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Fig. 1.

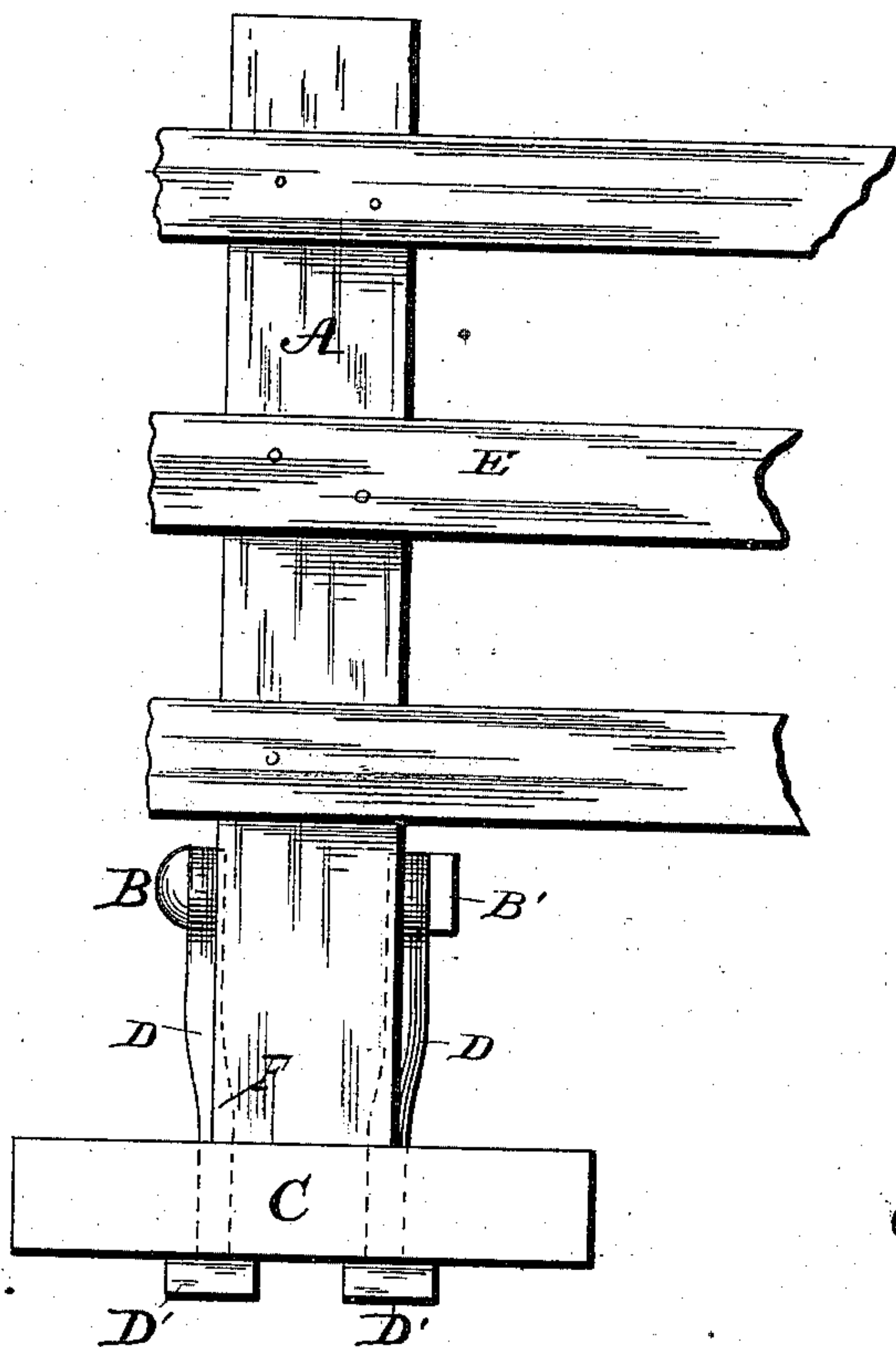
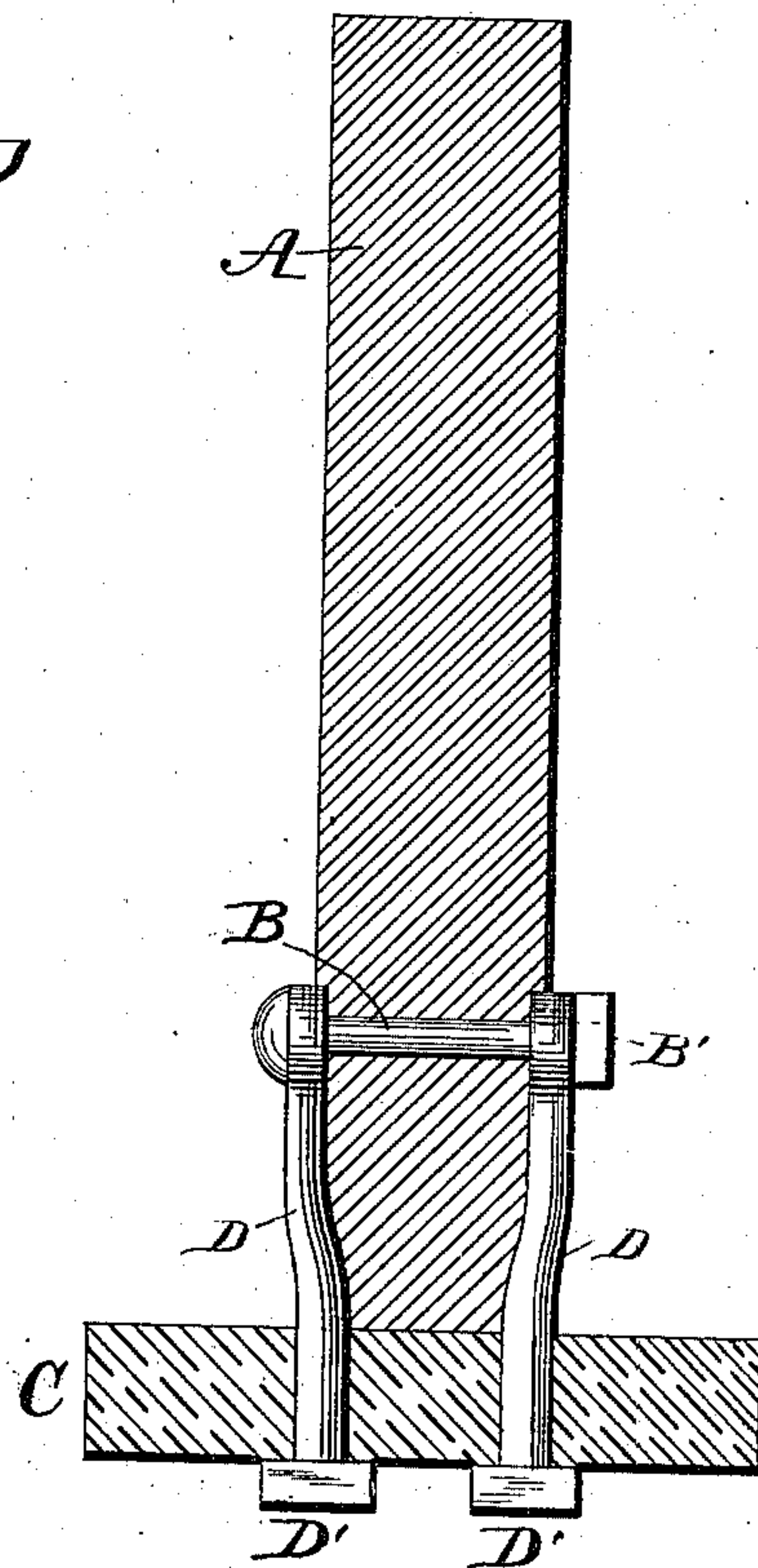


