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Fig. 1.

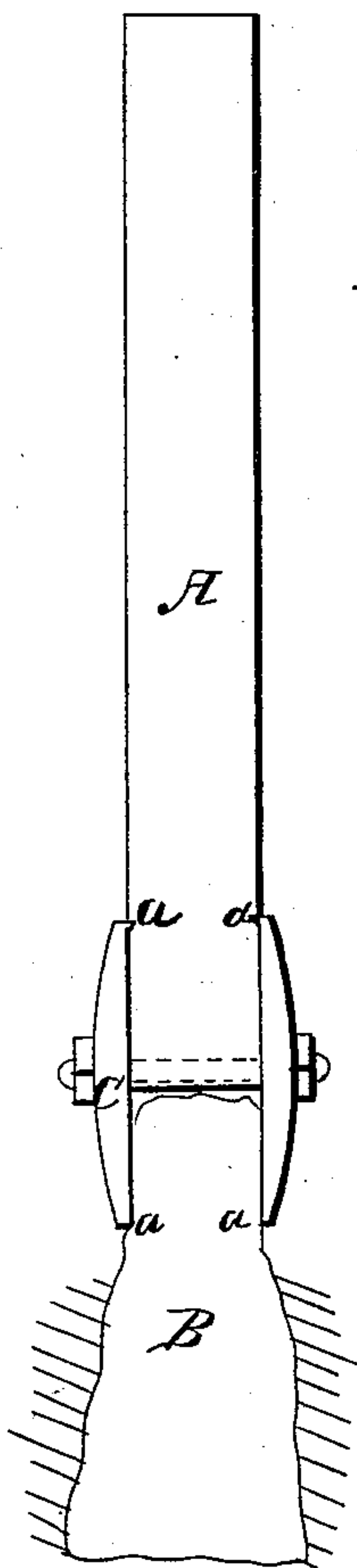
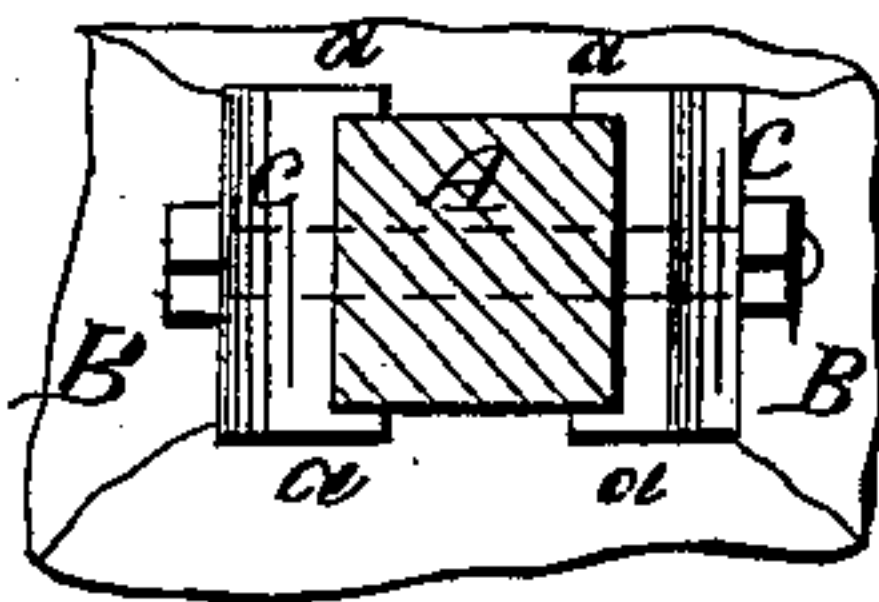
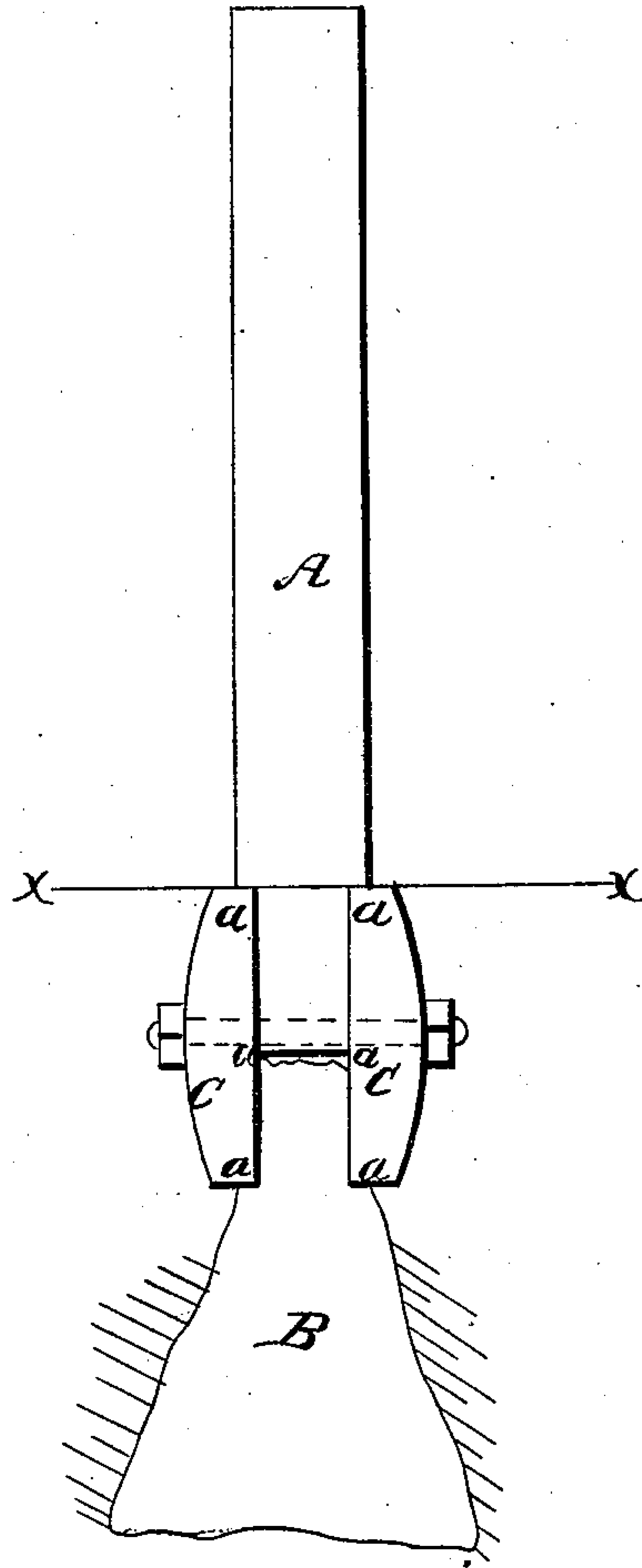


