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FENCE POST.

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Fig. 1.

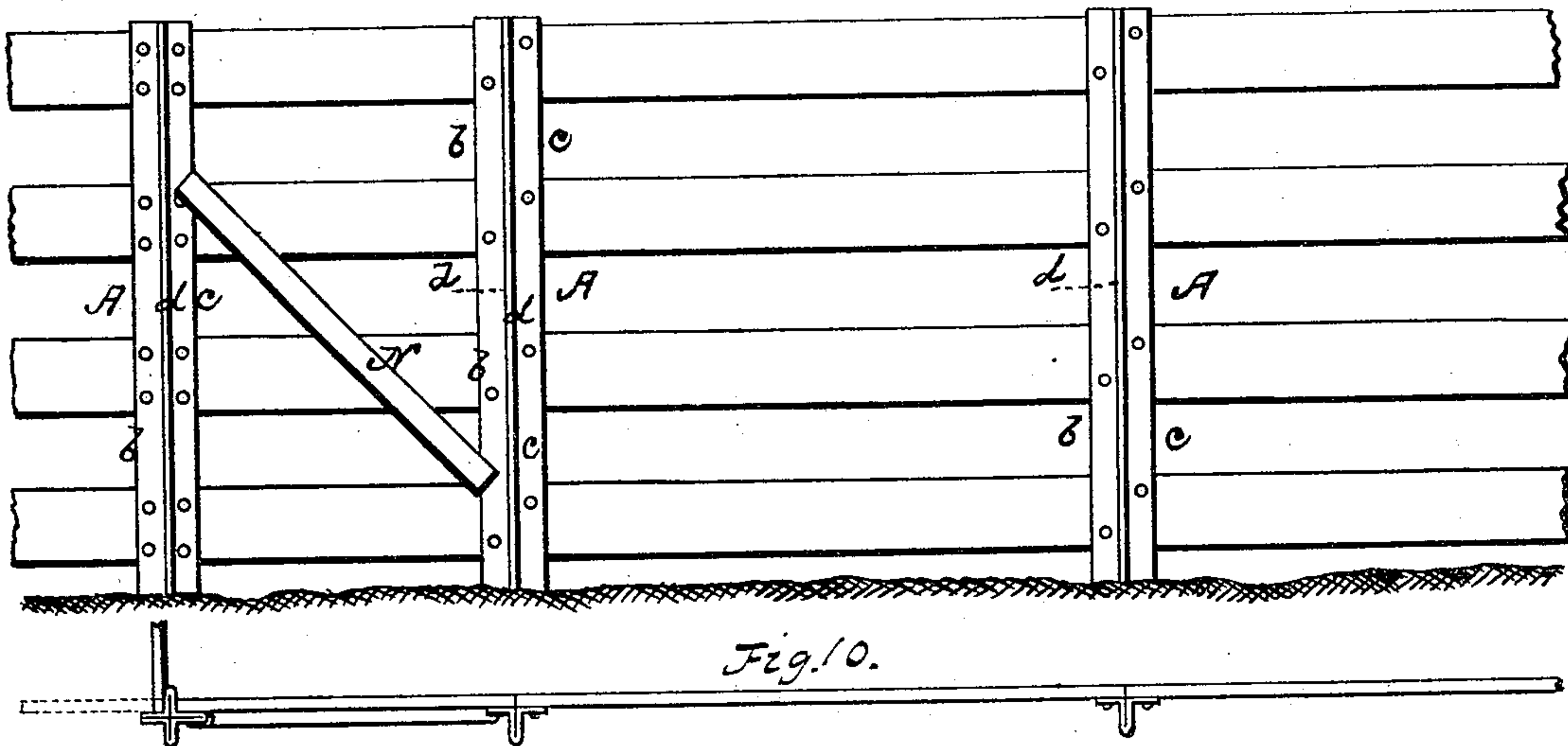


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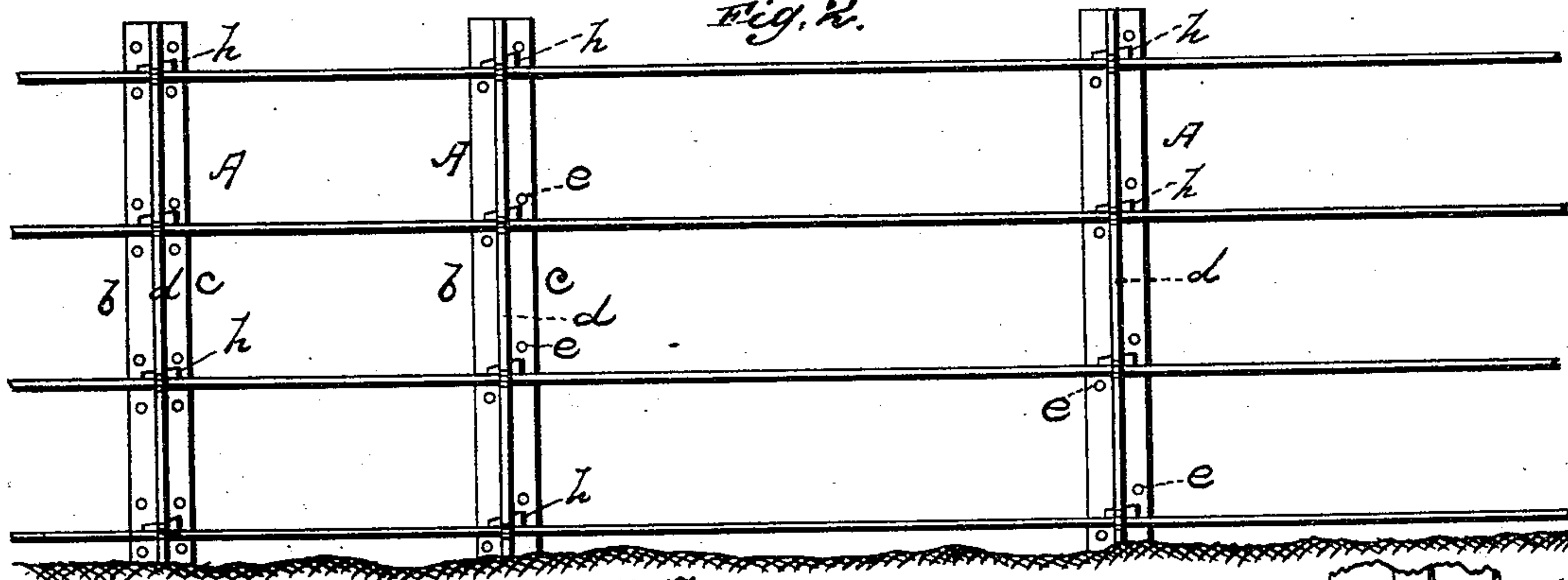


