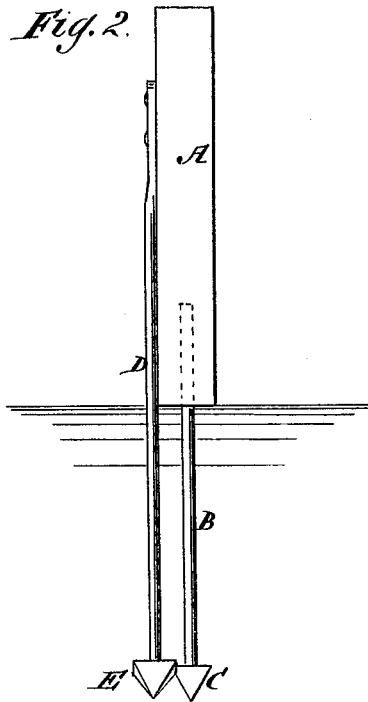
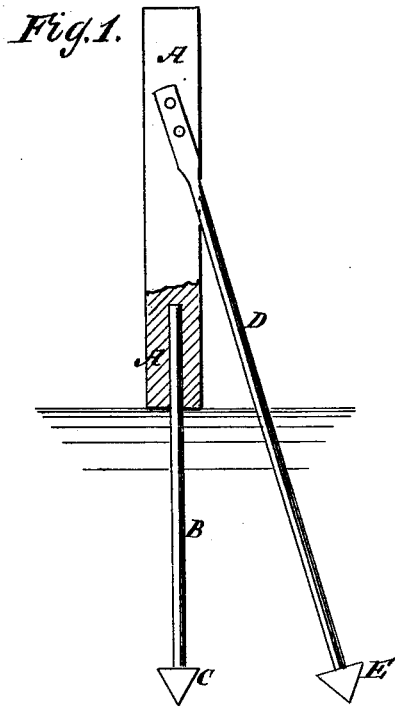


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FENCE-POST.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES VANSISE, of Berea, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, have invented an Improved Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the drawing is a side view; Fig. 2, an edge view.

The invention relates to that class of posts which are connected detachably with a ground base or bar, the latter being usually driven into the earth by a maul or hammer.

The invention consists in constructing the ground-base of a wire rod, having at the lower end an anchor of wedge shape, the said rod being much smaller and cheaper than the usual cast base, and not being itself driven into the ground, but into a hole formed by a previously driven and withdrawn stake.

A represents a wooden post, provided with a perforation or socket at the lower end, the same being readily made with a common auger. B represents a wire rod of wrought-iron, which is very cheaply and easily made, being formed with a wedge-anchor, C, at the lower end.

I first take a sharpened or pointed stake—preferably of a tapered form, so that it may draw out easily—and drive it into the earth

where the post is intended to go. I then withdraw the stake, forcing down the wire rod B C in its place, and pressing the earth closely about the rod above the anchor. This serves to form a base that is sufficiently firm to hold the post A in an erect position and securely, as it extends for some distance up and into the socket of post. If, however, the fence should run along a bleak and exposed locality, where winds and storms would be likely to try its strength, it may be re-enforced by an oblique rod, D, having an anchor, E, this anchor-rod being in all essential particulars the same as the base-rod, excepting in the matter of length.

By this invention the farming public obtain a post-base that is lighter to handle and much cheaper than those heretofore employed.

What I claim is—

In combination with the socketed post A, the wire-rod base B, provided with the anchor C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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