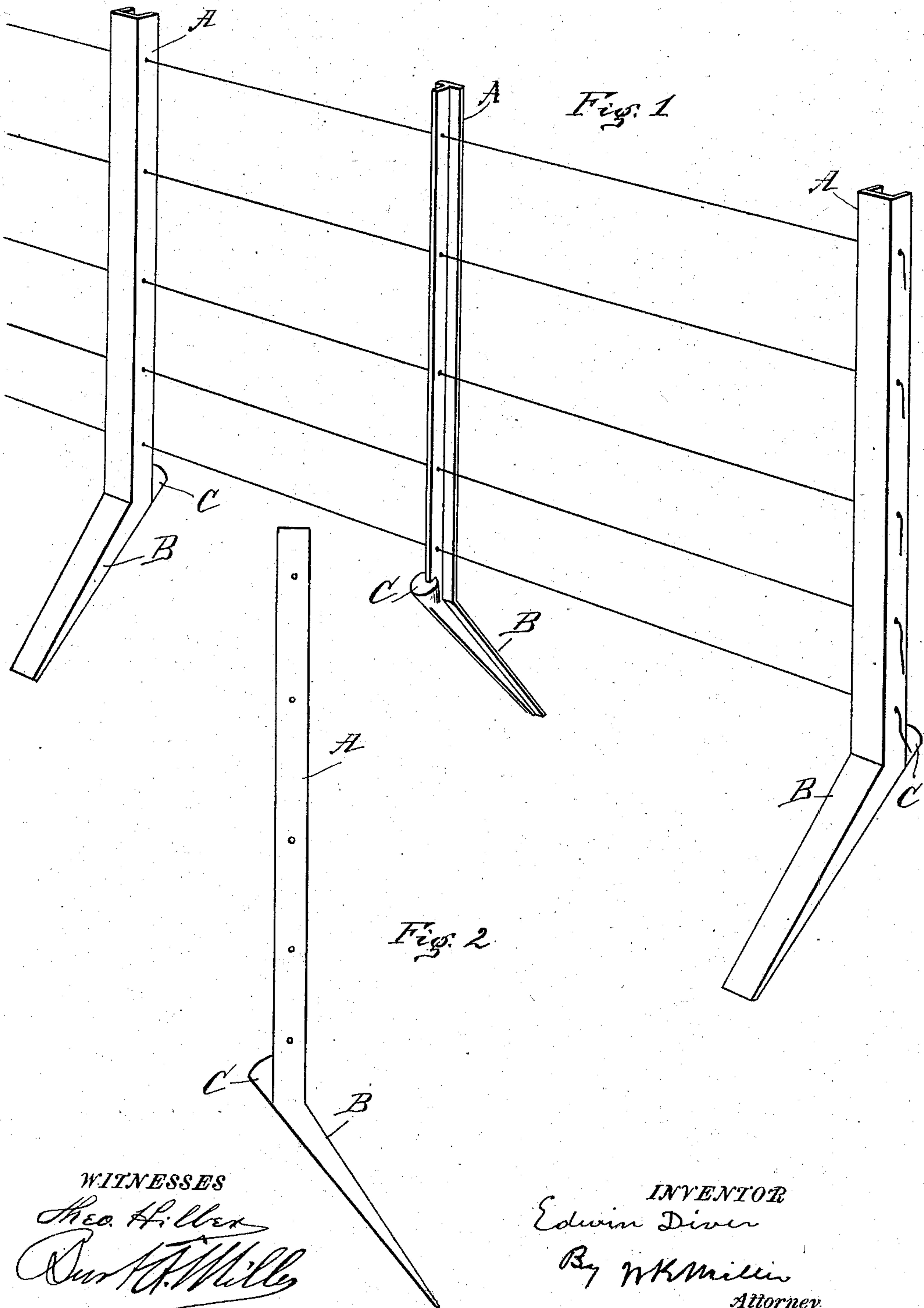


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN DIVER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Deerfield, county of Portage, State of Ohio, have  
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

10 My invention relates to certain improvements in fence-posts; and it consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts.

The prime object of the invention is the  
15 formation at the lower end portion of the post of a laterally-projected foot that may be driven into the ground to support the post and the wires or rails attached thereto, as will be hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

20 Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is a view in perspective showing the invention in operative position in a section of wire fence. Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

The post may be made of any desirable  
25 form of iron; but for the purpose of this application I will show the post as constructed of channel-iron and T-iron.

A denotes a post having at the bottom portion a foot B, turned out of line with the body  
30 of the post to a position oblique thereto, substantially as shown. At the juncture of the foot portion B is provided a heel portion C to

receive the blows by which the foot is driven into the ground.

In operation the toe of the foot is placed  
35 on a line central to the fence structure, holding the post in perpendicular position. The foot is then driven into the ground transversely to the line of fence by a succession of blows with a sledge or other maul, the toe of  
40 the foot of each post to point alternately in opposite directions, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, thus forming a broad base for the fence to support against lateral or side pressure.  
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In the drawings I have shown posts formed of channel and T iron; but I do not limit myself to the form, size, or grade of iron to be used, as my invention relates entirely to the laterally-projected foot at the bottom of the  
50 post.

Having thus fully described the nature and the object of my invention, what I claim is—

A fence-post having an integral foot portion projecting obliquely therefrom and provided with a driving-heel.  
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of December, A. D. 1895.

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