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Fence Post.

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Fig. 1.

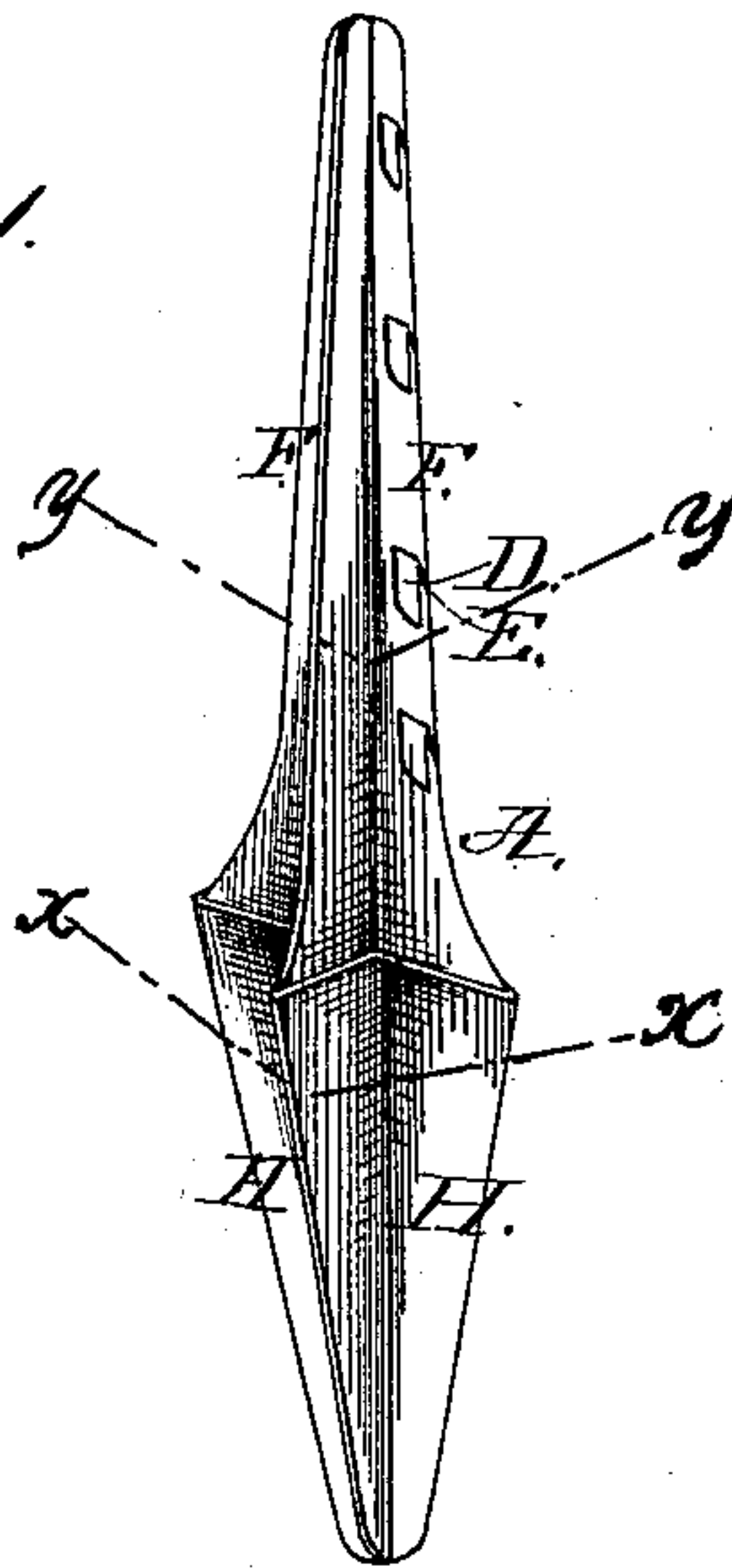


Fig. 2.

