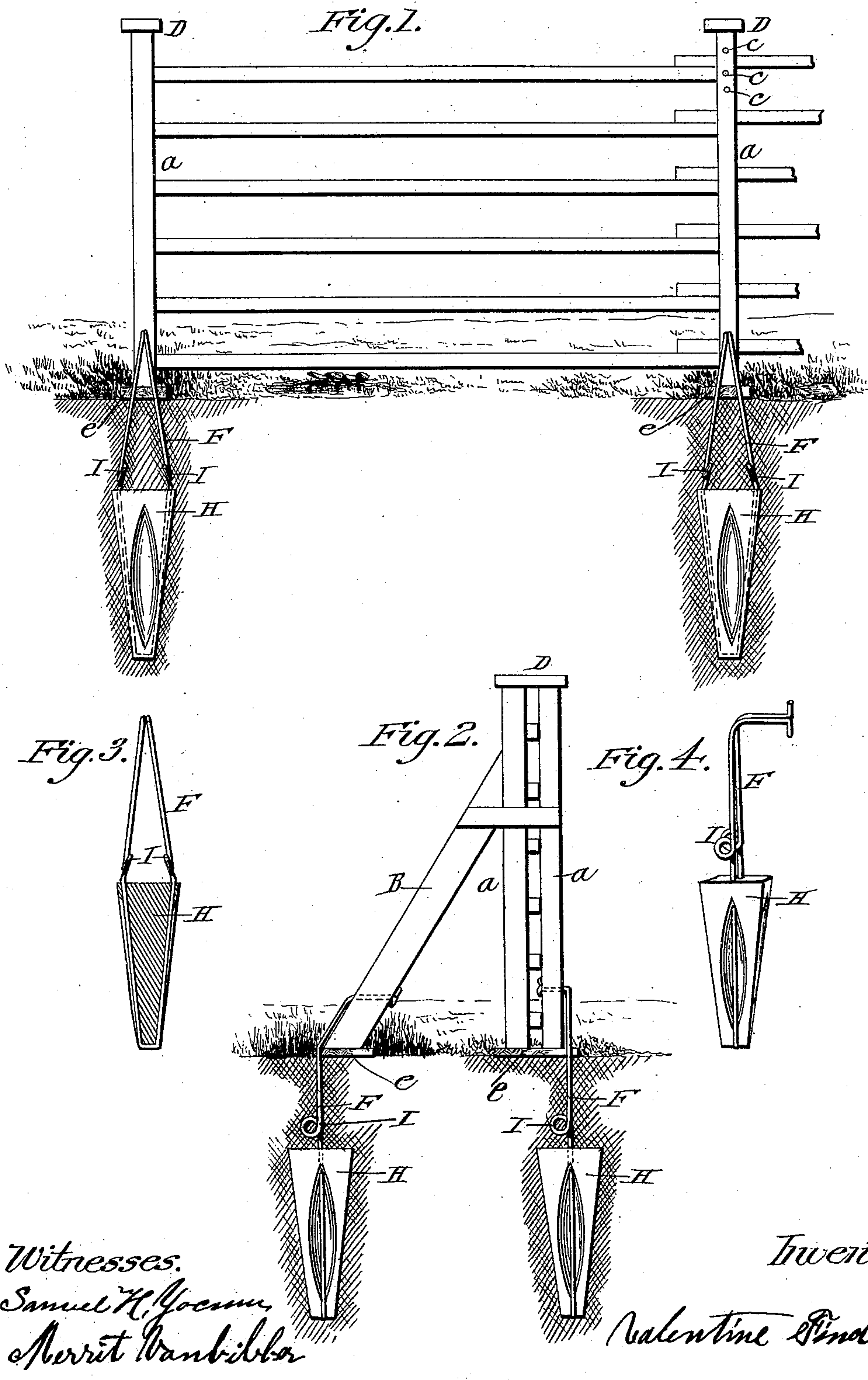


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VALENTINE FINDLING, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Tipton, in the county of Tipton and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Anchors for Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others of competent skill in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in anchors for fence-posts, the object of the same being to provide a means for firmly securing the fence-post to the ground.

Figure 1 shows a fence-panel, to the posts of which my invention has been applied. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same panel. Fig. 3 shows my anchor in vertical cross-section, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same.

My loop-anchor is constructed by making a cast-iron plug, H, large at one end and small at the other, and of sufficient length to drive readily into the ground. The lower or small end is grooved and somewhat rounded, to receive a bent wire, and a considerable depression extends centrally on each side to near the top, where two parallel holes pass up on opposite sides for the purpose of securing the wire to the plug H while being drawn out, if the fence is required to be moved at any time, and to hold plug H in a vertical position. A wire, F F, of the required size and length is then bent double, the ends are placed on opposite sides of the plug H, and passed from the small

end upward through the parallel holes. The bent portion of the wire is neatly fitted and pressed into the groove in the small end of the plug, and the projecting ends of the wire above the large end of plug H are bent round and form curls I I, which serve to prevent breaking from contraction by frost and relieve sudden blows when being driven in the ground.

In applying my loop-anchor a line is drawn where the fence is wanted and the length of panel measured to determine where each post will be required to stand, and at that place I drive plug H, by placing the end of a bar on top and with a sledge drive plug H the necessary depth, and stamp the earth solidly on top, letting the ends of wire F F project. Then placing a brick or stone with the edge close to the wires, I set my post on the brick and pass the ends of wire F F past the edge of the brick and up the post a few inches, then through the post, and draw tightly and clinch, and the post is secured in its proper position.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a fence-post, of a downwardly-tapering anchor-piece buried in the ground, and a connecting-wire passed beneath the anchor-piece and through perforations made on opposite sides thereof, near its upper edges, said wire having an eye formed in each of its branches above the anchor-piece and having its ends firmly secured to the body of the post.

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