

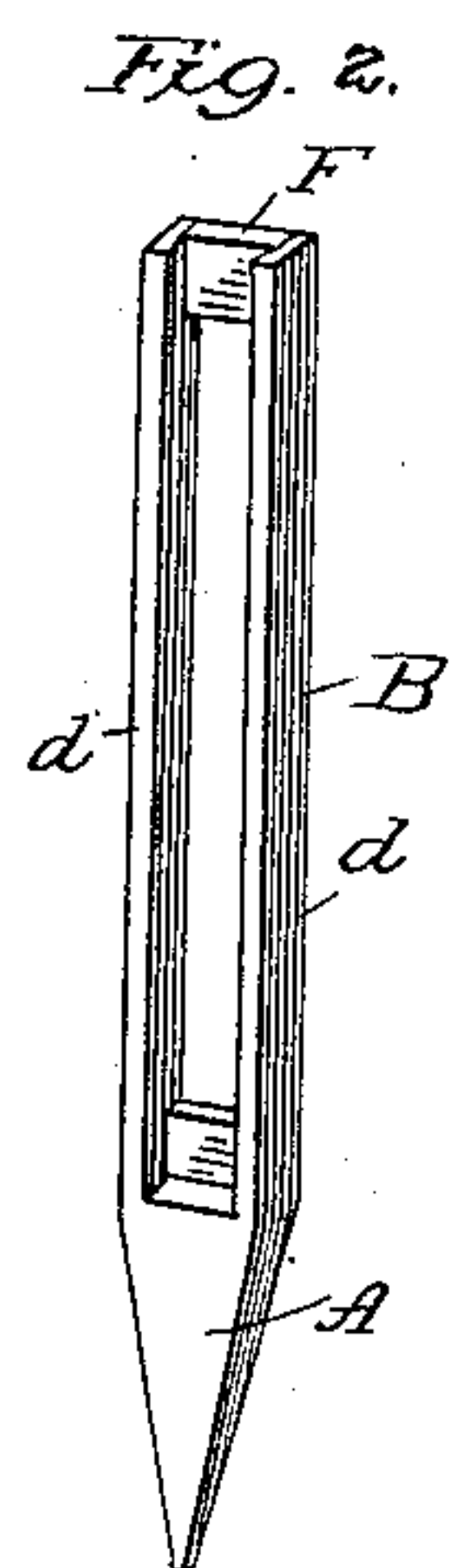
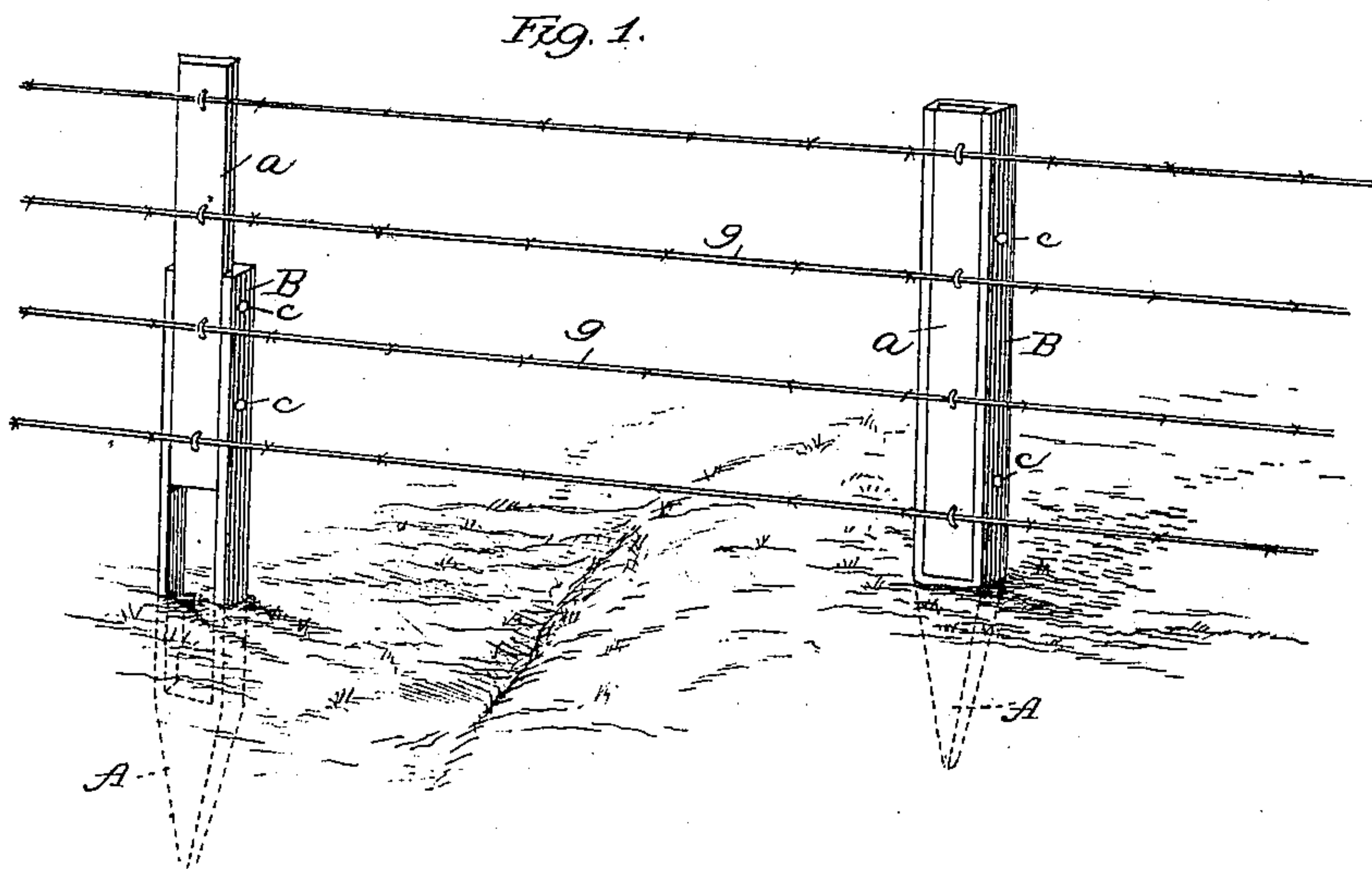
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID P. BAKER, of Shambaugh, in the county of Page and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is an improved fence - post. Its object is to render the post adjustable in height, so that it may be adapted to any inequality of ground, in order that the tops of the posts in the line of fence may be made uniform in height, and the posts be set at equal and sufficient depth in the ground when the fence is built over uneven surfaces.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence with my improved post. Fig. 2 shows a detached view of a part of the post.

