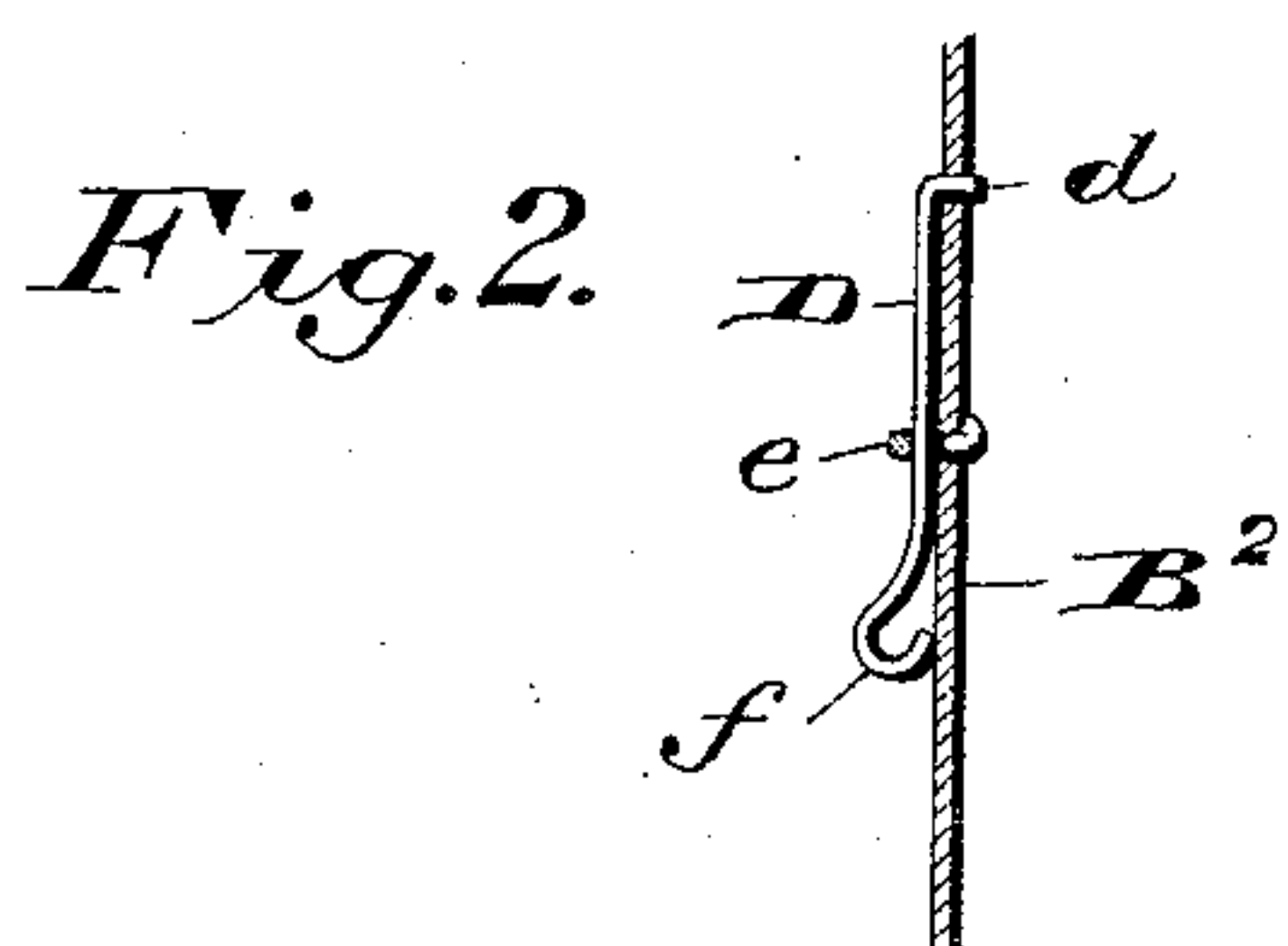
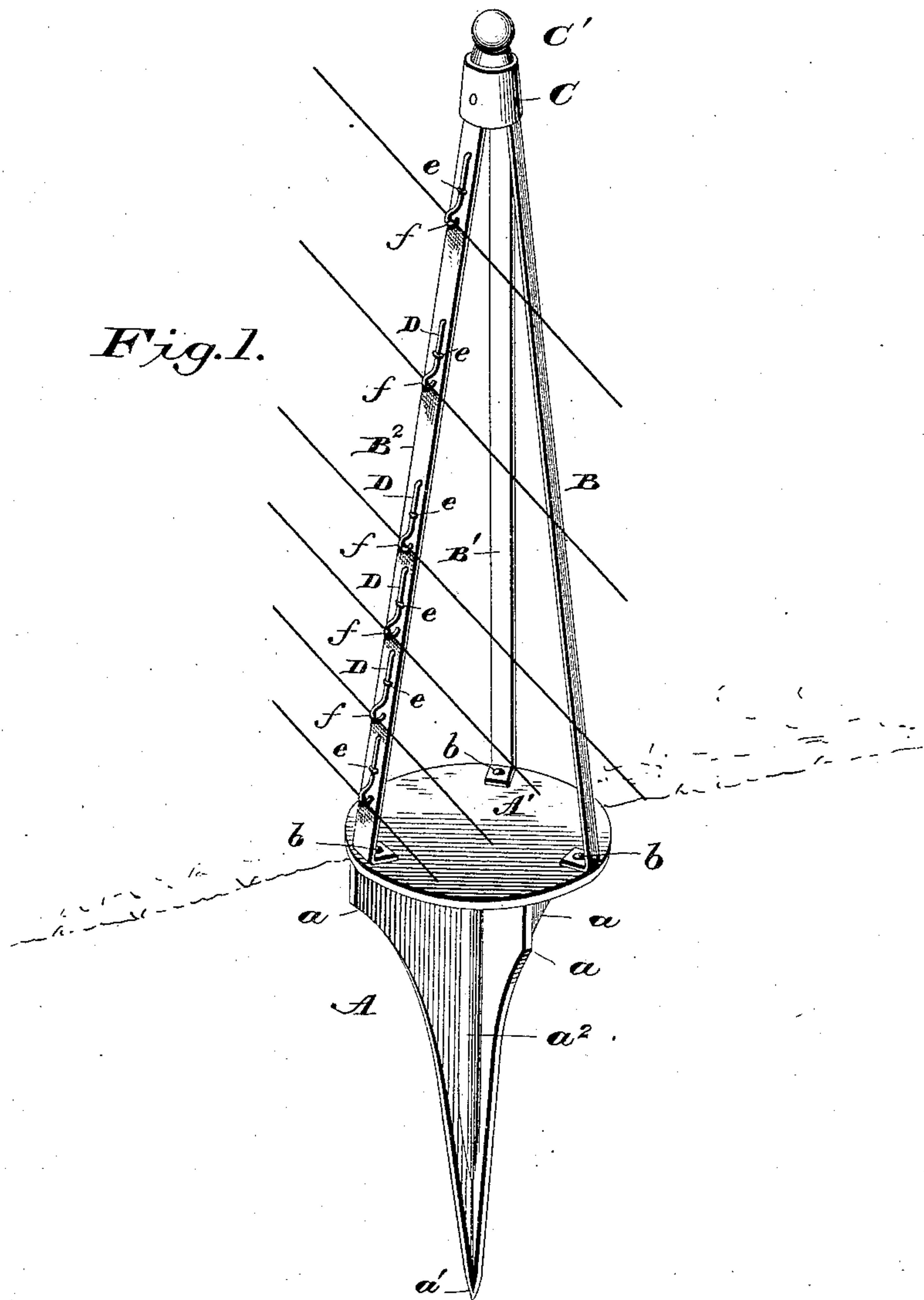


