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Fig. 1

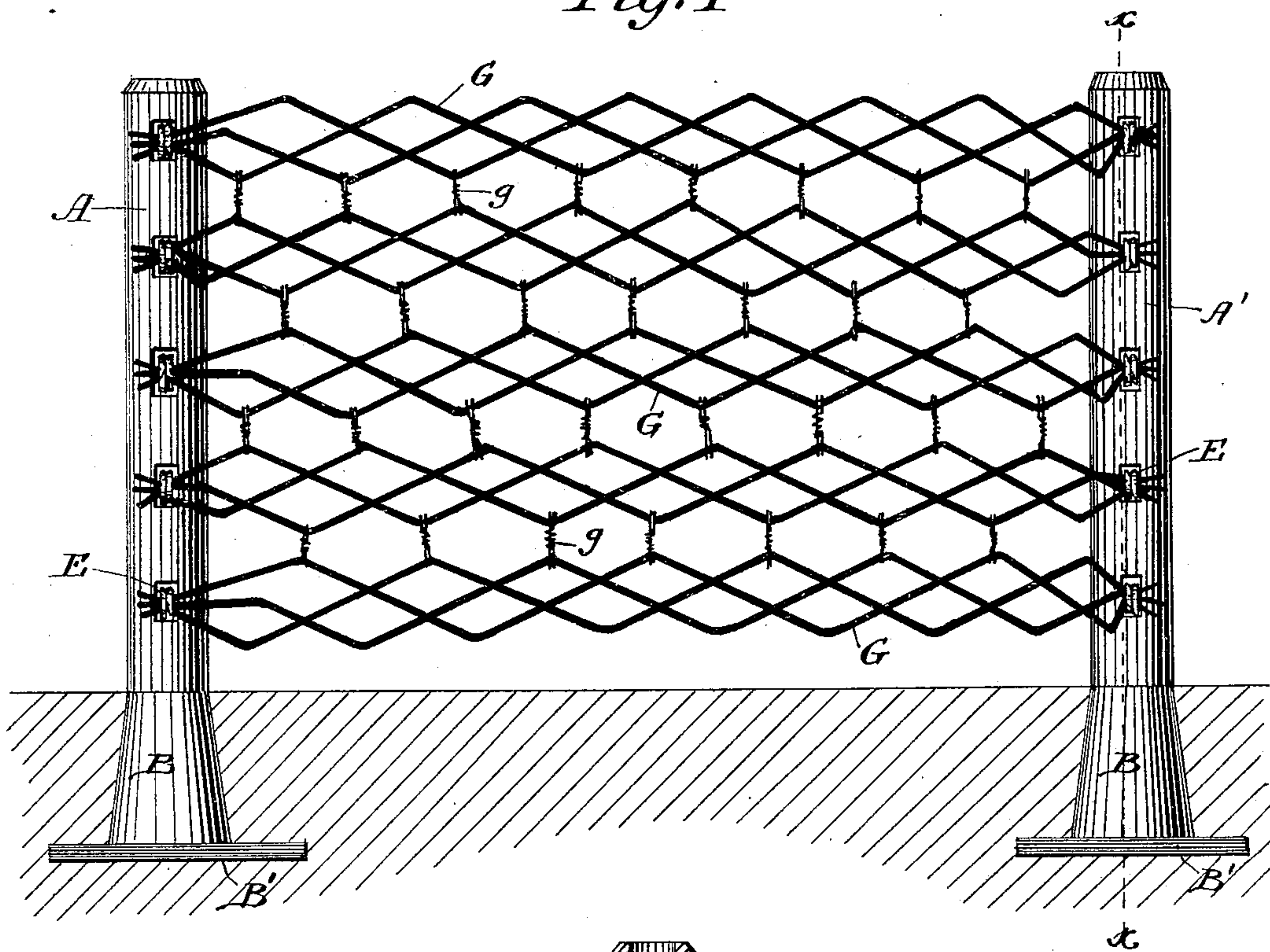