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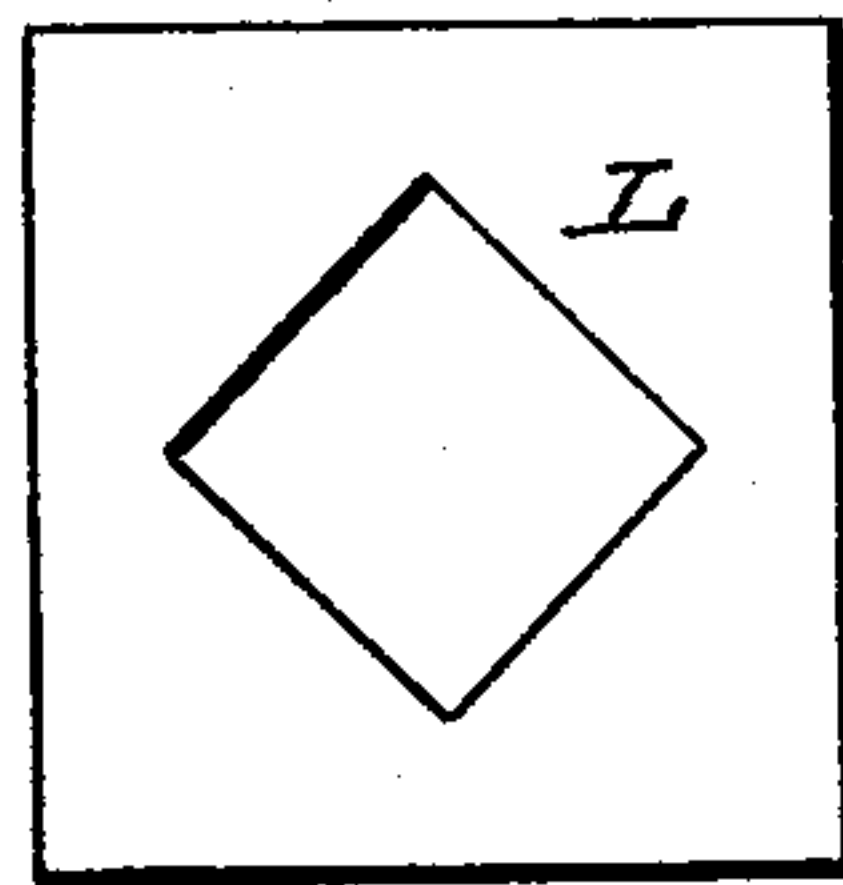


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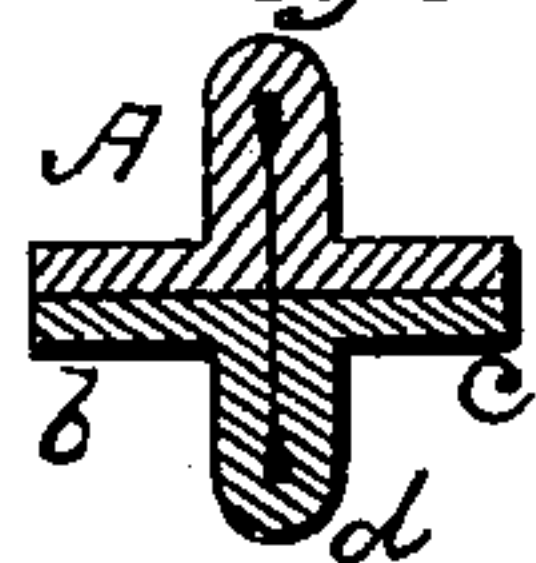


