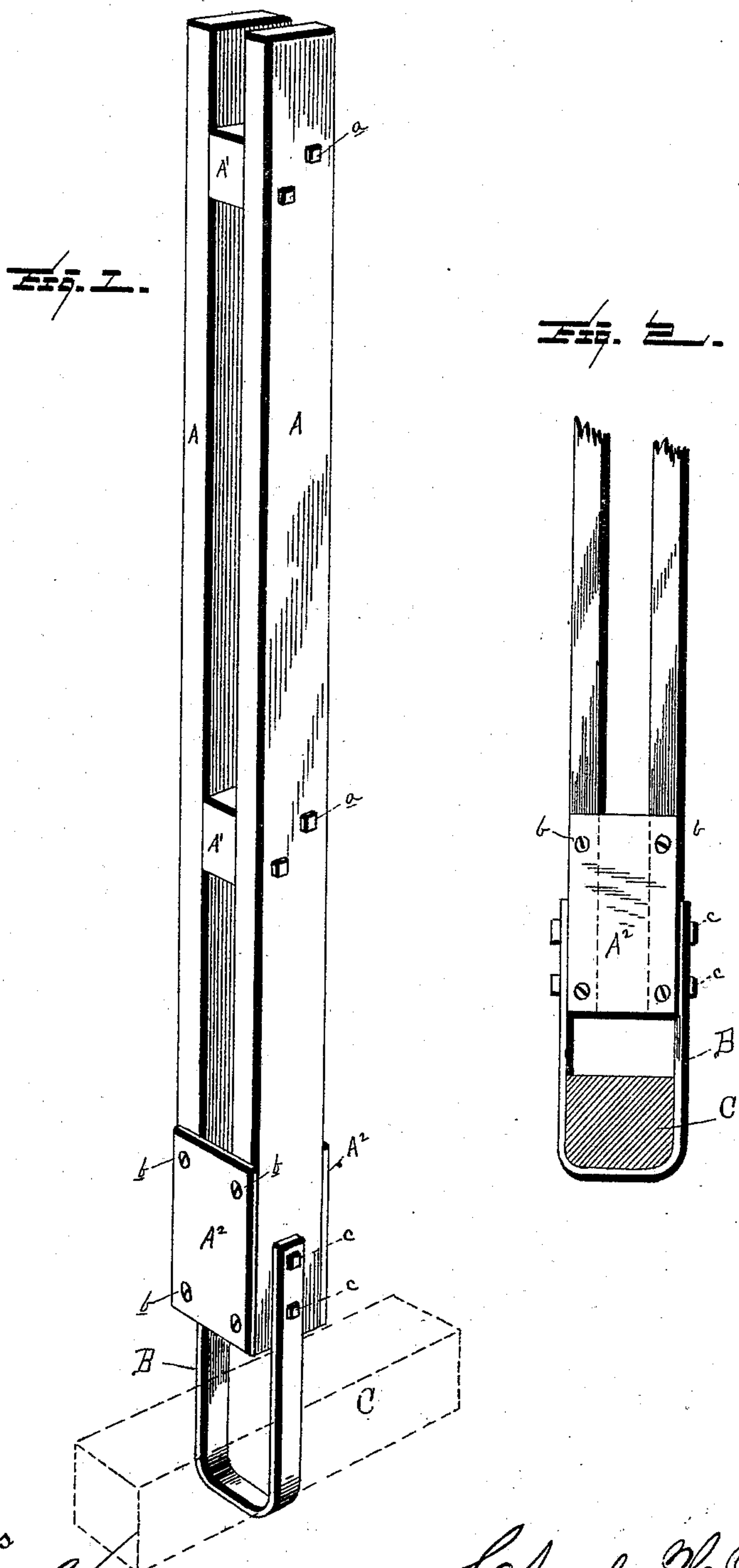


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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. VAN WAGONER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Homer, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in fence posts and it has for its objects among others to provide a simple and cheap fence post, which shall be strong and durable and which can be built up of small pieces to give the required size to the post. It is formed to constitute an air space or chamber whereby the life of the post is materially increased.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved post. Fig. 2 is a detail in side elevation with the anchor in position and shown in section.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both of the views.

Referring now to the details of the draw-

ings by letter, A designates two planks of any desired size arranged in parallel relation to each other and spaced the desired distance apart by the spacing blocks A' which are held between the planks by the bolts *a* as shown. Around the lower ends of the planks is a casing formed by the pieces A<sup>2</sup> which are secured to the edges of the planks as seen best in Fig. 1 in any suitable manner as by the screws or bolts *b* so as to form an air chamber as will be readily understood which will aid materially in lengthening the life of the post.

B is a metallic strap secured to the lower ends of the planks of the post as shown by the bolts *c*, said strap being substantially U-shaped as shown and designed to hold the anchor C by which the post will be held securely in the ground against being removed or thrown by the frost.

What I claim as new is—

The combination with the planks A A, the spacing blocks between the same and the casing around the lower end, of the strap on the lower end of the post forming a loop, and the anchor held in said loop, substantially as shown and described.

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