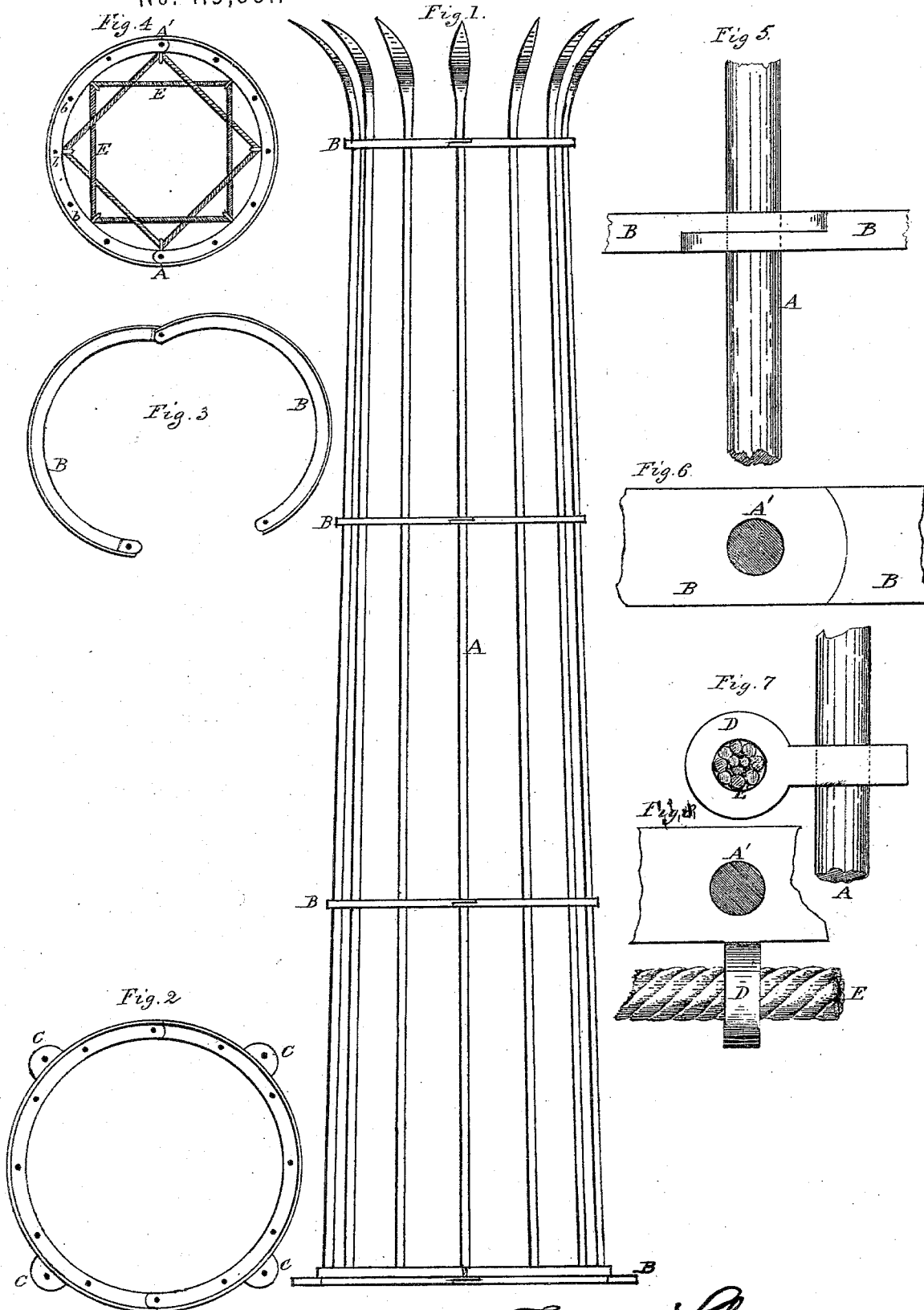


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TREE-BOXES.

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Be it known that I, EDWARD O. SCHWAGERL, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented an Improved Tree-Box; and I declare that the following is a true and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 is an elevation of the tree-box. Fig. 2 is a plan of the base thereof. Fig. 3 is plan of one of the belts or rings surrounding the box in open or unlocked position. Fig. 4 is a plan of the upper belt or ring in locked or closed position, showing the rope-guard and its mode of attachment. Fig. 5 is an elevation of one of the joints uniting the two sections of the rings. Fig. 6 is a plan of the same. Fig. 7 is an elevation of part of the top ring. Fig. 8 is a plan of the same.

In the various figures similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

### *General Description.*

The nature of my invention consists of an iron or metallic tree-box, so constructed with perpendicular rods passing through horizontal rings or belts that one of the rods forms a hinge and the opposite rod a lock, as shown

in Fig. 5, thus enabling the box to be opened at pleasure; also, projections with holes on the inner side of the upper belt for the purpose of inserting a rope or guard to prevent the tree chafing against the sides of the iron belt, as shown in Fig. 4.

A A' represent vertical rods connected together by means of the bands or rings B B, &c., which are in two parts, allowing the box to be opened by turning on either of the opposite rods A A' when the other is withdrawn. C C are flanges on the lower ring, by which the box may be fastened to the ground, and b b are the holes through which the vertical rods are passed. D D represent the eyes for the insertion of the guard-ropes E.

Inspection of the drawing will enable any iron-worker to construct the box.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure Letters Patent for—

The rectangularly-arranged interior guards E and eyes or perforated lugs D for the insertion and attachment of the same, substantially as specified.

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