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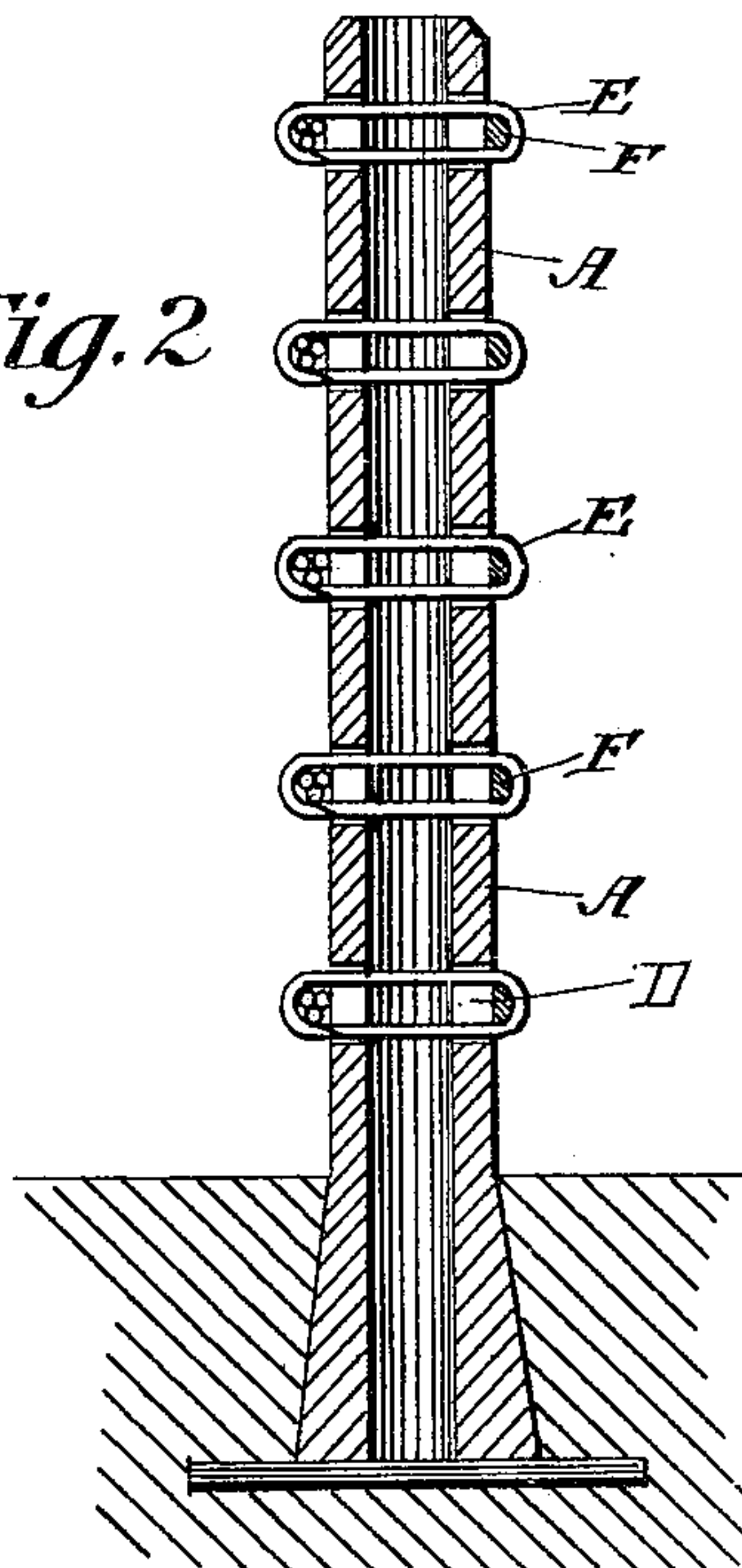