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIJAH SIMS, Jr., a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Americus, in the county of Lyon and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in 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 skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in metallic fence-posts; and it consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of one of the supports, showing the application thereto of my improved wire-holder.

A refers to the base, which is preferably made up of molded material, as terra-cotta, burnt clay, or cast-iron. This base is provided with four wings *a*, the outer edges of which taper downwardly and meet to form a point *a'*. The wings *a* and central portion *a'* are formed integral with the upper disk *A'*, which has a perfectly flat upper surface, to which are rigidly bolted or otherwise secured supports B, B', and B², the supports B and B' being comparatively near each other, while the upright B² is oppositely located. These uprights or supports have their lower ends bent inwardly, and are perforated for the reception of securing-bolts *b*, their upper ends meeting, and are bolted to a thimble C, within which may be placed a cap-piece C', which, if driven in place from the under side of the thimble, would also assist in holding the upper ends of the uprights or supports to the thimble.

A fence-post thus constructed will be extremely light and durable, as well as ornamental.

The upright B² is provided at suitable points with perforations, within which will lie

the angular bent ends *d* of the wire-supports D, below said perforations, loops or staples *e* being secured which are rigidly attached to the upright B² and overlap the body portion of the wire-supports, so as to prevent the same twisting and hold the looped ends *f* in engagement with the upright. When it is desired to attach the wires which make up the fence, they can either be passed through the loops *f*, or when placed under said loops they can be sprung outwardly, so that the fence-wires will lie within the supports.

I am aware that prior to my invention fence-posts have been constructed to present supports attached to suitable bases, and I do not claim such construction, broadly, as my invention; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fence-post consisting of a molded base-section A, having side wings which taper downwardly, a flat disk or plate formed integral therewith and provided with perforations, uprights B, B', and B², having bent and perforated lower ends, the upper ends being confined within a thimble C, and bolts for securing the parts to the base, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a fence-post, of the uprights B, B', and B², secured at their upper ends within a thimble or collar having a cap-piece C, the lower ends of said uprights being bent inwardly and bolted to a base A, two of said uprights being located comparatively near each other, while the front or wire supporting upright is located opposite thereto, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

3. In combination with a flat upright or support of a fence-post, a wire-holder having a bent end which enters a perforation in the support, a staple or loop for preventing the turning of the same, and a hooked end which is adapted to be sprung outwardly to receive the fence-wire, substantially as set forth.

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

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