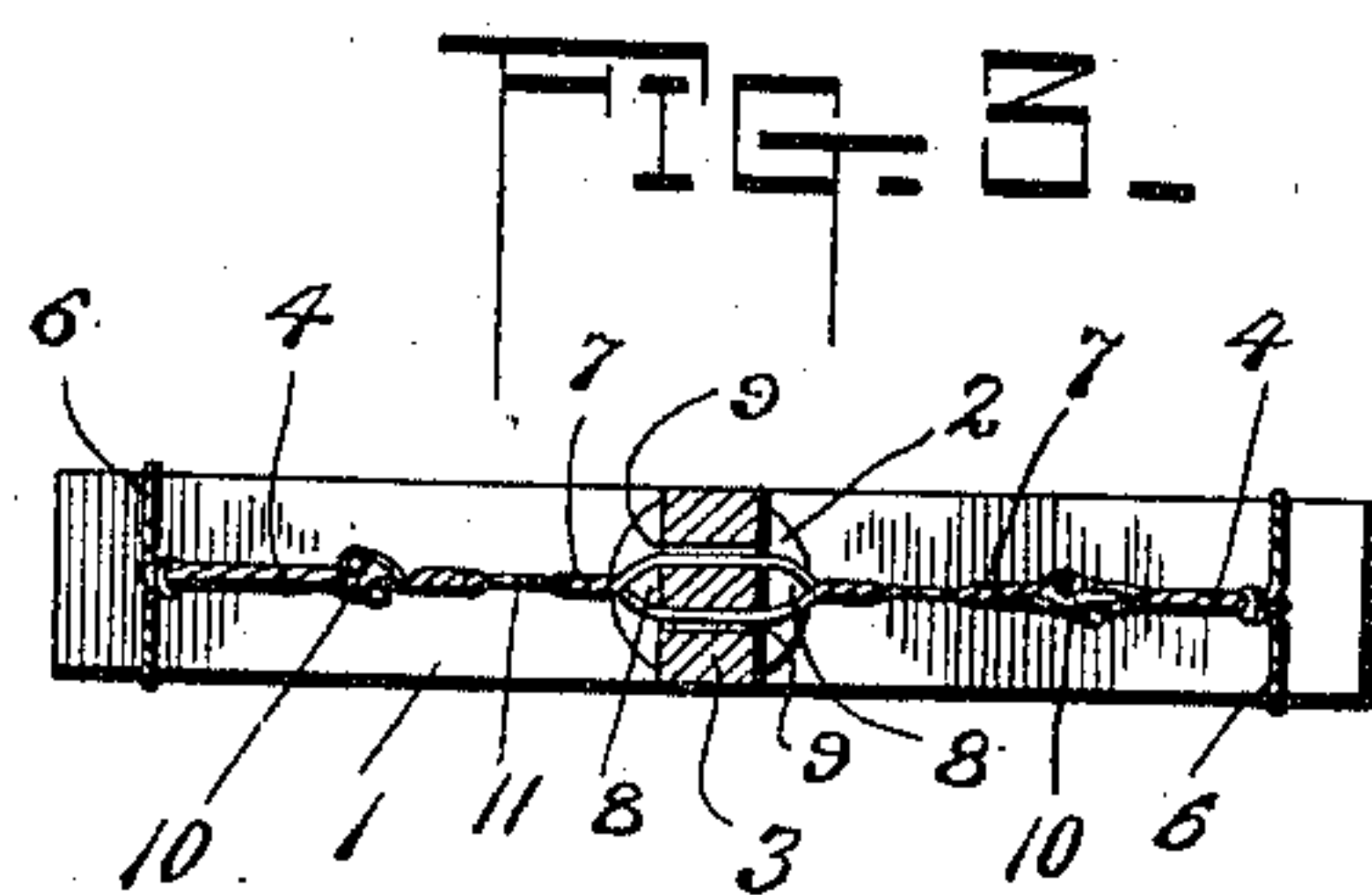
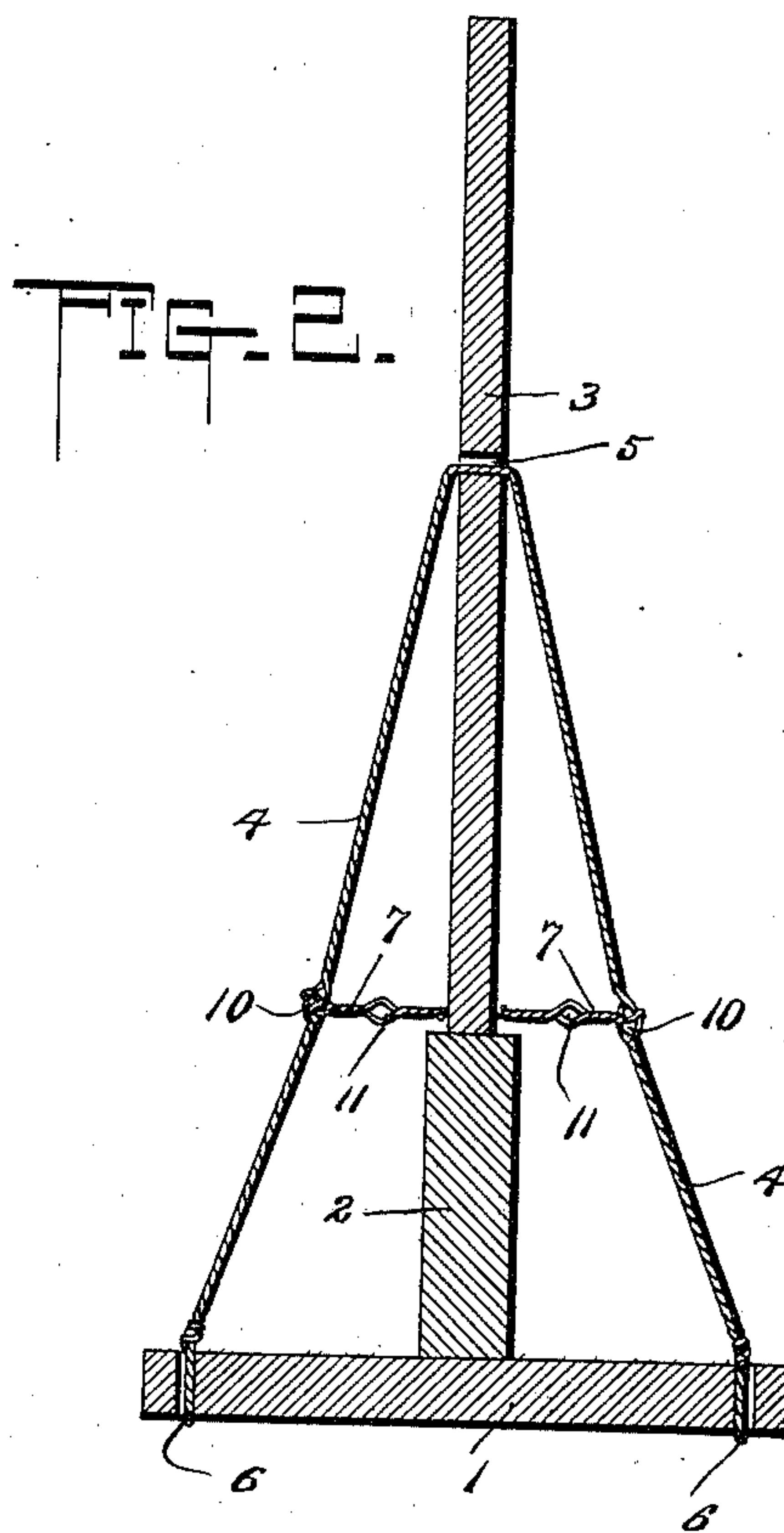