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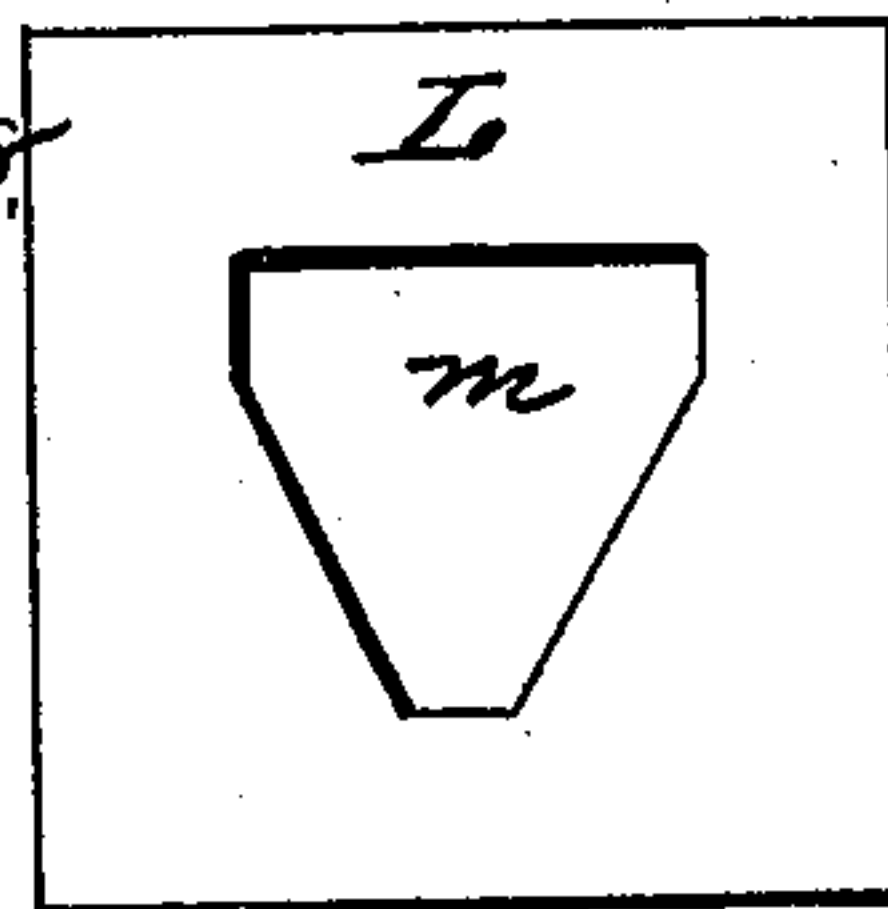