The base A of the post is of ordinary construction, adapted to be set in the ground.

The upper part, B, is built up out of strips *d d*, forming the sides, and a block, F, connecting these pieces at the top. The inner edges of the side pieces are preferably made inclined toward the rear, and between these is set the sliding strip *a*, which has its edges inclined, corresponding to the inclined edges of the side pieces. The block F sustains the strip *a* at the rear, and this strip is preferably of such thickness as to come flush with the outer surface of the side pieces, *d*, when in position. The strip *a* is adapted to slide vertically between the pieces *d d*, and may be adjusted to any desired height, and it is held in the proper position by one or more holding-pins, *c*, which pass through the side pieces and enter holes in the sliding strip. The wire bars or strips *g g* are fastened in any suitable manner to the adjustable strip.

Instead of being entirely cut through, as shown, the upper part, B, may be simply grooved or countersunk to receive the sliding strip in an obvious manner.

These posts may be set in the ground regardless of any inequalities in the surface, and when the rails, wires, or strips are added to form the panels the adjustable strips may be set at the proper height.

I am aware that heretofore it has been proposed to form fence-posts of a base and standard, the base being composed of tile or earthenware, with the standard screwed adjustably thereto, and also to provide a metal post or base with a post fitted to have a limited vertical and lateral adjustment; and I do not, therefore, broadly claim such adjustment of parts.

I claim—

1. A fence-post composed of a body, B, and foot A, in combination with the strip *a*, vertically adjustable within the side pieces, *d d*, and flush with the outer surface thereof, and adapted to receive the bars, rails, or wires upon its face, substantially as described.

2. A fence-post composed of the body B and foot A, in combination with the strip *a*, vertically adjustable in the side pieces, *d d*, and the retaining - pins *c*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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