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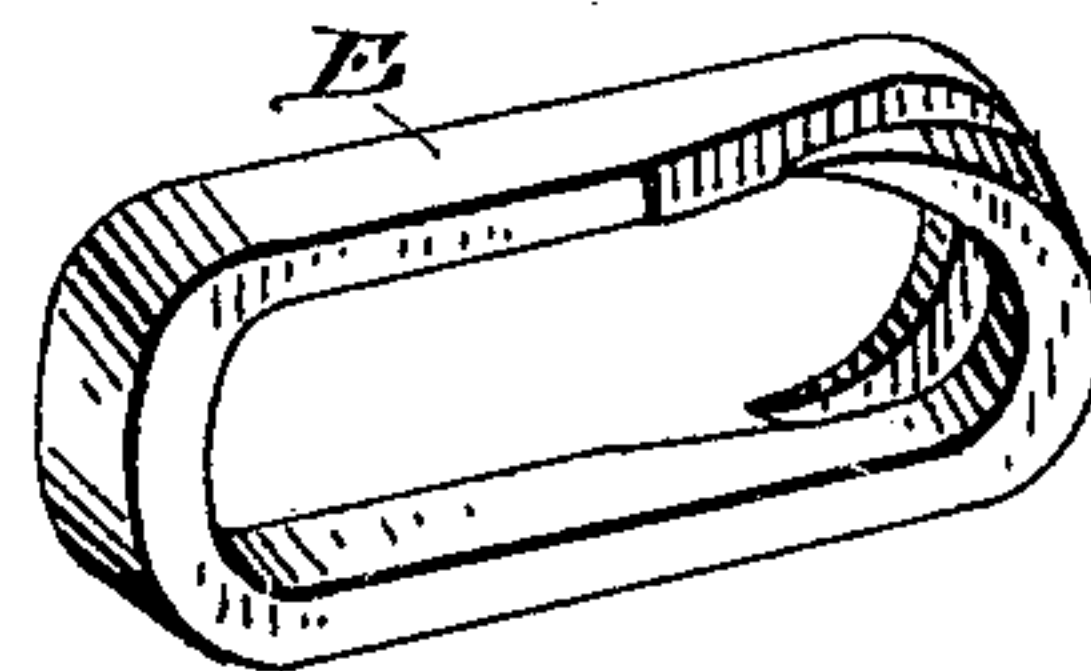
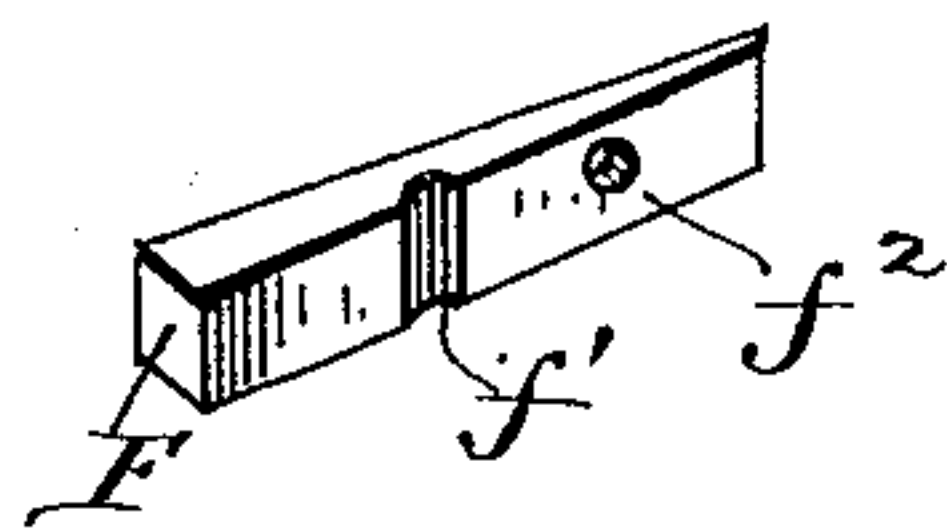


