

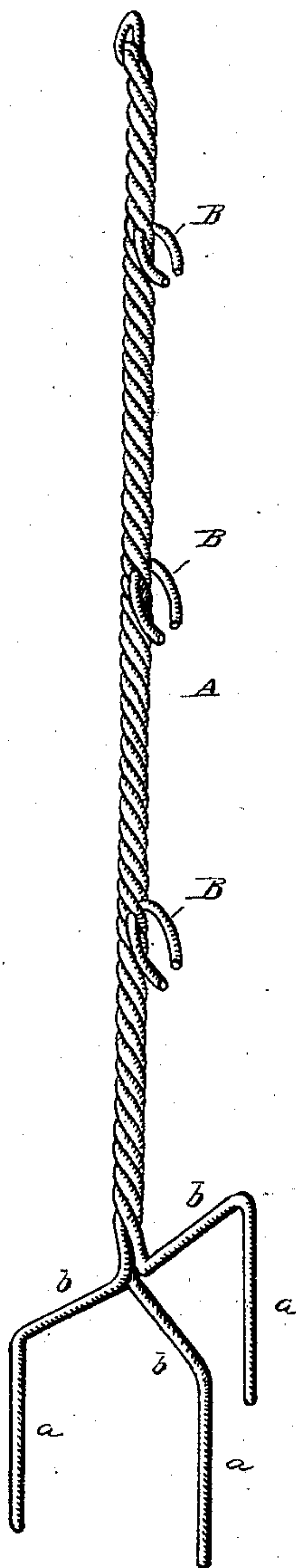
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FENCE POST.

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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. WALTERS, of Jonesville, in the county of Hillsdale, and in the State of Michigan, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference
10 marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in wire-fence posts; and it has for its objects to provide a post having supports for the
15 wires, and so formed at the base as to be readily secured in the ground, or to a suitable support, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I obtain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which is represented a perspective view of a fence-post constructed according to my invention:

The letter A indicates a fence-post which is composed of three strands of wire twisted for a portion of their length to form the upright
25 portion of the post, and bent at their free ends first horizontally and then at right angles, the vertical portions *a* being adapted to be driven into the ground until the horizontal portions *b*

rest upon the surface thereof, forming a solid support for the vertical portions of the post. 30 Two of the twisted strands are formed of a single wire looped midway between its ends, the third strand being looped at its upper end and secured to the loop of the first-mentioned strands, forming the upper wire support of the
35 post. At suitable intervals are secured the other supports, which consist of the bent wires B, fastened between the twisted portions of the strands.

Having thus described my invention, what I 40 claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fence-post consisting of three strands of wire suitably twisted for a portion of their length, and having a loop at one end, the free
45 ends of the wires being bent horizontally and vertically, and the twisted portion provided at suitable intervals with wire supports, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in 50 presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of February, 1883.

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