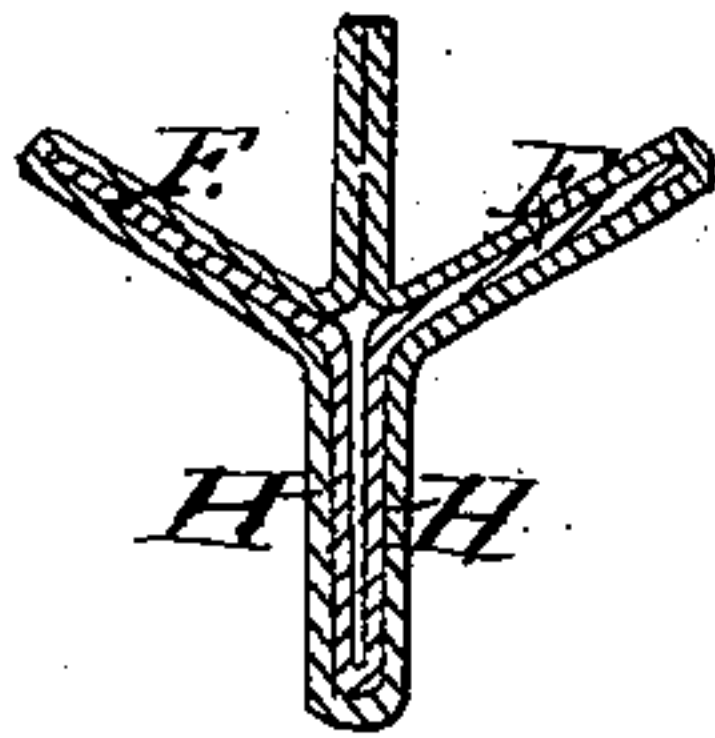


Fig. 3.

