

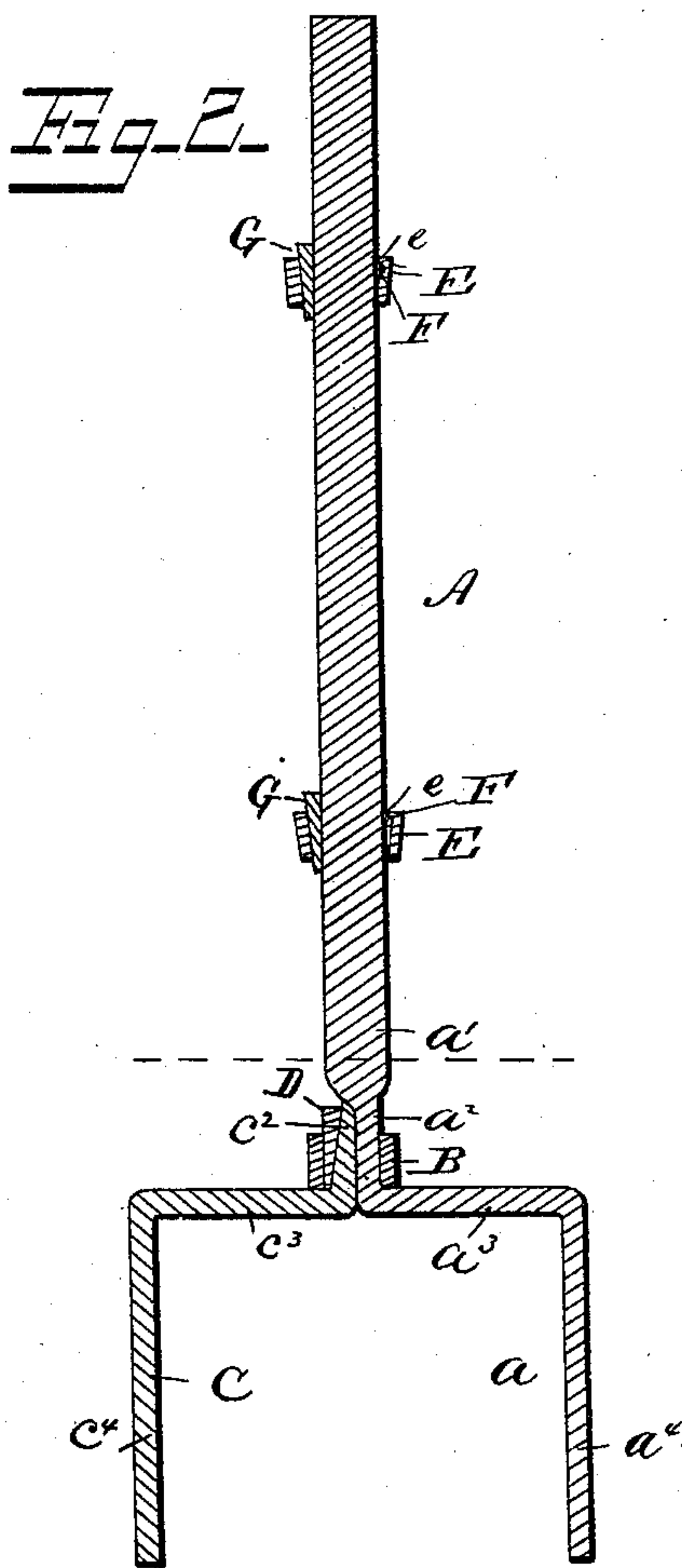
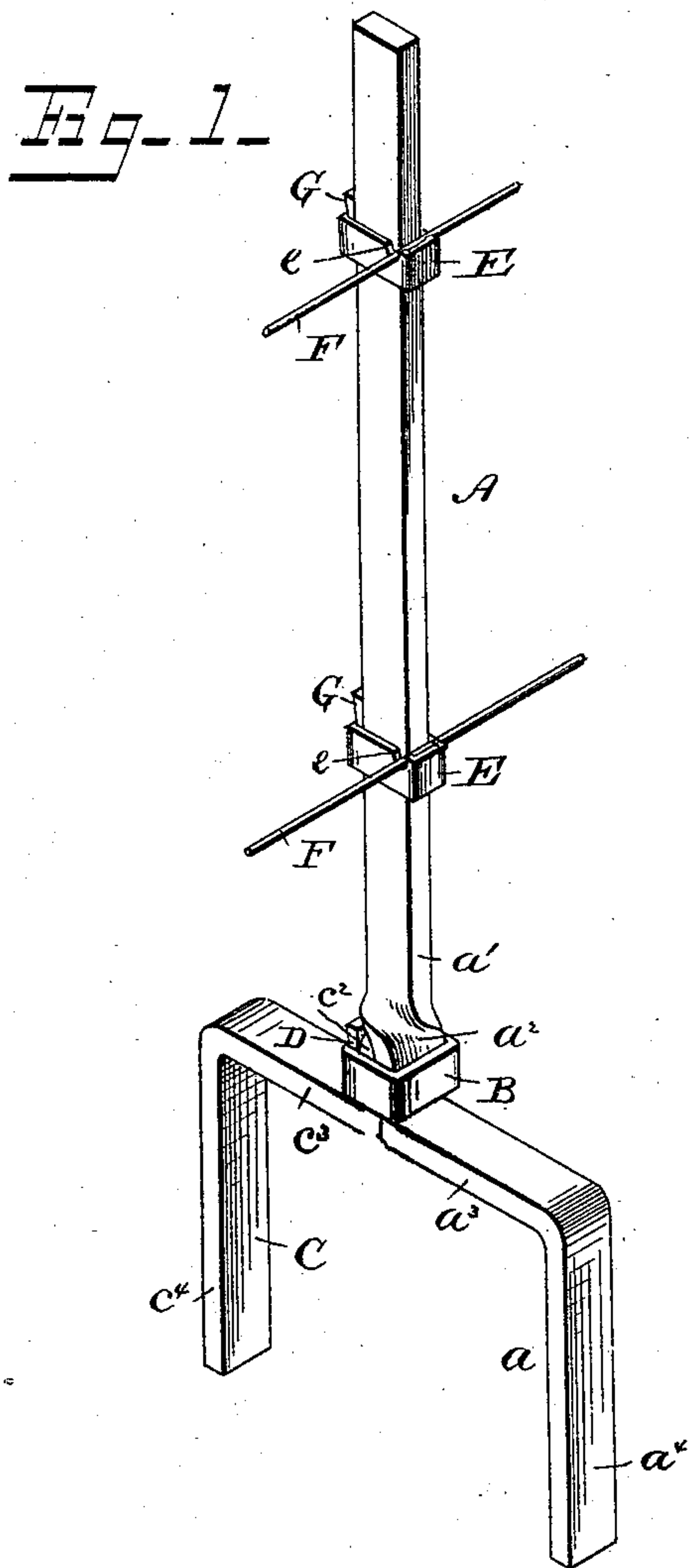
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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, SUTTON E. YOUNG and EUGENE F. PUGSLEY, citizens of the United States, residing at Sioux Falls, in the county of Minnehaha and Territory of Dakota, have invented a new and useful Metallic Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to metallic fence-posts for wire fences, and has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient post that can be readily placed in position.