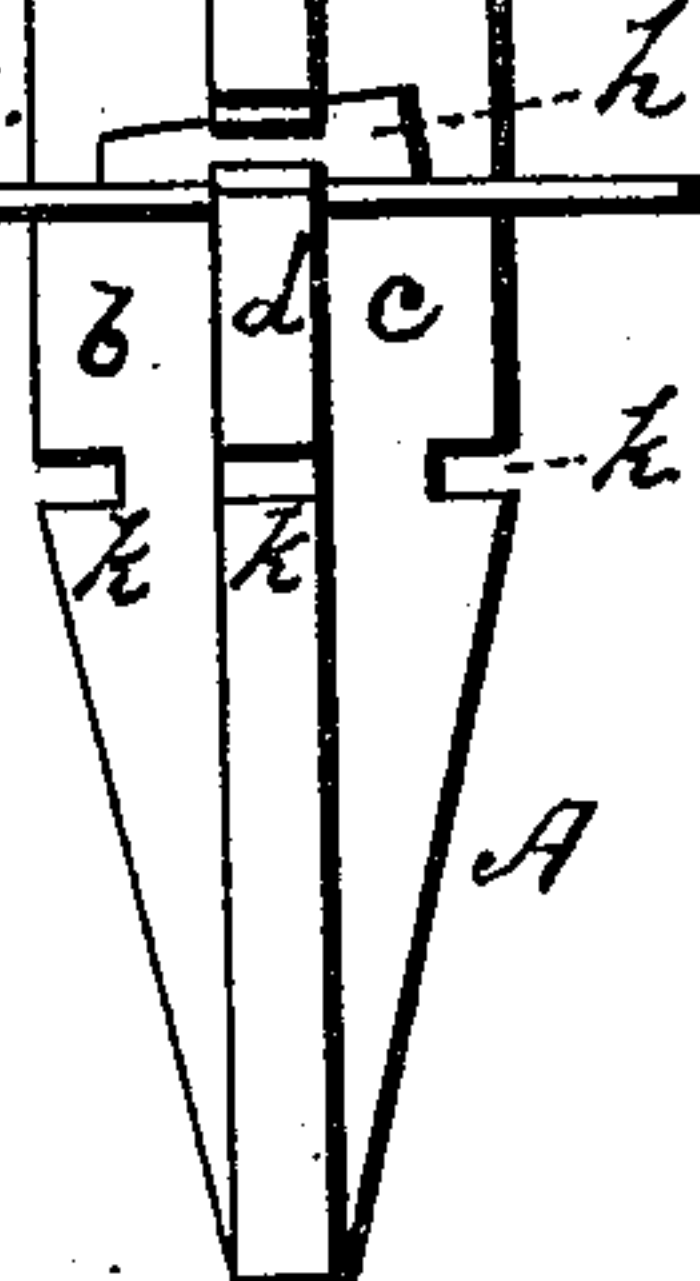
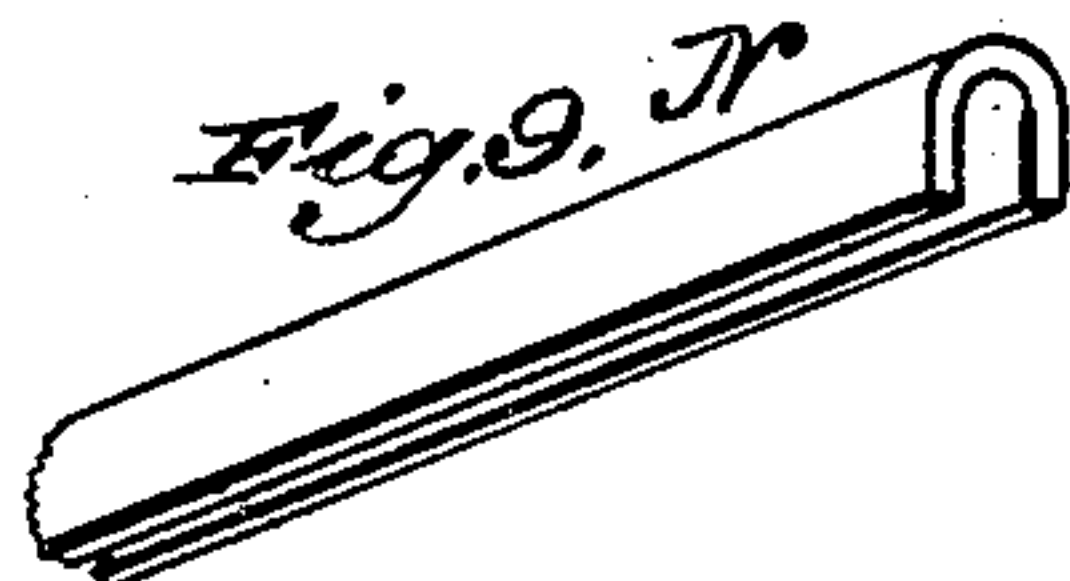