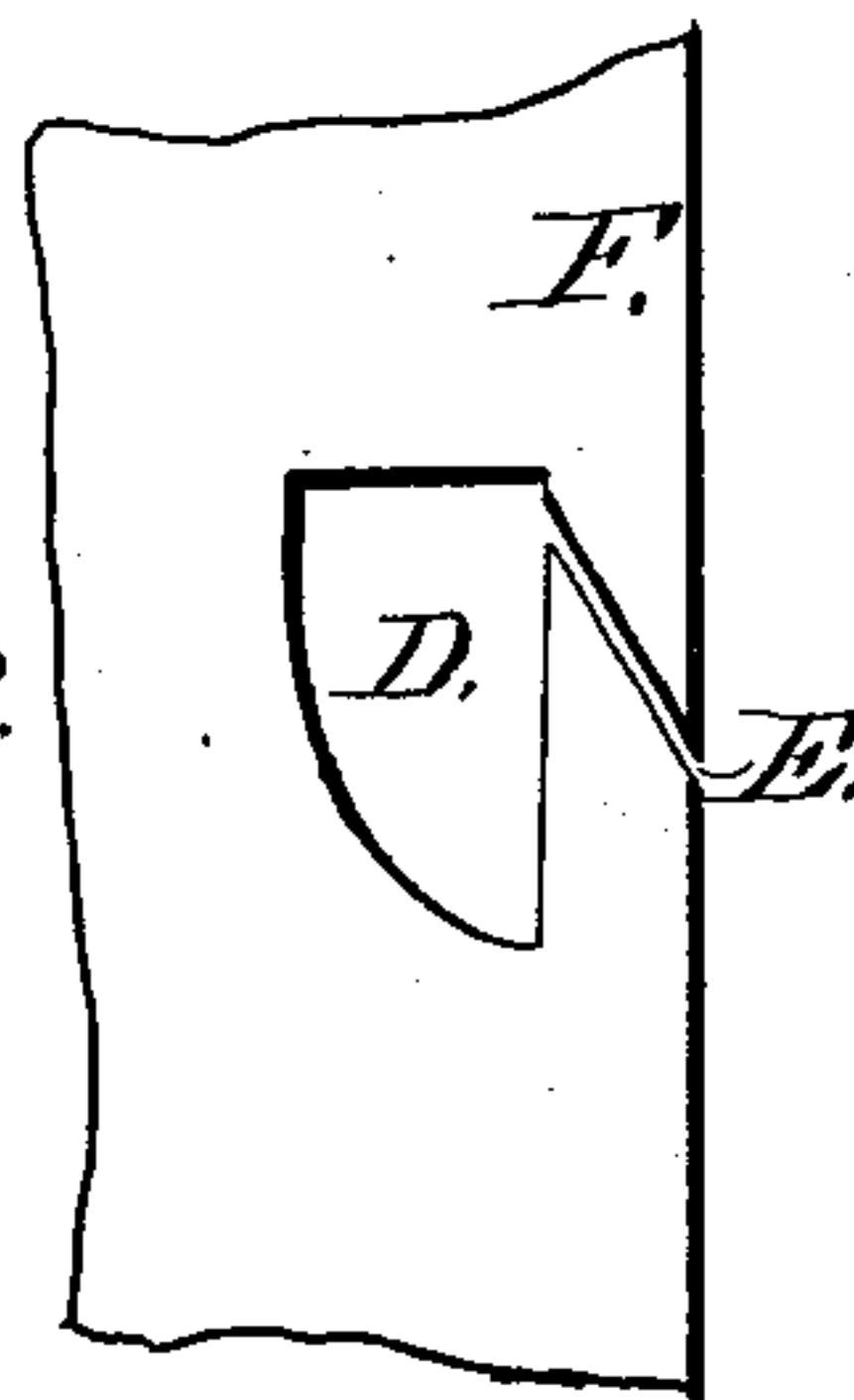
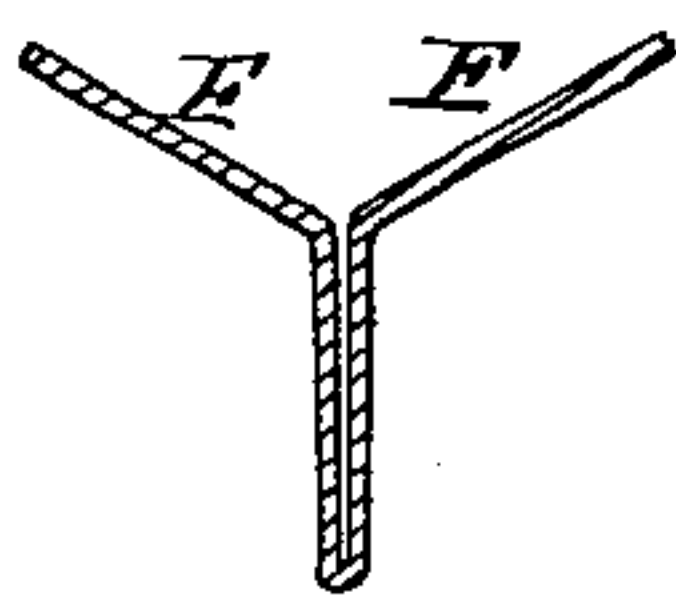


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FENCE-POSTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ROUNDY, of Marshalltown, in the county of Marshall and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to an improvement in posts for barbed-wire fences, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth; the object being to furnish a suitable post having a fastener in which the wire can be introduced, after stretching, without bending it from a horizontal position.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the elements of the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detached enlarged view of the retainer D. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line *y y*, Fig. 1.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a fence-post, the upper part of which is formed of three equidistant flanges, F, projecting from a common axial center, the lower part being constructed of four flanges, H, projecting from the same axial center as the flanges F. The flanges H enter the ground,

forming a support, which will prevent the post being twisted. In the edge of one of the flanges F is cut the retainer D, the apex of which is below, and its upper parts provided with the gate-slot E, which deflects downward and outward.

It is perfectly plain that when the posts A are set a wire fence may be formed by simply inserting the wire into the retainer D, passing it upward through the gate-slot E; and that when thus placed, whatever position the wire may assume in the retainer, it cannot be forced from it by any direct outward pressure. As a rule, the gravity of the wire will cause it to descend into the apex of the retainer.

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

The flange F, provided with the retainer D and gate-slot E, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in barbed fence-wire fasteners, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of July, 1877.

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