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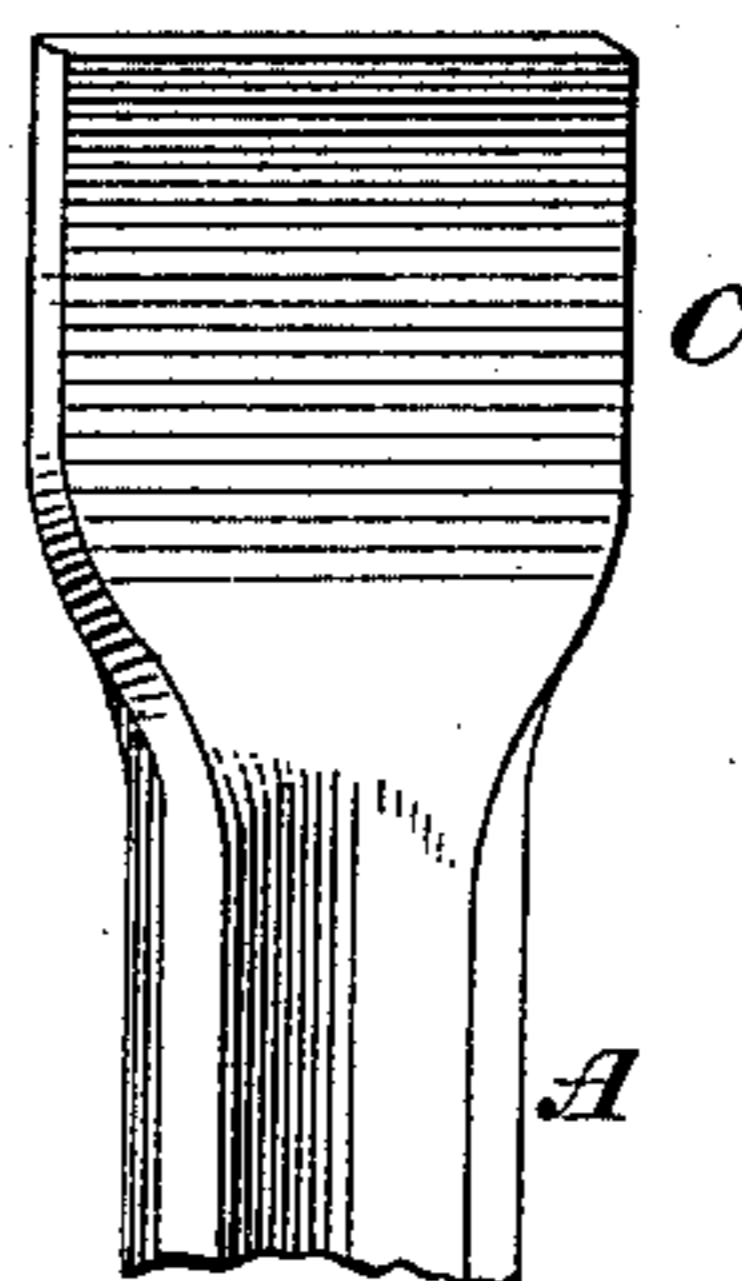
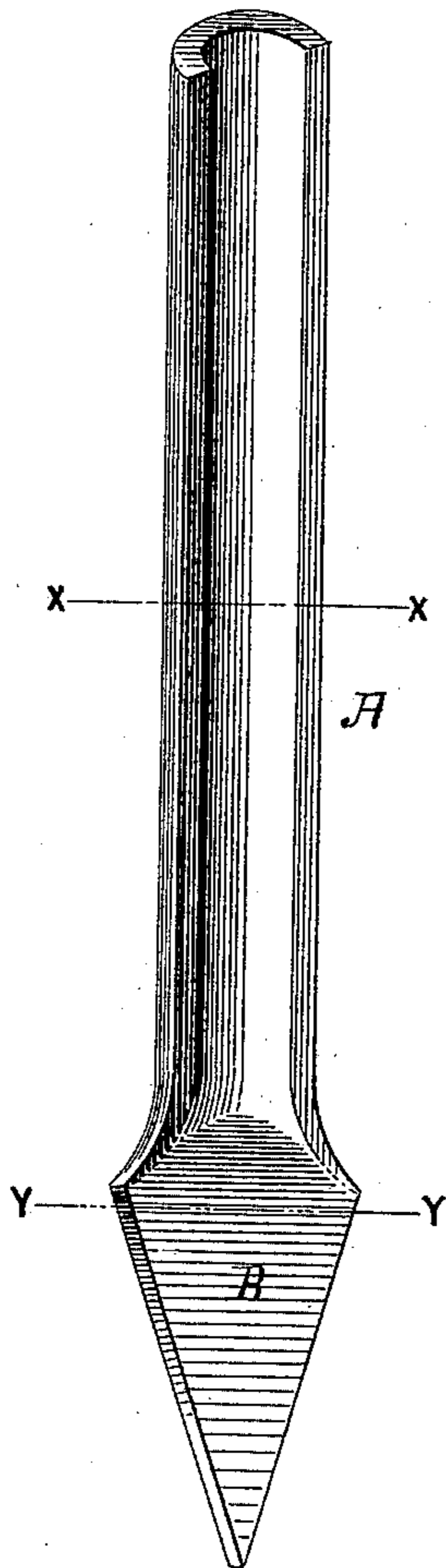
*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 4.*

*Fig. 2.*

*Fig. 3.*

*B*



*A*

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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WOOL GRISWOLD, of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a straight semi-tubular fence-post of metal, which may be provided with a flattened and pointed extremity.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence-post. Fig. 2 is a section of the same on the line Y Y, and Fig. 3 is a section on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the upper end of said post flattened.

In another application for Letters Patent filed simultaneously herewith by me, Serial No. 246,570, I have fully described and claimed my improved method of making my present fence-post, for which purpose I have found it both economical and advantageous to use old boiler-tubing, which is sold in the market very cheaply as scrap metal. Any other tubing, preferably made by drawing, rolling, or welding, may, however, be employed.

My present post has a straight semi-tubular portion, A, and a flattened and pointed lower

portion, B. The wire, rails, or like parts of the fence are attached in any suitable manner to part A, and the portion B is driven into the ground. The upper extremity of the post may also be flattened, as shown in Fig. 4 at C, so that a rail may be attached to said flattened portion by bolts or otherwise. In Fig. 4 the lower portion of the post, which is precisely similar to the end of the post shown in Fig. 2, is omitted. The shape of this post insures ample stiffness and strength, while it is very cheaply made.

I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a metallic fence-post semicircular in cross-section and produced by longitudinally dividing a tube of uniform diameter and having an extremity flattened and pointed, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a metallic fence-post semicircular in cross-section and produced by longitudinally dividing a tube of uniform diameter and having one extremity flattened and the other extremity flattened and pointed, substantially as described.

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