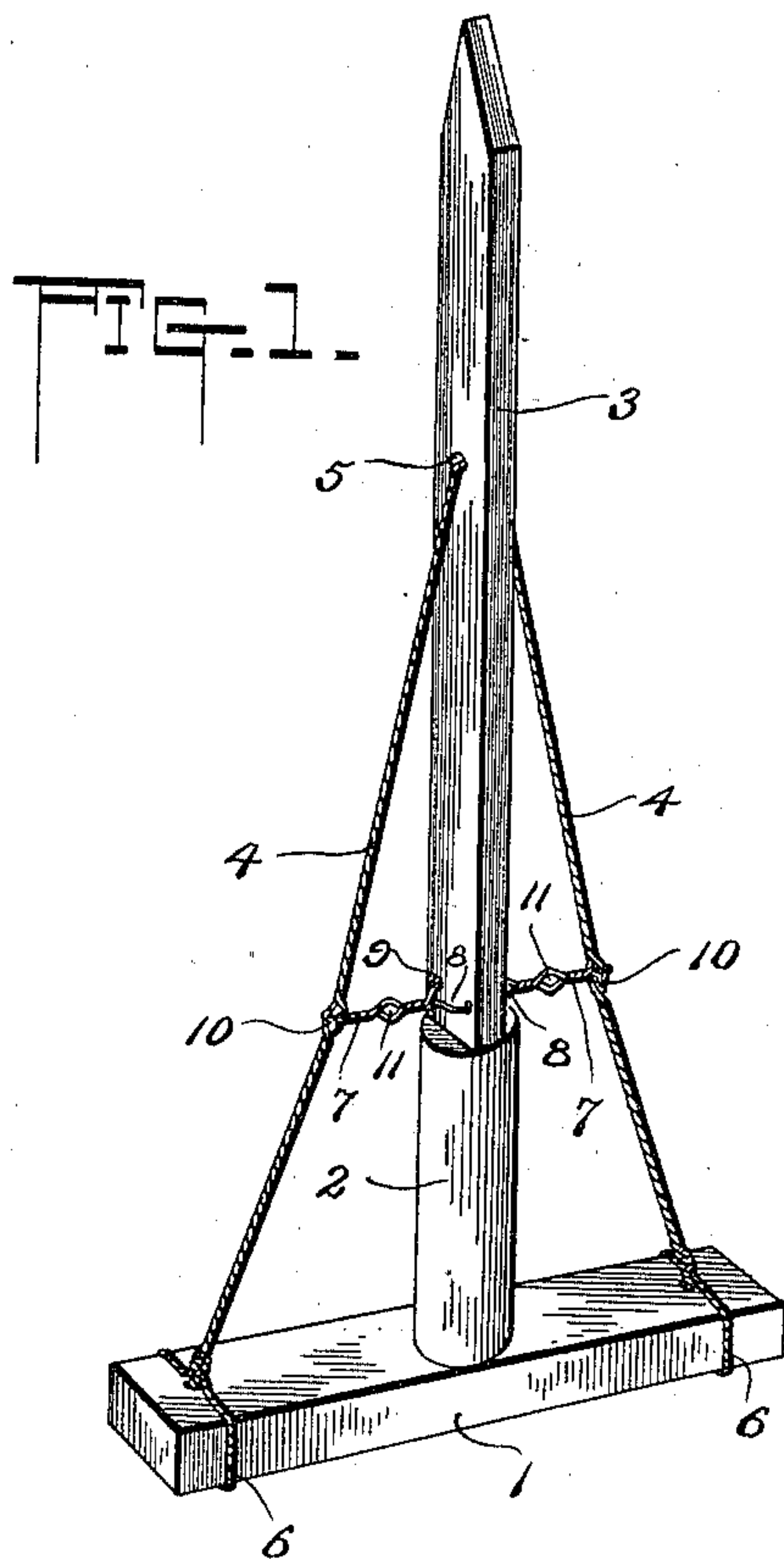


