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Fence-Post.

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Fig: 1.

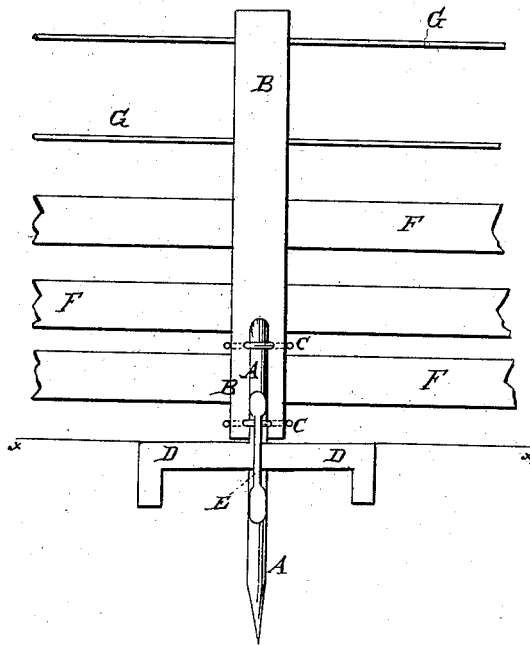


Fig: 2.

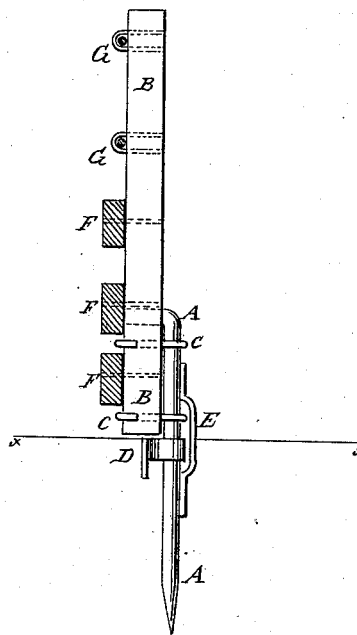
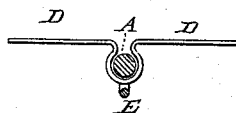


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN PIERRE MORRISON, of Abingdon, in the county of Washington and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a front view of one of my improved fence-posts, shown as having a section of fence attached to it. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, the fence being shown in cross-section. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line *xx*, Figs. 1 and 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved fence-post which may be readily set in the ground without its being necessary to dig a post-hole, which, when set, will support the fence firmly, and which shall be simple in construction and convenient and reliable in use.

The invention consists in an improved fence-post formed of the iron part, having its upper end bent over at right angles, the wooden part, the wire loops or staples, and the bar or foot, having a loop or eye formed in its middle part, and having its ends bent downward at right angles, and whether the loop or keeper be used or not, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the lower part of the post, which is made of iron, and may be round, or of any other desired shape, and of any desired length. The upper end of the iron post A is bent over at right angles to enter a hole in the wooden upper part, B, of the post. The iron part A is further secured to the wooden part B by wire staples C, which pass around the said iron part and through the said wooden part, and their ends are bent down upon or around the other side of the said wooden part.

D is a bar of flat or round iron, which has a loop or eye formed upon its middle part to receive the iron part A. The ends of the bar or foot D are bent downward at right angles, as shown in Fig. 1. If desired a keeper, E, may be formed upon, or attached to, the iron part A to receive the eye or loop of the bar or foot D and the lower staple, C, to keep the said bar or foot D securely in place upon the iron part A.

The fence-panels may be made of boards F, or of wires G, or of boards and wires, as may be desired.

With this construction the posts are driven into the ground with the bar or foot D in line with the fence, and to such a depth that the said bar or foot D may be one or two inches beneath the surface of the ground, so that it may hold the post firmly against any lateral movement. With this construction, also, the roots of the grass will soon surround and clasp the bar or foot D, holding it securely.

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

An improved fence-post formed of the iron part A, having its upper end bent over at right angles, the wooden part B, the wire loops or staples C, and the bar or foot D, having a loop or eye formed in its middle part, and having its end bent downward at right angles, and whether the loop or keeper E be used or not, substantially as herein shown and described.

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