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Fig. 1.

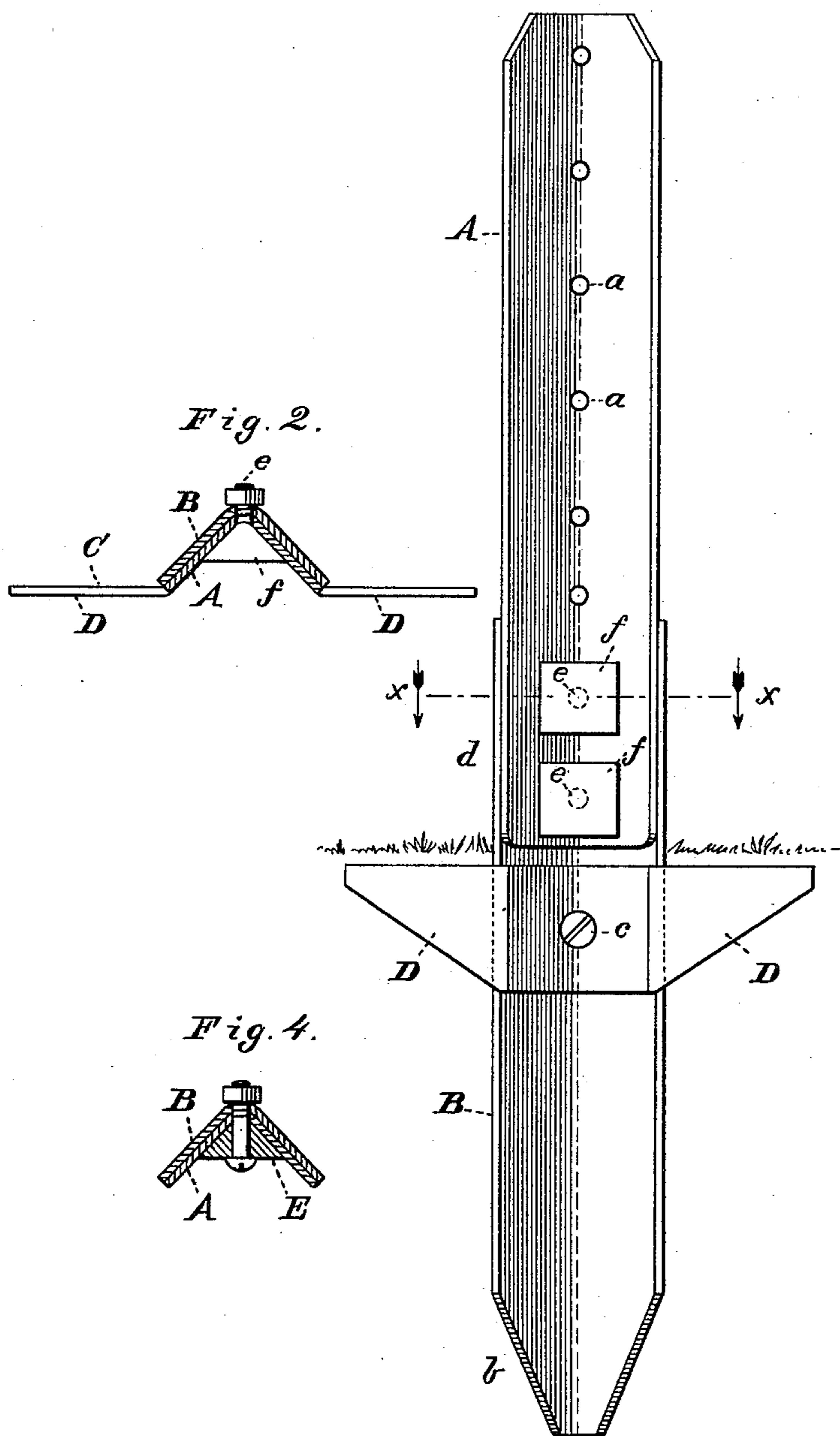


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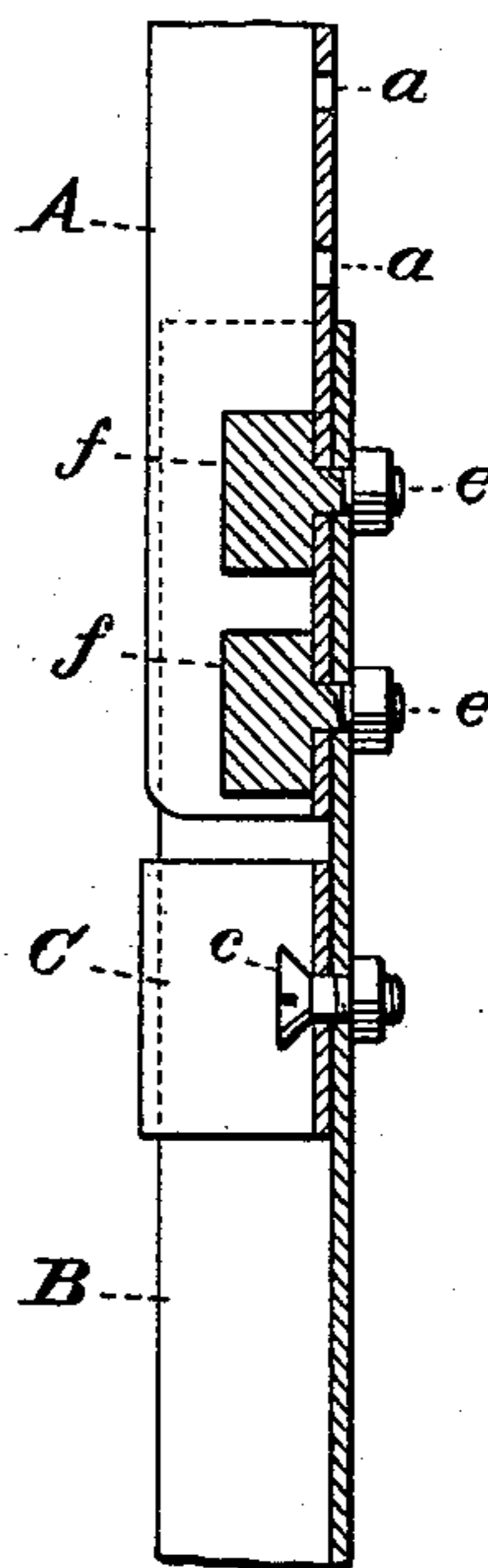
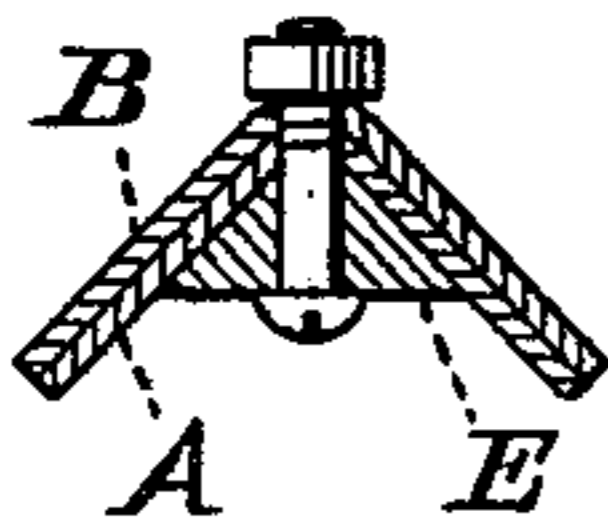


Fig. 4.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JEPHTHAE MILTON TERRELL and CHARLES GARVER, citizens of the United States, and residents of Spring Hill, in the county of Champaign and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and we 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 letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention and is a front view. Fig. 2 is a cross-section taken where the broken line *xx* is marked on Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing portions of the upper and lower parts of the post. Fig. 4 is a modification and cross-section.

This invention relates to improvements in fence-posts; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth.

The object is to provide a metallic fence-post in two sections, so that the upper section bearing the fence-wires may be easily disengaged from the lower section and rolled up with the wires when it is desired to move the fence.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the upper section of the post, preferably V-shaped in cross-section, having openings *a* for the passage of wires or other fastenings to secure the fence-wire thereto; and B is the lower section, similar in form to the section A, but sharpened or pointed at its lower end, as at *b*, so that it may be easily driven into the ground.