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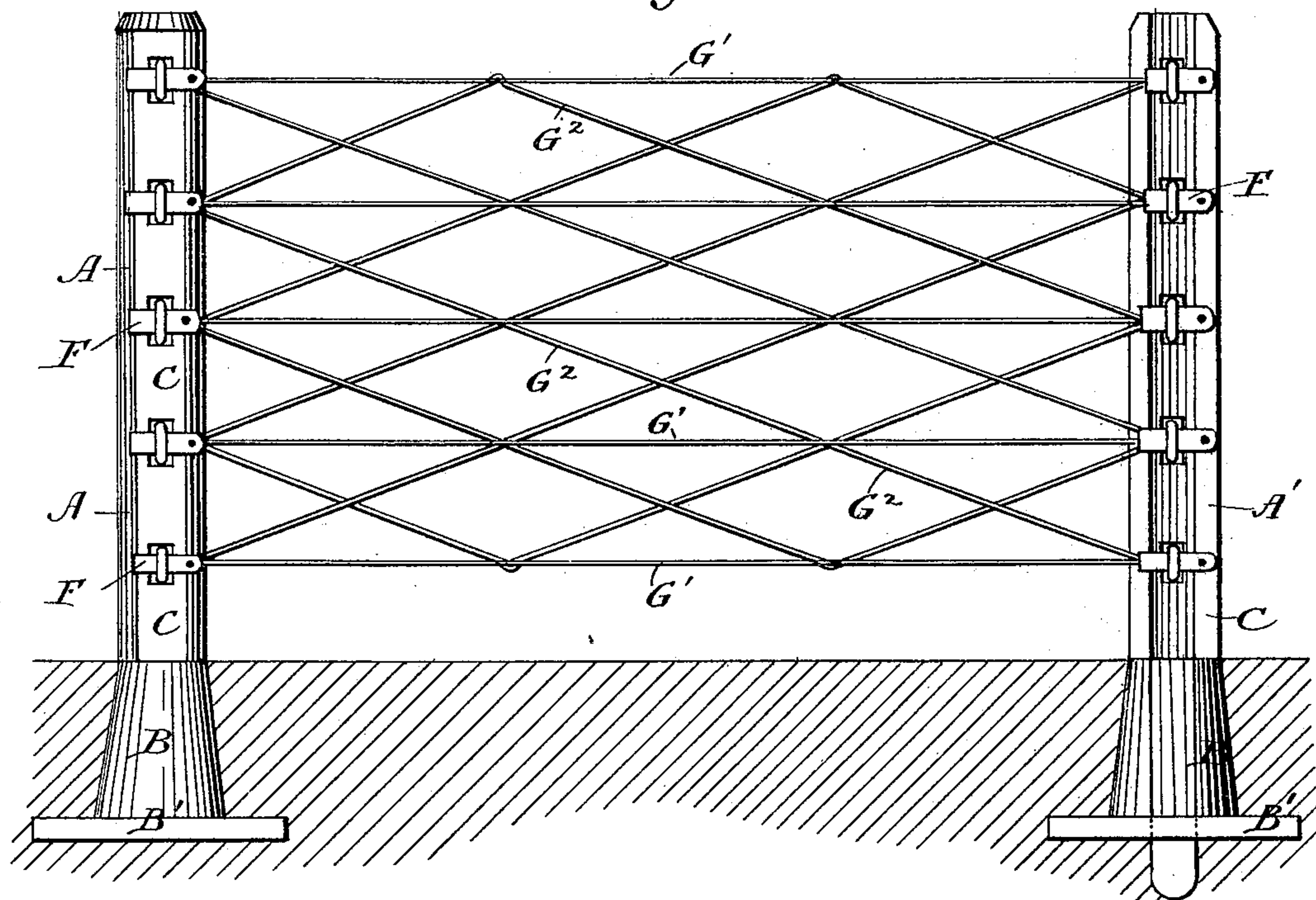


