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FENCE POST.

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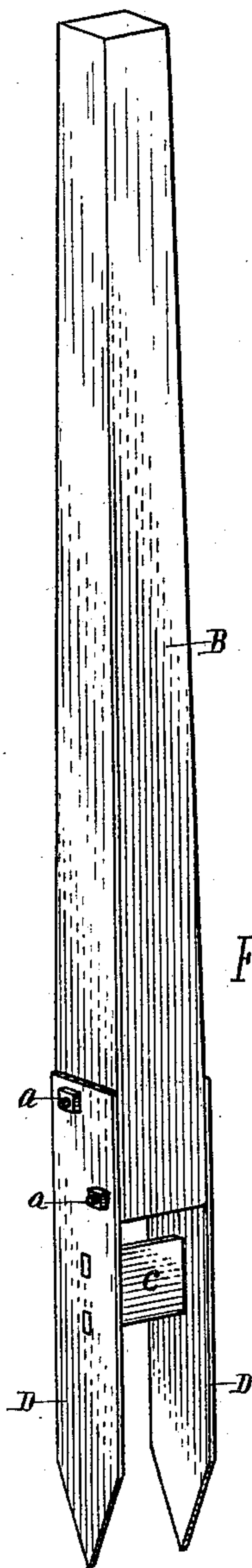


Fig. 1

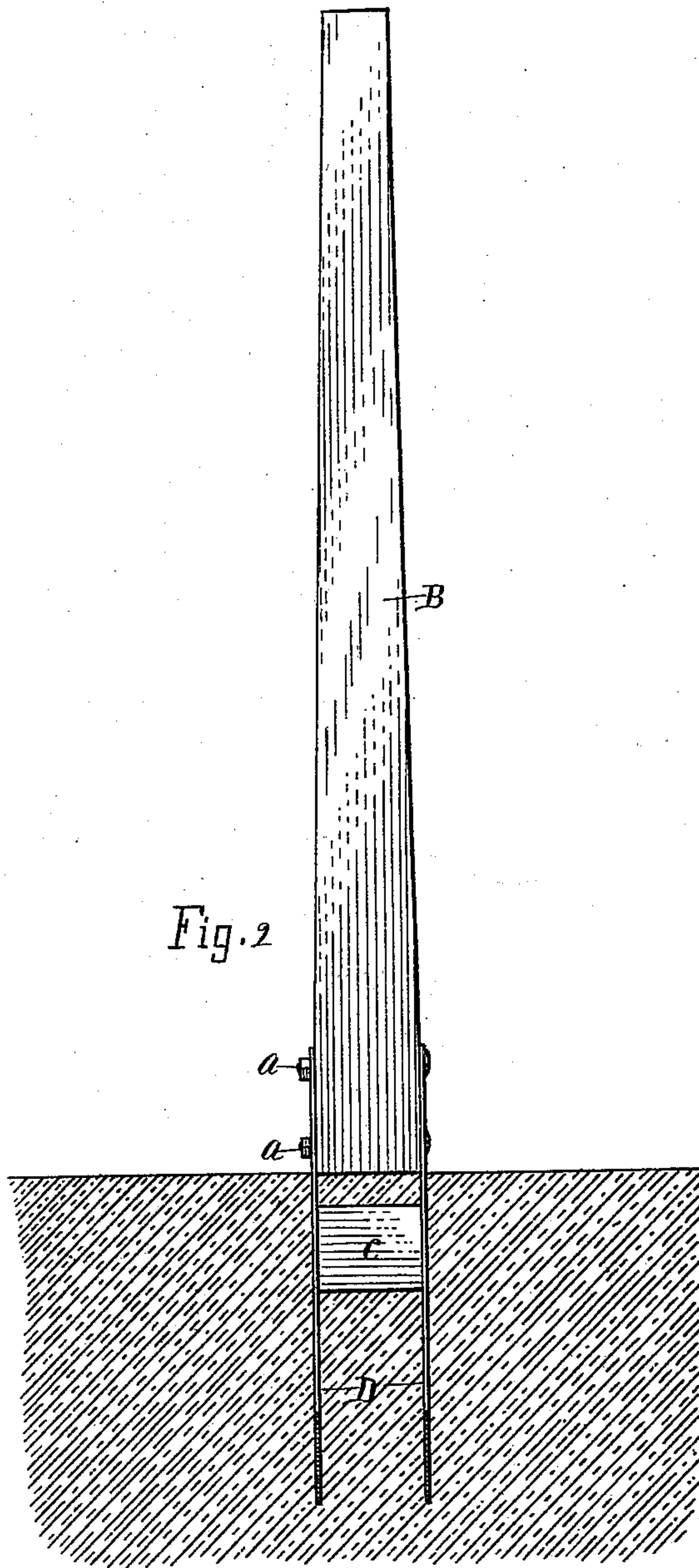


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM W. NEWTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Haven, county of Van Buren, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object certain improvements in fence-posts which are provided with anchoring-prongs pendent below the base of the post proper, substantially as below set forth and claimed.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the post; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation, with the ground in vertical section.

Referring to the lettered parts of the drawings, B is a wooden post, and D D are two thin flat metal plates, sharpened to a point at the base and secured to the lower end of the post on two opposite sides by bolts *a a*. This constitutes the part of the post which is inserted in the ground, Fig. 2. The plates being thin, flat, and pointed, they are easily forced into the ground. As they are separated and parallel with each other, the earth between them braces the post in one way and the connecting-plate C braces the plates and the post the other way. The reason of this is that, should the post have a tendency to lean over from the force of the wind against the fence or from

other causes, the face of the cross-plate C, contacting with the soil, would assist the anchor-plates D in keeping the post upright. This plate cuts into the soil edgewise. Its ends are secured to the adjacent faces of the plates D.

A little space is left between the upper edge of the connecting-plate C and the lower end of the post B, to allow of the insertion of a crow-bar when desiring to remove the post from the ground.

The portion of the post in the ground, being metal, will not rot like wood; but of course, if desired, the post B might be metal or other material besides wood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The post having the thin flat anchor-plates bolted to the opposite sides of the base of the post, and provided with the thin transverse plate fixed vertically edgewise below the base of the post between the anchor-plates, substantially as set forth.

In testimony of the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name in presence of two witnesses.

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