.

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

1. A metallic fence-post, having pointed strips or prongs at its lower end, formed so as to spread when driven into the ground, substantially as specified and shown.

2. The strips C, cut from the post and turned outward to form a support or attachment to the fence-wire, substantially as specified and shown.

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