15 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence-post, and Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view thereof.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the main portion of the post, which is formed of a metallic bar or rod flattened and rectangular in cross-section, as shown. This bar A is preferably formed of wrought-iron, and has its base  $a$  turned with its face at right angles to the face of the straight body  $a'$  above ground. The base  $a$  is bent to form a double right-angle, comprising a straight portion,  $a^2$ , in line with the body  $a'$ , a lateral arm or extension,  $a^3$ , extending horizontally from the portion  $a^2$ , and a downwardly-extending arm,  $a^4$ , at right angles to the horizontal extension  $a^2$ . On the top portion,  $a^2$ , of base  $a$  is placed a rectangular collar, B, through which passes the top portion,  $C^2$ , of a removable base, C. This base C is formed, like the integral base  $a$ , with the horizontal extension  $c^3$  and downwardly-extending arm  $c^4$ , and is secured in collar B by a wedge, D, as shown. When the post is in position this double base  $a$  C will be under the surface of the ground, and will serve to effectually retain the post from vertical or lateral displacement.

40 E designates the rectangular collars ar-

ranged on the body  $a'$  of post A, and provided at one end, in the top edges, with a transverse recess,  $e$ , adapted to hold the longitudinal fence-wire F. This wire F may be of any kind, either single or twisted strands, and the recesses  $e$  are preferably formed segmental to guard the wire from vertical disengagement. The collars E are vertically adjustable on the post-body  $a'$ , and are secured by wedges or keys G, driven at their unrecessed end. These wedges also serve to bind the wire F firmly against the edge of post A, so that while the wedges are in position it will be impossible for the wires to come out of the recess  $e$ .

55 The advantages of this invention are obvious and will be readily appreciated. The post can be manufactured at a minimum cost, and when once in position will withstand any kind of weather. It is especially useful in barbed-wire fencing.

We are aware that metallic fence-posts having right-angular bases and adapted to be used in connection with an auxiliary base are old, and such we do not claim, broadly, as of our invention.

We claim as our invention—

The combination of the bar or rod forming the straight body of the post, and the double right-angular half-base turned at right angles to the body, the collar arranged on the top portion of the base, and the auxiliary double right-angular base secured by said collar, substantially as set forth.

75 In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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