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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILL S. CRUMLEY and PERRY A. MUCK, citizens of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Fairfield and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in fence-posts.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of fence-posts and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one possessing great strength and durability and adapted to insure the necessary stability  
15 of a fence.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed  
20 out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken longitudinally of the  
25 anchor. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a horizontal anchor constructed of any suitable material, such as stone, metal, wood, clay, or the like, disposed transversely of a fence and embedded in the ground a sufficient distance below the surface to secure the desired hold. A vertical base 2 is  
35 arranged on the upper face of the anchor at the center thereof, and is designed to extend a few inches above the surface of the ground for supporting a fence-post 3. The base 2 may be constructed of any suitable material,  
40 such as wood, stone, metal, clay, or the like, and it forms a firm support for the fence-post 3, which is preferably constructed of wood.

The fence-post is secured upon the base, and the latter is retained on the anchor by a  
45 pair of inclined braces 4, preferably consisting of a continuous piece of cabled wire passed through a perforation 5 of the fence-post and having its terminals secured to the ends of the anchor. The terminals of the cable en-  
50 circle the ends of the anchor, and the latter is preferably perforated adjacent to its ends. When the anchor is perforated, the cable is passed through the perforations and is divided to form side loops 6, which embrace  
55 the opposite sides of the anchor and which

are secured to the body portion of the cable directly above the same.

The fence-post is retained on the base 2 by a wire stay 7, provided with a central loop 8, the sides of which pass through perforations 60 9 of the bottom of the fence-post, and the terminals of the stay are secured to the inclined braces, which are provided with loops or open portions 10 to facilitate such attachment. The stay is provided at opposite sides 65 of the fence-post with loops 11, formed by twisting the wire and adapted to receive a suitable tool to enable the stay to be twisted to the desired tension. The loops or open portions 10 of the inclined braces are formed by 70 twisting the cable-wires, as these braces are preferably constructed of plain wire and twisted by hand to the desired tension, and the transverse stay, by being attached to the loops or open portions 10, will prevent any 75 liability of the wires of the inclined brace untwisting.

It will be seen that the fence-post is simple and inexpensive in construction, that it possesses great strength and durability, and that 80 it is adapted to be readily constructed of a variety of materials and may be economically and advantageously employed in any section of the country.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor 85 details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What we claim is—

The combination of a horizontally-disposed 90 anchor designed to be embedded in the ground, a vertically-disposed base centrally mounted on the anchor and designed to extend above the surface of the ground, a fence-post supported upon the base and provided 95 at its lower end with perforations, inclined braces extending from the ends of the anchor to the fence-post, and a wire stay passing through the perforations of the fence-post, secured to the braces and adapted to be twisted 100 at opposite sides of the post, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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