

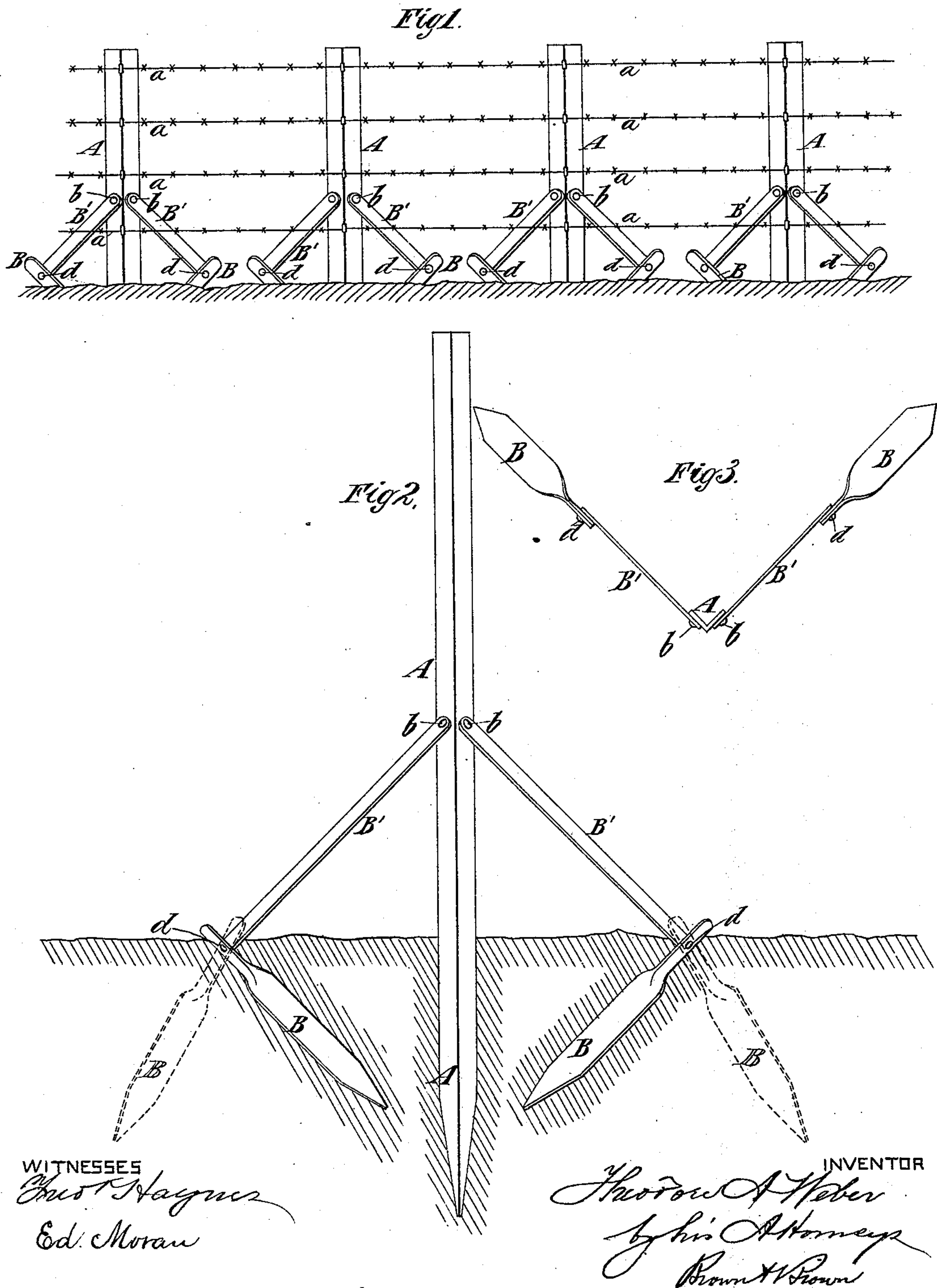
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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE A. WEBER, of the city and county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to posts which are made of angle-iron, and are adapted to be inserted in the ground by driving.

The invention consists in the combination, with such a post, of two braces composed of stakes or end portions adapted to be driven in the ground, and links pivoted to the sides of the post so as to extend at right angles to each other, and also pivoted to said stakes or end portions. The two braces then extend at the same angle to each other as do the sides of the post, and when driven serve to brace the post effectively, to enable it to withstand strains in various directions.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a portion of a fence composed of barbed wire secured to my improved posts. Fig. 2 represents an elevation of a post having my improved braces as set in the earth, and Fig. 3 represents a top view of a post having two braces.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates the posts, which are made of angle-iron.

The portion of fence here shown is composed of barbed wire *a*, which is attached to the posts by means of staples inserted through holes in the posts and clinched on the opposite sides thereof.

Each brace is composed of two portions, B B', pivoted together by a rivet, *d*. The end

portion, B, constitutes a stake, which may be readily driven in the earth, and may be made of considerable width or breadth in a direction parallel with the length of its pivot *d*, so that the broad face or side will be toward the post, and will offer a great resistance to any side strain upon the post, which it is calculated to resist.

The part B' of the brace consists of a link, which is pivoted to the post by a rivet, *b*, or otherwise, as very clearly seen in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 2 the stake portion B is driven at an angle toward the post A; but, if desired, it may be driven at an angle away from the post, as shown in dotted outline.

The two braces are attached to the two sides of the post, so that when driven they will stand approximately at right angles to each other, as shown in Fig. 3, and will; therefore, be very effective in bracing the post against strains in various directions. When the posts are to be transported the brace may be swung down into a position parallel with the post, and will then lie against the sides thereof and occupy little room.

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

The combination, with an angle-iron post, of two braces composed of stakes or end portions, B, adapted to be driven in the ground, and links B', pivoted to the sides of the post, so as to extend at right angles to each other, and also pivoted to said stakes or end portions, substantially as specified.

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