Fig. 2.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN H. KREIDLER, of Bethlehem township, Northampton county, and ANTRO KREIDLER, of Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, citizens of the United States, residing in the aforesaid townships, county, and State, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to posts for fences and other purposes.

It consists in a base-block provided with openings, and the post proper mounted upon said block, the post and block being united by eyebolts and a cross-bolt, all of which will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front elevation of our improvement, with fragments of fence-boards secured thereto; and Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the post, its base, and connecting means.

Like letters indicate like parts in the two views.

A is the post proper.

B is a cross-bolt passing through the eyes of bolts D and through the post.

B' is the nut on bolt B.

C is the base-block, upon which the post is mounted. This block is provided with openings, through which the eyebolts D pass, and D' are nuts on said bolts.

Dotted lines in Fig. 1 represent the grooves F in the sides of the post, in which the bodies of the eyebolts lie, whereby the parts are more firmly secured.

The letter E represents the fence-boards.

The grooves F may be omitted and staples straddling the eyebolts be driven into the post near its bottom on each side; or any other suitable device may be used to prevent the post from turning on bolt B.

The base-piece C may be of slate or other suitable material. Said base-piece may be sunk into the ground, so that the upper side of it, upon which the post rests, will be about half an inch above the surface, so as to pre-

vent the rotting of the lower end of the post, which occurs when the post is planted in the ground in the usual manner.

The base-plate and the three bolts are presumed to be permanent and remain; but the post may be renewed as often as necessary.

The advantages of our improvement are that its cost is small, and it is not necessary to have the post as long as in the ordinary form, inasmuch as no part of our post is placed in the ground. Posts which have been rotted at the lower end by the old usage may be removed, sawed off, and used in connection with our base-plate and bolts. It will be observed that by the use of our device a post will last much longer than one which is inserted into the ground. The parts of this device are very easily and quickly put together, and when united constitute a strong, reliable, and durable post.

The drawings show our device as used in a board fence; but it is evident that our invention is equally applicable to rail, wire, picket, or other fences, as well as to any other use in which posts may be necessary.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A fence-post provided with a transverse opening, and mounted upon a base-block provided with openings, in combination with eyebolts and a cross-bolt, whereby the parts are united, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. A fence-post provided with a transverse opening and side grooves from said opening to the bottom of the post, in combination with a base-block provided with openings, a cross post-bolt, and side eyebolts, the latter being adapted to lie in the post-grooves, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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