Fig. 4.



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Fig. 9.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK BROWN, a citizen of the United States, resident at Chagrin Falls, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side view of my fence and post. Fig. 2 is also a side view. Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are detail views, and Fig. 10 is a top view.

This invention has relation to fence-posts; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, as hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates the post, which is made of plate-iron, and is formed with three flanges, *b*, *c*, and *d*, whereof the last is centrally arranged and at right angles to the two first, which are in the same plane. Through the flanges *b* and *c* are punched holes *e*, for the reception of screws or nails when the posts are used for supporting boards. When used in wire fencing, the wires are seated in notches *g*, which are enlarged somewhat at their inner ends to receive fastening-plugs *h*, which serve to hold the wires in place.

Near the lower end of the post, which is designed to be set in the ground, a horizontal notch, *k*, is made in each flange, and a plate, *L*, is provided, having a triangular aperture in its center, as indicated at *m*, which is designed to be slipped on the lower end of the post to engage the notches *k*. The triangular aperture *m* is of sufficient size to receive the flanges *b*, *c*, and *d*; but when it is turned in the notches *k* its margins become firmly engaged therewith, so that it is locked on the post and forms a strong annular plate, serving to prevent the post from being raised out of the ground.

N represents a brace-bar bent in **U** shape, which is designed to engage one of the flanges of the post, serving as a brace.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The flanged iron fence-post having perforations *e* and notches *g*, enlarged at their inner ends, the horizontal notches *k* near its lower end, the plugs *h*, and the annular plate *L*, having the triangular aperture *m*, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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