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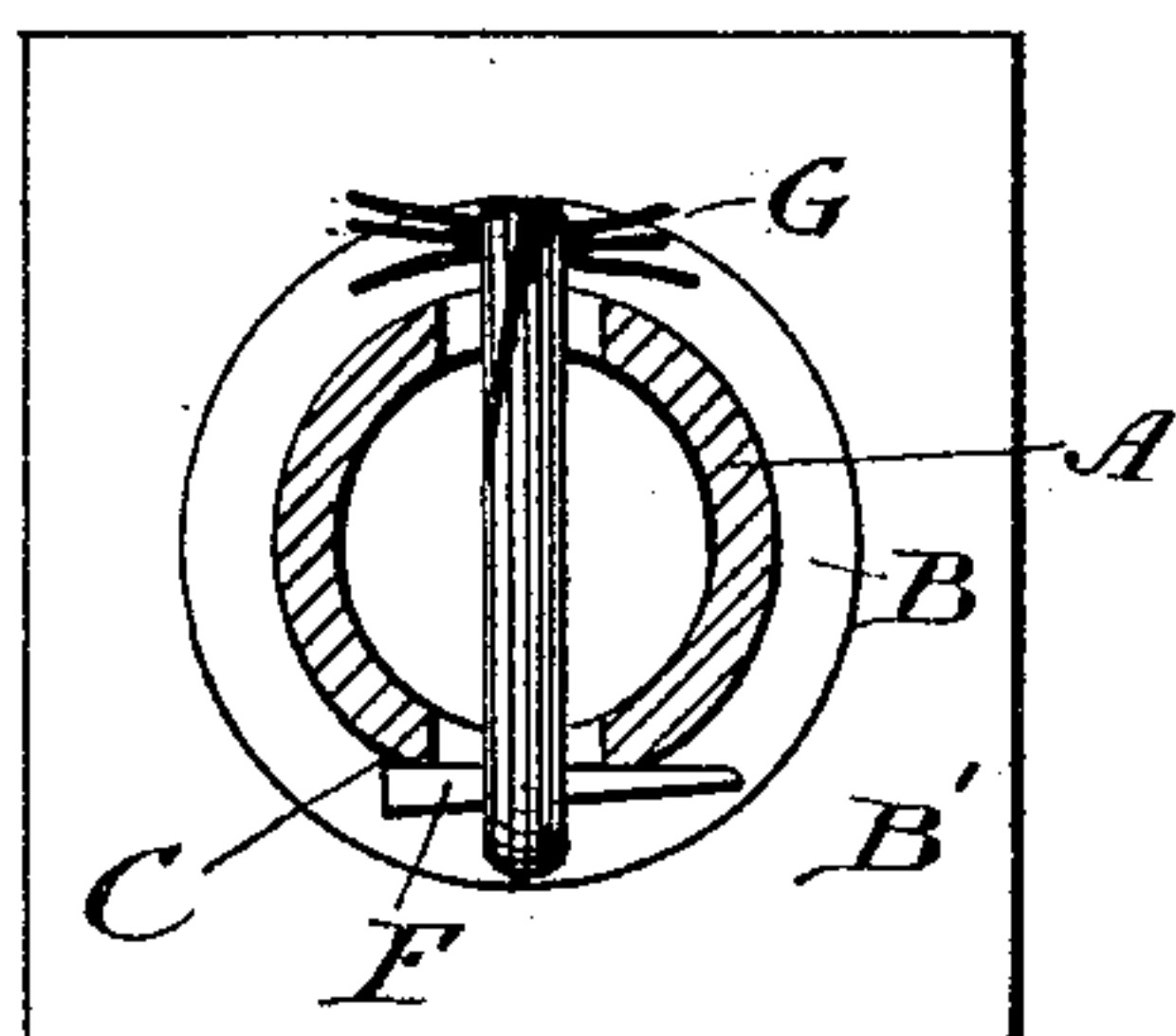
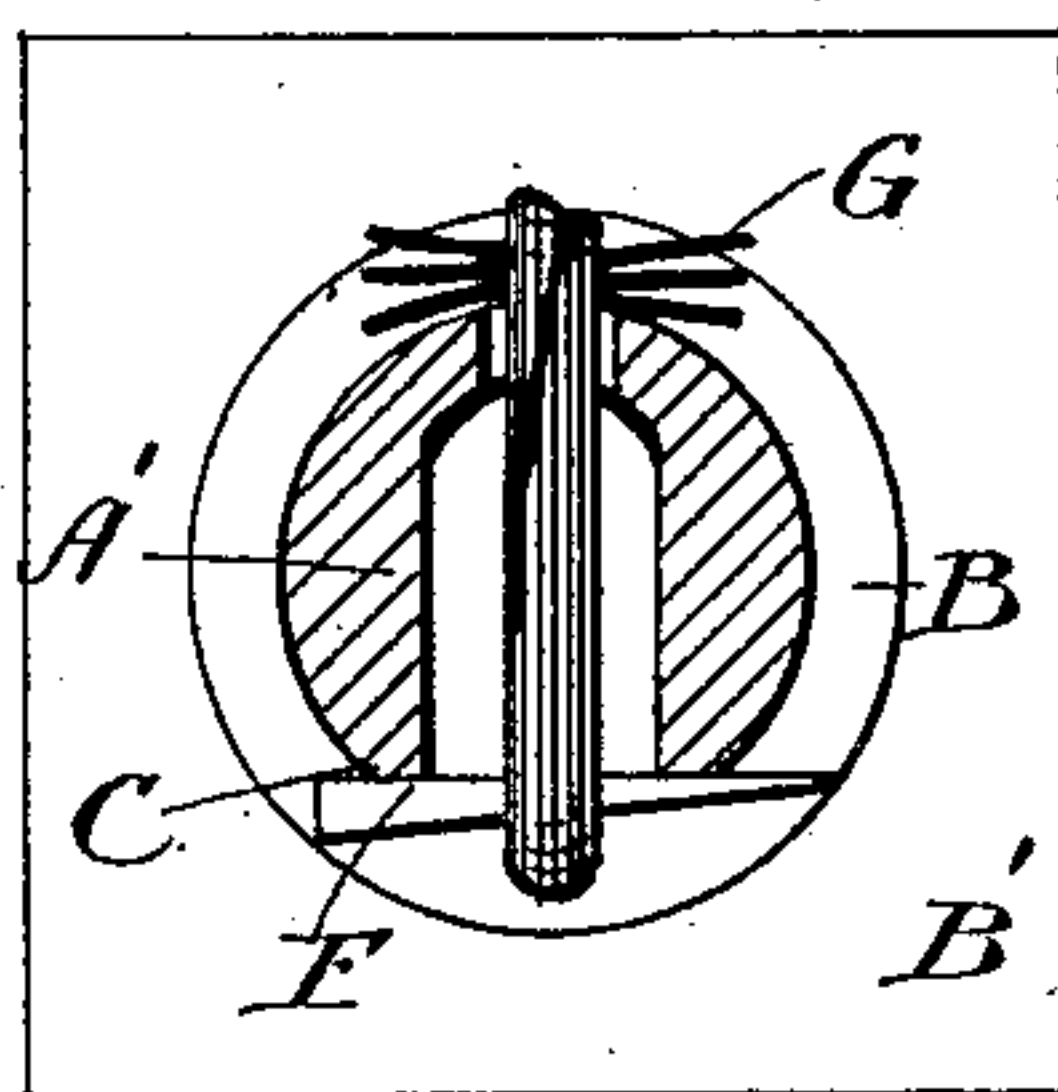


