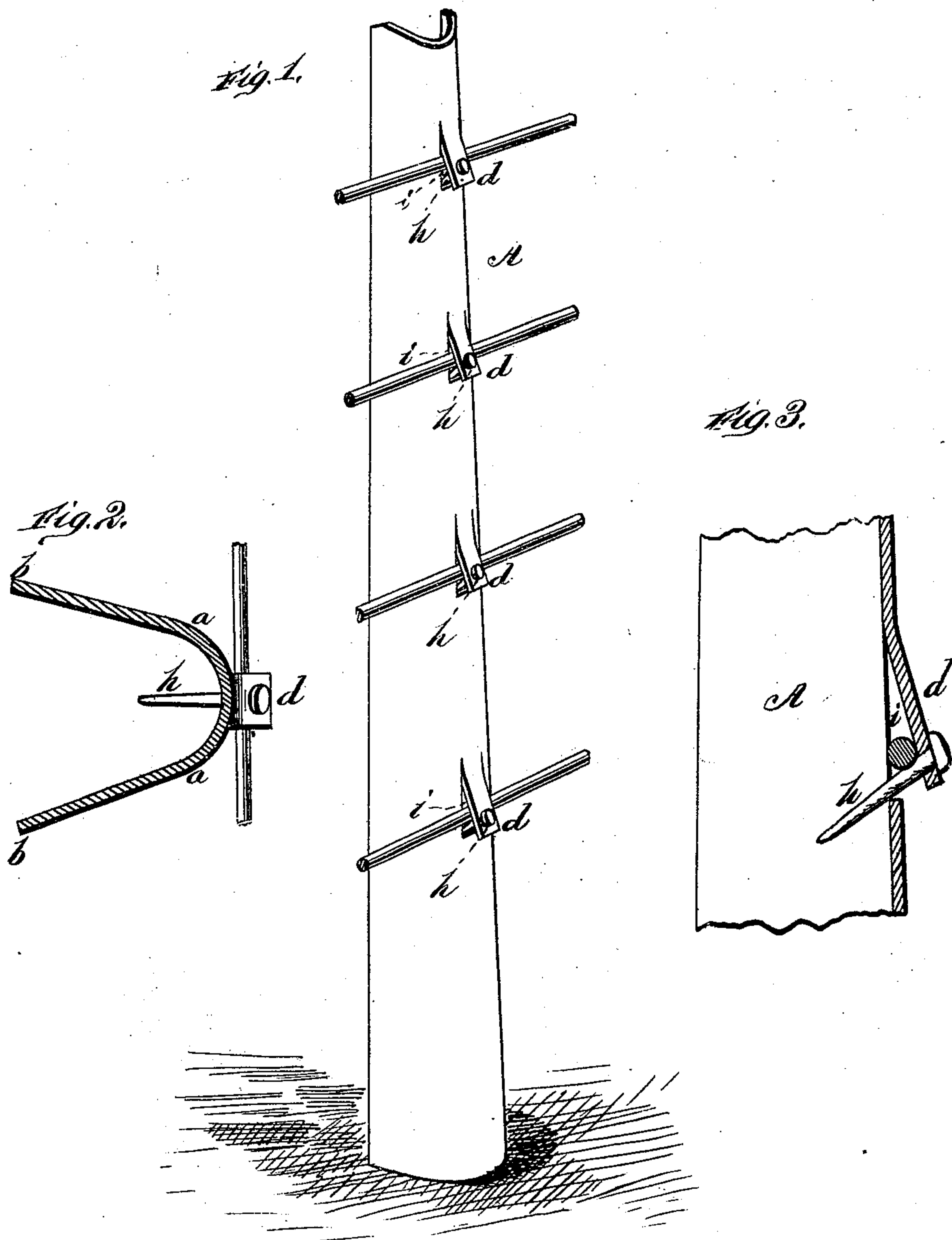


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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW A. GARVER, of Albion, in the county of Marshall and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in 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 drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my fence-post. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section, and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view, thereof.

The nature of my invention relates to that class of wire fences having metallic posts made of a single piece of sheet metal, bent lengthwise in the center, to form a central round portion; and it consists in the means for holding the wires thereon, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

Heretofore metallic fence-posts have been made with strips or lips cut from the post, and turned outwardly and upwardly to form supports to the fence-wire; but this construction is objectionable, as no means are provided for keeping the wires in position, and preventing an upward displacement of the same.

The object of my invention is to overcome this objection.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates the improvement.

Each fence-post is made of a single piece of sheet metal, bent longitudinally in the center

to approximate the shape of the letter **U**. The post **A**, when thus bent, is tapered from the bottom upward, so as to be widest at the bottom, where the greatest strength is needed.

In bending the metal to form the post, it is done in such a manner that, taken in cross-section, the center from *a* to *a* will be round, but the sides from *a* to *b* straight, and flaring outward, as shown. In the center of the rounded portion of the post are cut a series of lips, *d d*, which are left connected to the metal at the top, and bent downwardly and outwardly at an angle, and in the end of each lip is a hole for the passage of a pin, nail, or key, *h*, as shown in the drawings.

The wires of the fence are passed under the lips *d*, and then held or supported by the pins or keys *h*, which are passed through said lips, and pass under the wires into the slots *i*, made in the post by the formation of the lips.

This fastener is very convenient, as the wires can be readily taken out when required.

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

The metallic fence-post **A**, formed with the downwardly-projecting lips *d* and slots *i*, and provided with pins or keys for supporting the wires, as herein set forth.

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

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