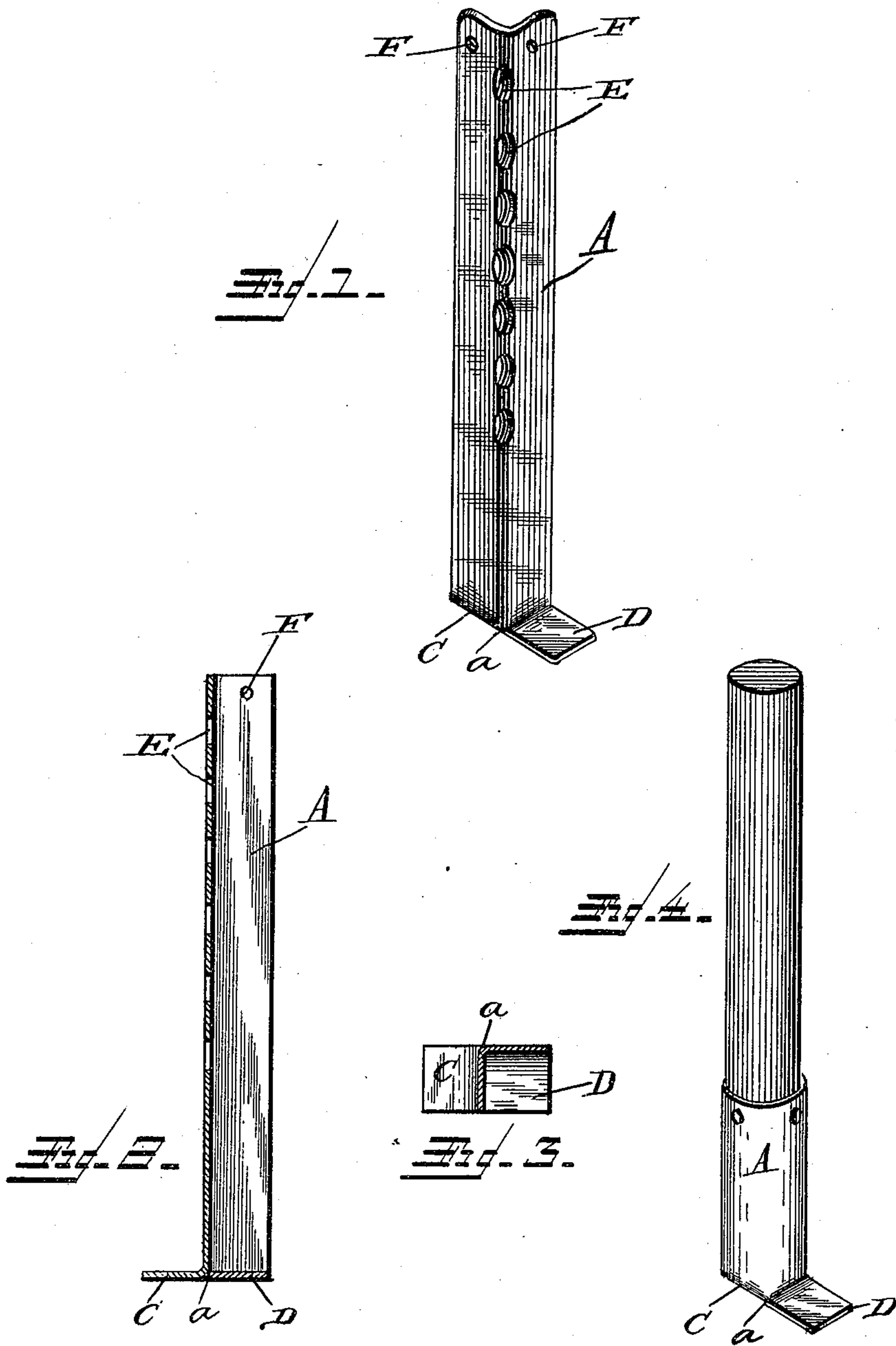


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, SCEPTER SMITH and HUGHEY M. HENRY, citizens of the United States, residing at New Hartford, in the county of Pike and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and we 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in fence-posts; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple and cheap post so constructed that when once set in the ground it cannot be tipped over or pulled out. The only way of getting it out of the earth is to dig it out. It forms a post with a foot so secured thereto as to extend outward to form a hold for the earth when it is once set and the earth packed and rammed, as is the custom in setting posts. The lock is of novel shape and construction and is secured within the post in any suitable manner, or, what is preferable, it is formed integral therewith when the post is made of metal.

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

The invention in this instance resides in the peculiar construction of the post, as will be more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

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 vertical section through the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 4 is a view of a wooden post with the foot attached thereto.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the draw-

ings by letter, A designates the post, which, when of metal, is formed with the two sides at substantially a right angle to each other, as shown, and at the bottom at the angle-slit, as seen at *a*, and the metal upon one side of the slit turned at a right angle to the side from which it is cut and the portion of the other side beyond the slit turned at a right angle to the side from which it is separated and at a right angle to the other turned part, thus forming the two horizontal portions C and D, which are each at a right angle to the part from which it is bent, and the two parts are at a right angle to each other, so that when the post is inserted in the hole in the earth prepared for it and the hole filled in and the earth rammed, as is usual in setting a post, the post cannot be pulled out of the ground, nor can it be tipped either one way or the other.

The post is formed at its angle with openings E for the longitudinal wires of the fence and upon each side with the holes F for the reception of the short stay-wires, which are employed for binding the fence-wires in position.

When the post is formed of wood, we attach to its lower end, in any suitable manner, a foot, which to all intents and purposes is substantially the same as the metal post just described, only of course of less length, as shown in Fig. 4, it serving the same purpose as an anchor or foot in both cases.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A fence-post having its sides at right angles to each other and slit near its lower end at the angle, each side having a foot turned at right angles to the side from which it extends and the two feet being at right angles to each other and extending in the same horizontal plane, substantially as shown and described.

2. A fence-post of a single piece of metal with its two sides at right angles to each other and formed at the angle with openings, the

said post being slit at its lower end at the  
angle and the slit portions turned horizontally  
at right angles to the sides from which they  
extend and at right angles to each other to  
5 form feet, one arranged beneath the post  
proper and the other to one side thereof, sub-  
stantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof we have signed this

specification in the presence of two subscrib-  
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