C is a metal anchor-plate having its central portion conforming to the shape of the post and secured to the section B by means of a bolt, *c*, and having the lateral wings D, which

have the lower edge inclined upward and outward from the section B, so that when said section is driven into the ground the resistance of the wings will be slight.

The section B is designed to be driven into the ground to a depth covering the top of the anchor-plate, leaving a portion, *d*, above ground, upon which the lower end of the section A is lapped and secured by bolts *e*, having wedge-shaped heads *f*.

We do not confine ourselves to the bolts having wedge-shaped heads, however, as a wedge-shaped block, E, may be employed, through the openings of which ordinary bolts may pass. In either case it is to be understood that the bolts are to be threaded at one end to engage a nut.

Having described our invention, what we claim is—

1. The combination, with the metal fence-post, consisting of two sections V-shaped in cross-section, of the bolts having the wedge-shaped head and the anchor-plate having its central portion conforming to and secured to the lower section, and having the lateral wings inclined upward and outward, substantially as specified.

2. In a fence-post, the combination of the upper V-shaped section having the openings, the lower V-shaped section lapping thereon and having the pointed lower end, the bolts having the wedge-shaped heads, and the anchor-plate having its central portion conforming to the lower section and bolted thereto, and having the lateral wings inclined on the lower edge from the said section, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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