

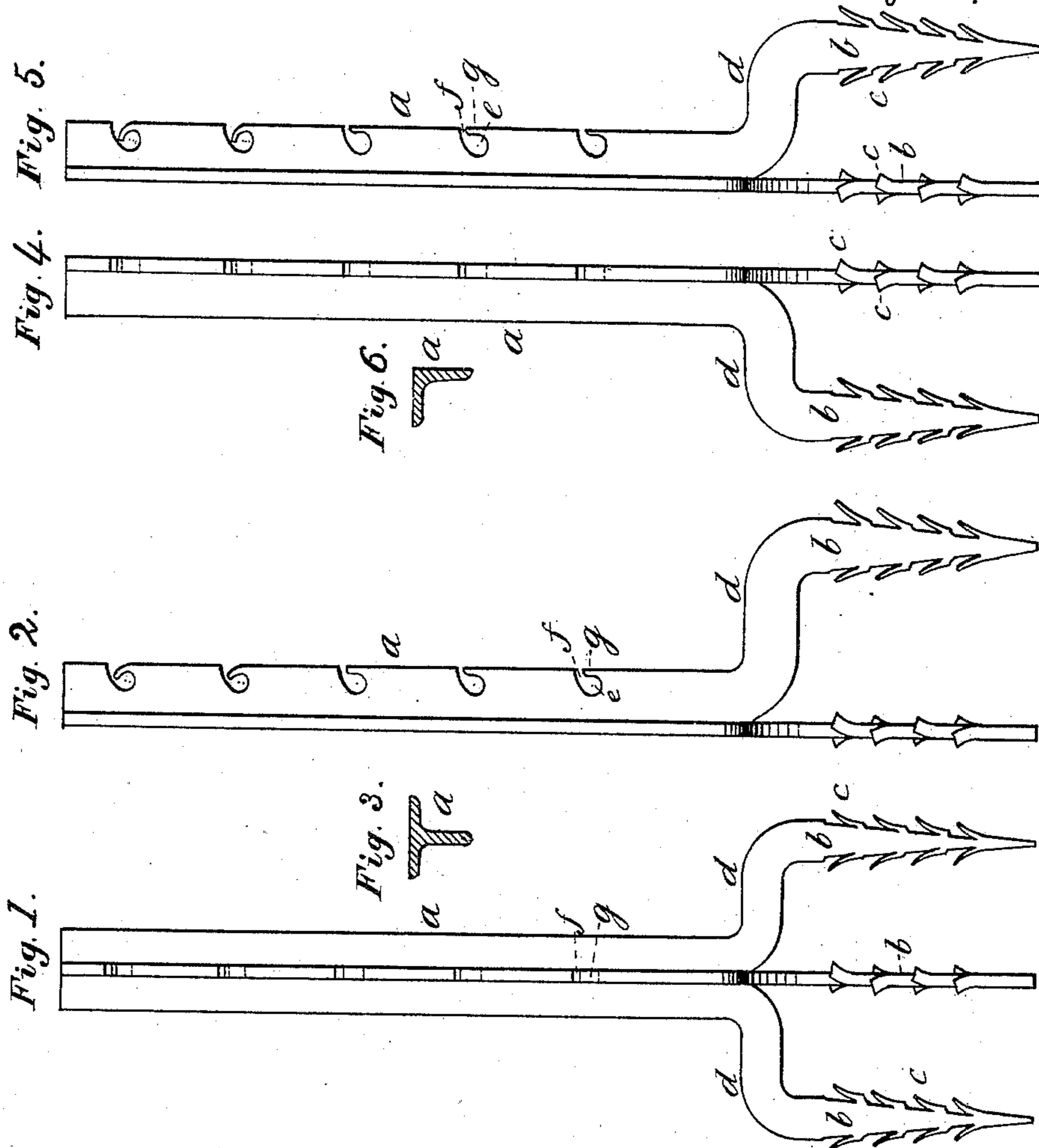
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FENCE POST.

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FENCE-POST.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 277,658, dated May 15, 1883.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALEXANDER A. ARTHUR, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and EBENEZER F. SPAULDING, a citizen of the United States, both residing at Boston, Suffolk county, Massachusetts, and WILLIAM DAVISON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention consists of a fence-post for wire fencing made of angle or T iron bars with tapered prongs having lateral barbs cut on the edges and projected to form strong resistance to the pulling of the post out of the ground, all as hereinafter fully described, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent front, side, and sectional views of our improved fence-post as constructed from a T-bar; and Figs. 4, 5, and 6 represent front, side, and sectional views of our improved post as constructed from an angle-bar.

We employ angle or T bars for the posts *a*, splitting the bars along the angles and bending the prongs apart, as shown at *d*, for the more substantial support of the posts in the ground, making two prongs on an angle-bar and three on a T-bar, all of which we taper and barb alike, as shown, thus providing simple and efficient posts that can be readily set up in place simply by driving them into the ground. To fasten the wires to the posts, we make the notches *e* in one edge, making a narrow slit or opening, *f*, at the upper side of the notch, through which the wire may be insert-

ed, and forming a narrow lip, *g*, along and in front of the lower portion of the notch, said lip being of uniform thickness from the slit to the bottom of the notch, or nearly, that it may be easily bent backward against and partly over the wires to secure them in the notch, as clearly shown; but other methods of fastening the wires may be employed, and we do not claim any special method.

The notches may be punched out in any ordinary punching-machine, and the barbs may also be made by suitable punching or cutting machinery, enabling them to be made rapidly and cheaply.

The splitting and bending of the angle-bars may be done by specially-contrived apparatus, by which the same may be effected within practicable limits of cost.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fence-post made of angle or T iron bar, and having two or more tapered prongs, *b*, formed by splitting the bar along the angle or angles and bending the split prongs, as described, and said prongs being armed with barbs *c*, substantially as specified.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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