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RANSOM R. SPOORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clifton Springs, in the county of Ontario and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of fences; and it consists in a hollow or trough-shaped post having vertical openings to receive cold shut links, which inclose the wires and are held by inclined wedges.

The object of my invention is to construct a fence with hollow or trough-shaped posts, with slots through which links can be inserted, after encircling the rail or cross wires, and drawn tightly to place by wedges. I attain this object by means of the peculiar construction and arrangement of the various parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention; Fig. 2, a vertical section through one of the posts; Fig. 3, a perspective of the link for fastening the wire to the post; Fig. 4, a perspective of one of the wedges; Fig. 5, an elevation upon the side opposite that shown in Fig. 1, showing a different form of cross-wire; Fig. 6 a sectional plan, upon an enlarged scale, through a tubular hollow post and the cross-wire connections; and Fig. 7, a similar plan through a trough-shaped post and its connections.

*Similar letters refer to like parts throughout the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a post formed of metal, with a conical base, B, secured to a flat base-plate, B', the upright part of the post having a flat rear surface, C,

against which wedges F, which hold the cross-wires in place upon the post, may have a solid bearing, as will hereinafter appear.

Transverse slots D are formed through the post A, through which extends a split or open link, E, which is first spread apart and fitted over the bunch of wires alongside the post, and then closed together and passed through the transverse slots D. A wedge, F, is then passed through the end of the link upon the rear side of the post to bear against the flat side C thereof, and is notched at f' to prevent it from slipping out of place. A hole, f^2 , is made in the end of the wedge, through which a string or wire may be passed, as shown in Fig. 4, which will permit the wedges to be strung together for holding them in place upon the post or for carrying them along the line while the fence is being built. The open or cold shut links E are formed in the usual manner, and are adapted to slip over the bunched wires, and then closed and inserted through the transverse slots D of the post.

The wire may be made in twisted strands or bars G, linked together, as shown in Fig. 1, by tie-wires g ; or they may be made of horizontal wires G' , stretched from post to post and joined to diagonal wires G^2 , as shown in Fig. 5; or any other preferred form of cross-wires may be used.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the hollow fence-post A, whose rear face is open and whose base B is conical, terminating in a base-plate, B', the said post having a series of transverse slots, D, and adapted to hold the wires by means of the links E, and the wedges F, concaved at f' and perforated at f^2 , for the purpose and in the manner specified.

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

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