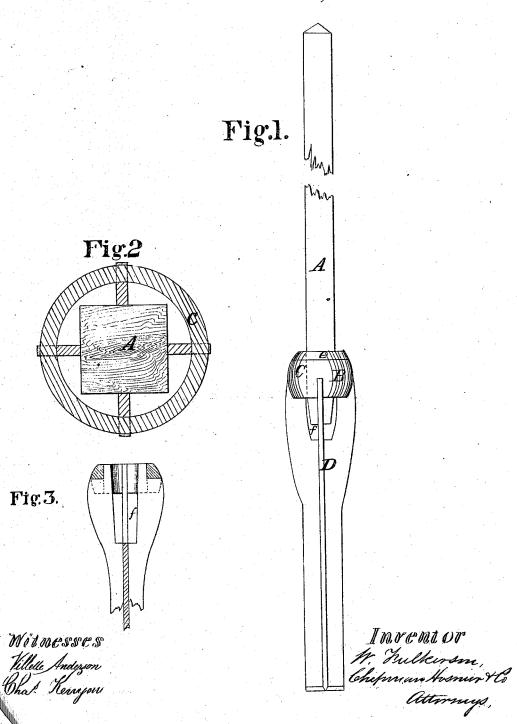
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## IMPROVEMENT IN SETTING OF FENCE-POSTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FULKERSON, of Three Rivers, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Stubs for Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a side view of my inven-

Figure 2 is a horizontal section of the same.

My invention relates to fence-posts, and consists in the construction and novel arrangement of a setting or stub of clay or stone, designed to keep the foot of a post from moisture, while, at the same time, it affords free access to the air, thus preventing premature decay.

The letter A of the drawing designates a wooden

B represents the stub, having an open socket or ring, C, of clay or stone, through which the end of the post is inserted.

D designates the ribbed foot of the stub, made of stone, clay, or iron, which is inserted in the ground.

The foot of the post passes down in the space left between the ribs in the upper portion of the stub, and is, therefore, freely exposed to the air, as this portion of the stub is left above ground.

e designates a cover placed over the socket and arranged to fit the post neatly, thereby keeping off dew and rain.

I am aware that stubs for fence-posts have been in use formed of stone or earthenware, hence, I do not claim such, broadly; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to se-

cure by Letters Patent, is—
The setting or stub for fence-posts herein described, consisting of the ribbed foot D, cut away at f, to receive and steadily support the post, the ring-socket C, open below, to admit air to the foot of the post, and the cover e, adapted to the form of the post, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

WM. FULKERSON.

Witnesses:

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