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Fig. 1.

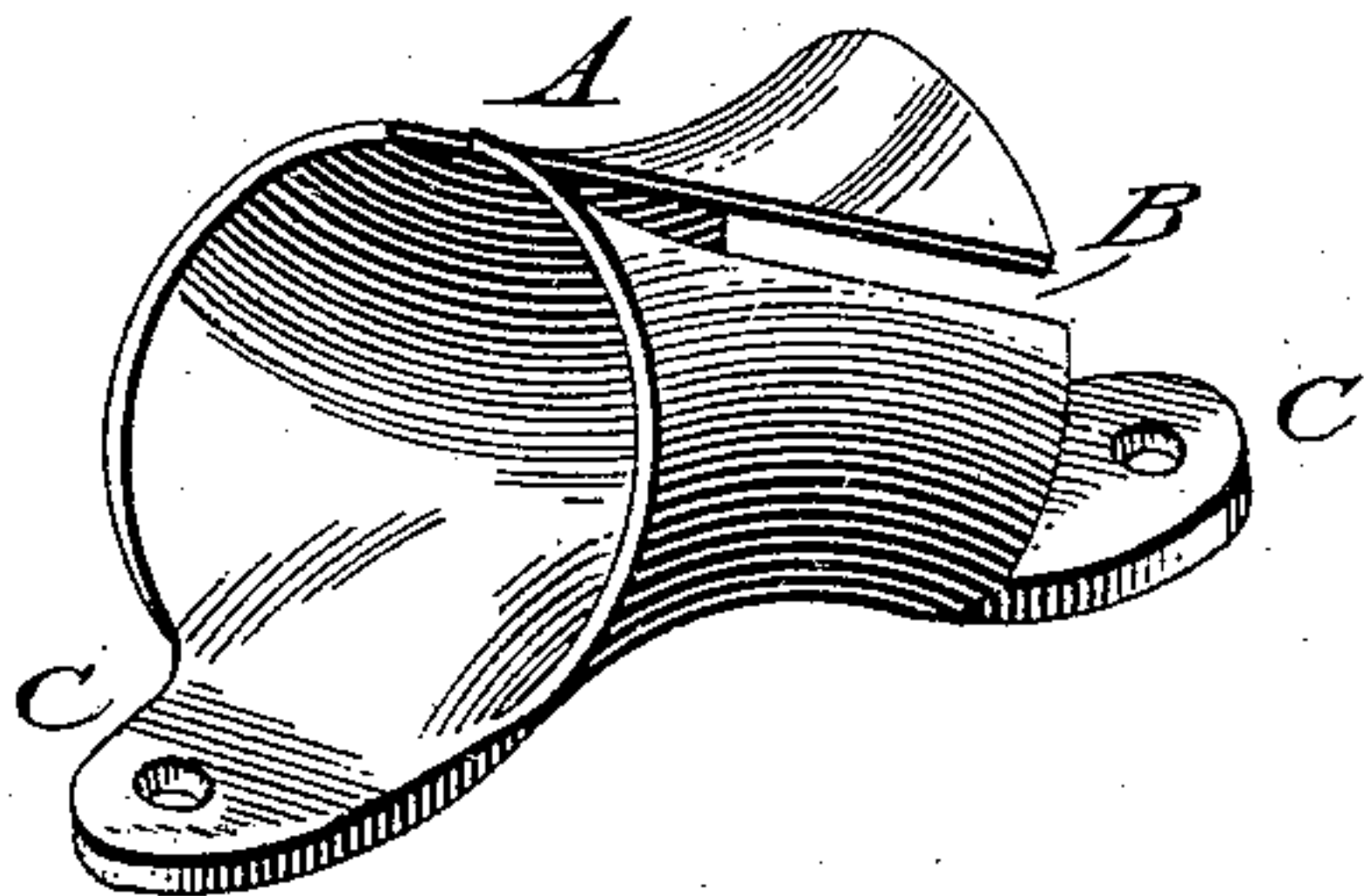


Fig. 2.