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN 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, RICHARD E. BOWEN, of Colden, in the county of Erie, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to fully understand and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the device, illustrating my invention.

Figure 2 is a modification thereof.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section in the line *z z*, fig. 2.

My invention consists in applying stone bases to posts, and connecting them together by clasps, whereby many advantages are gained, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings—

A represents posts of ordinary form and construction, but, by preference, four-sided, or angular.

B is a base of stone, of suitable shape, so as to present two or more flat sides at or near its upper end.

The base is connected to the post by means of clasps, C, which consist of pieces of metal whose inner faces are flat, and adapted to lie snugly against the lower ends of the posts and the upper ends of the base.

The drawings represent two clasps, applied to opposite sides of the post and base, and retained together by screw-bolts and nuts, or equivalent fastenings.

The base is intended to enter the ground, and as it is not liable to rot, I form a post which is durable, and one which may be firmly and securely held in place.

In order to more thoroughly connect the post and base, I form flanges, *a*, on the clasps, which flanges

may be either as shown in fig. 1, that is to say, projecting inwardly from the top and bottom edges of said clasps, or as in fig. 2, that is, projecting at or about right angles from the sides of the clasps.

The flanges of fig. 1 should enter corresponding notches formed in the post and base, but in fig. 2 they clasp the sides of the post and base, so that, in reality, their four sides are clasped or clamped.

The screw-bolt or fastening may be passed through the post or base, or partly through both, as desired or found necessary, or a space may be left between the bottom of the post and the top of the cap, and the bolt occupy a position in said space; but in either case the clasps will perform their work equally well.

When round posts are employed, the inner faces of the clasps should be made or cast of corresponding form, or at least so much of them as will grasp said posts, while the part which is in contact with the stone base may be flat, as previously described.

Among the uses to which posts constructed according to my invention may be applied, are for fences, telegraphing, lamps, signs, markets, awnings, and to all purposes when required to be firmly planted in the ground, or places liable to rot, and which posts should possess durability and strength.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The clasps C, in combination with the post A and base, B, substantially as and for the purpose described.

To the above, I have signed my name, this 14th day of December, 1868.

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