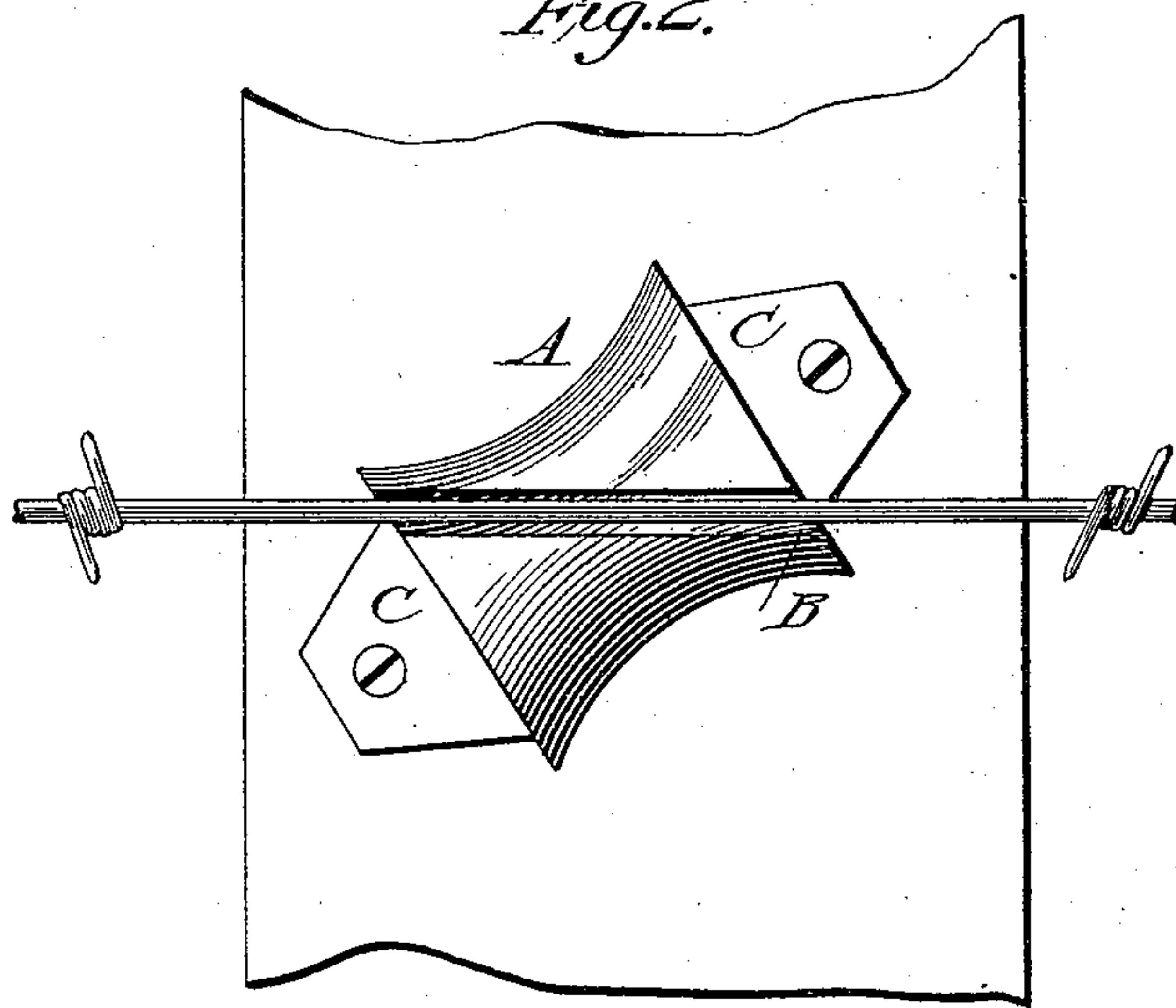
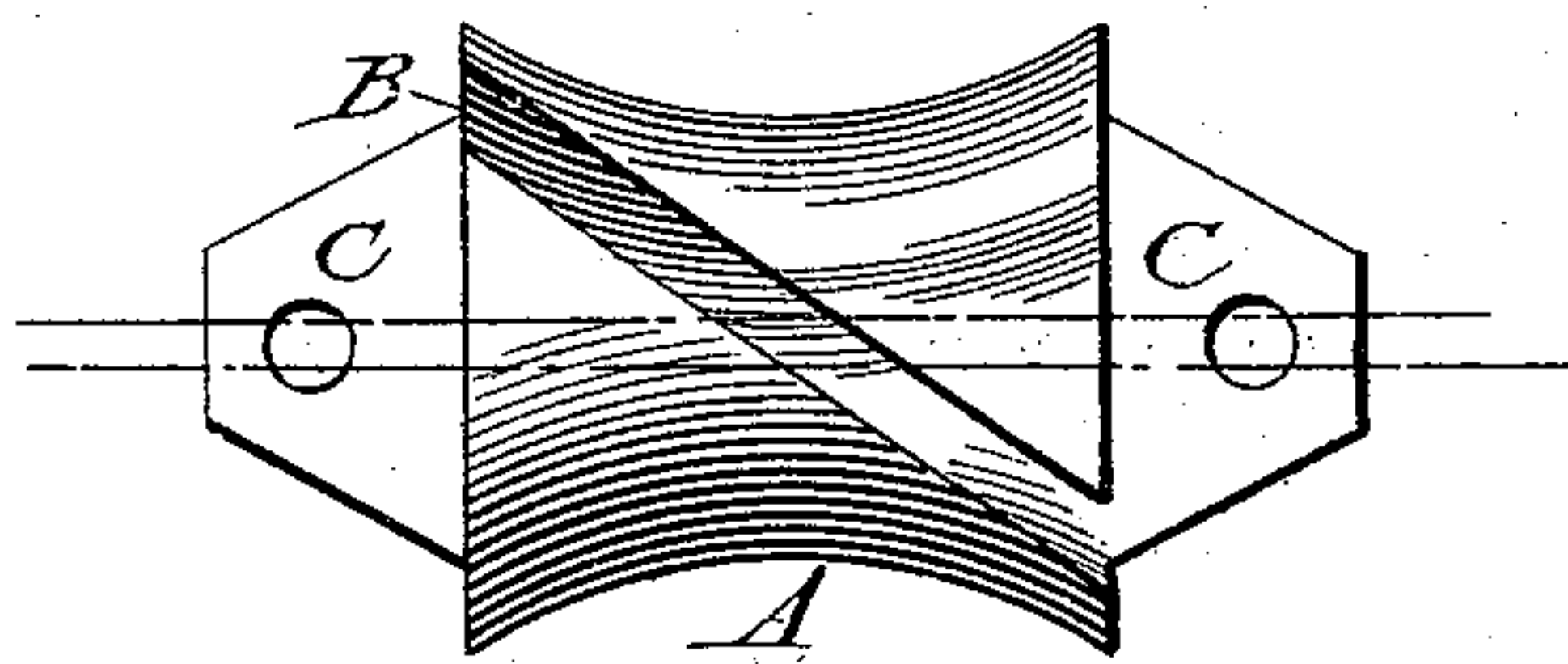


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. GHOLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Brackets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to wire-fence supports; and it consists of a tubular bracket made of one piece of metal provided with lugs and a diagonal slot, adapted to be applied to a post for the reception of fence-wires, as more fully hereinafter described.

It is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bracket; Fig. 2, a view showing the position of the bracket when thrown up for receiving a wire, and Fig. 3 a section of fence with the bracket applied thereto in connection with the wires.

In the drawings, A represents the bracket open and flaring, or beveled at both ends, formed of one piece of any suitable metal, cast, wrought, or stamped up. It is tubular in form and provided with a central diagonal slot, B, and at its opposite ends with lugs C, by which it can be applied to a post by means of nails, bolts, rivets, or screws. The body of the bracket tapers gradually from the center to the ends for the purpose of affording as little friction as possible to the wire at the central point to permit the curving or bending of the wire on either or both sides of the bracket. The central passage is made large enough to insure easy passage of the barbs through the brackets. The object of the diagonal slot B

is to provide quick and easy means of passing the wires in and out of the bracket,

In operation, the bracket is first secured to a fence-post by one of the lugs only. The free end of the bracket is then thrown upward until the slot B is on a line with the wire, and the wire is then inserted therein. Thereupon the free end of the bracket is brought down to its proper parallel position on the post and secured thereto. The wire is thus held securely within the bracket, and at the same time is free to move with the tension of the fence.

To remove a wire from the fence, the operation is the same as when the wire is inserted.

My invention is found very useful in connection with other devices when it is desired to let a fence or a part thereof quickly down—as, for instance, in some places, suddenly, during the high-water season, when a fence is liable to be torn to pieces by a sudden rise of water, or by floating timbers, or in places where severe currents would tear an ordinary fence down.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The bracket A, consisting of a tube formed of a single piece of metal, open and flaring at both ends, with a diagonal slot running entirely through one side of said tube, and provided with lugs for connecting the same to a suitable support, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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