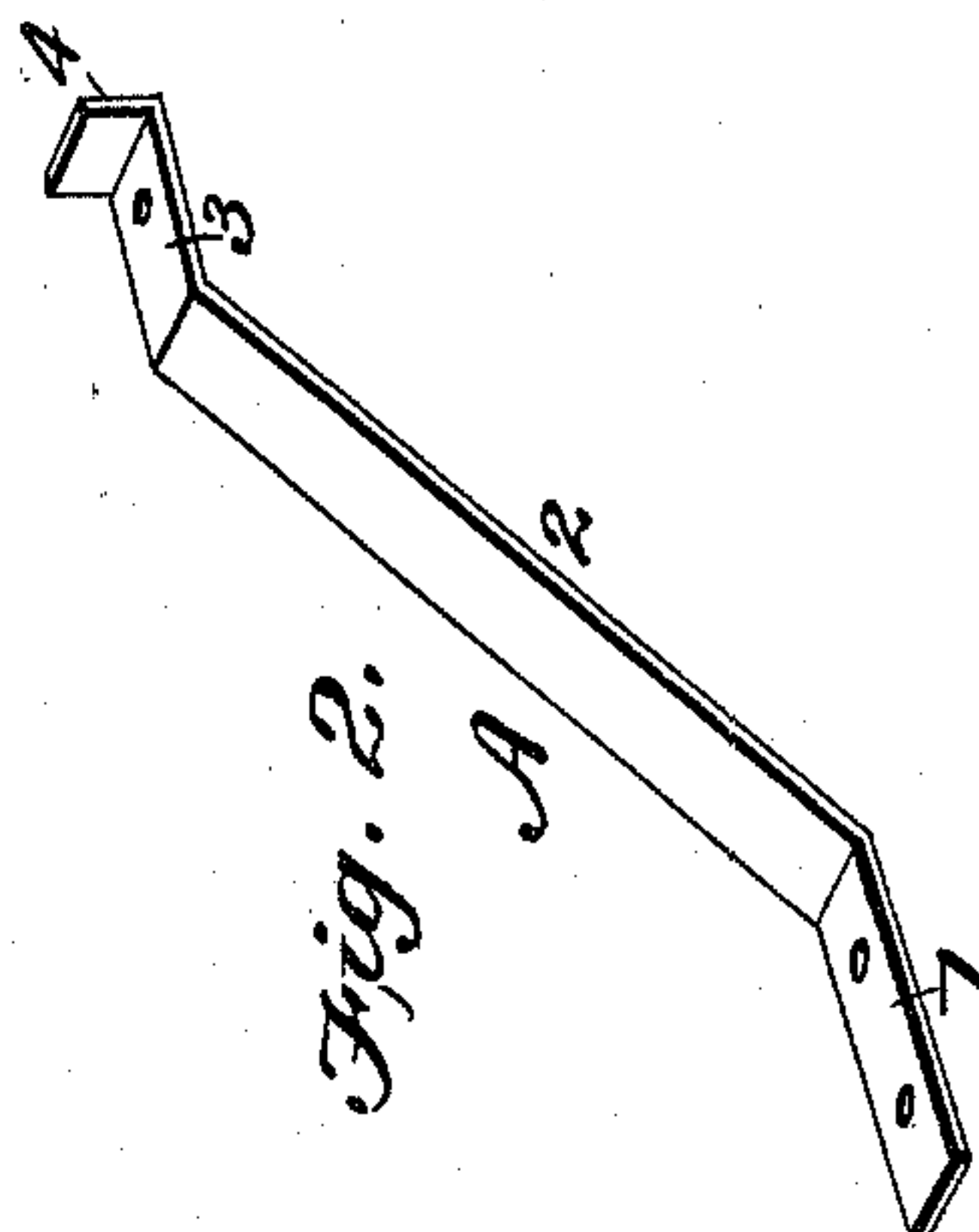
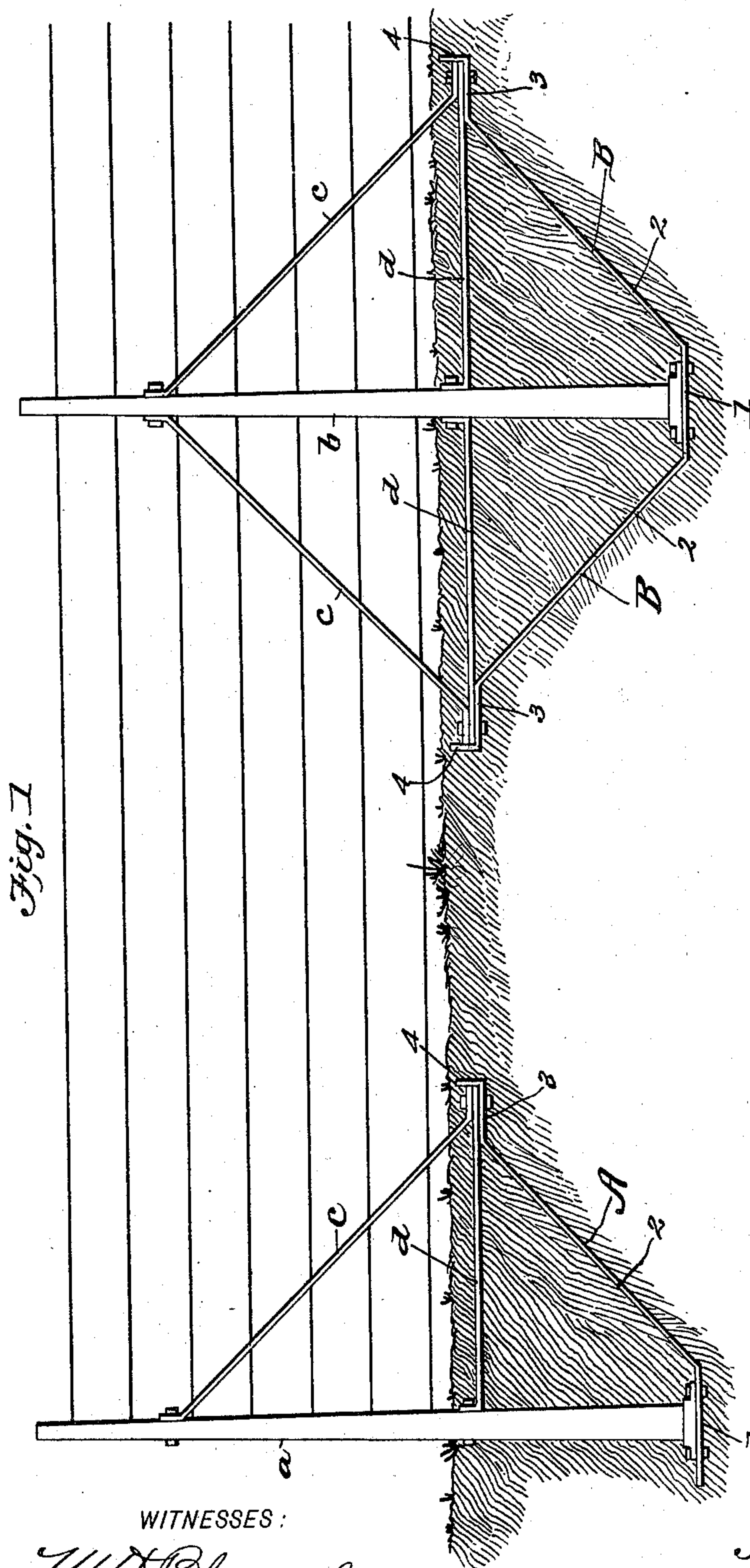


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED J. OGRAM, of Literberry, in the county of Morgan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Braces and Anchors for Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

The invention pertains to an improvement in that class of fence-post braces which are adapted to be buried in the ground and is embodied in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a fence embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my single post brace and anchor.

The drawings illustrate a wire fence; but my invention is applicable to other forms of fences as well. The posts *a* and *b* are set deeply in the ground, and my single and double braces and anchors A and B are also buried therein, as shown. The single brace and anchor A, Fig. 2, are used with a post *a*, located at the end of a fence, and the double one, B, is used with a post *b*, located intermediate of the said ends.

The double brace B is practically composed of two single braces A alined, and a detailed description of the single one, A, will therefore suffice for both.

The single brace A is constructed of a flat narrow metal plate having certain angles and adjacent or intervening plane surfaces, as shown best in Fig. 2. Thus it has a horizontal portion or "foot" 1, an inclined portion 2, a horizontal top portion 3, and a vertical por-

tion or flange 4 formed at the outer end of the latter, 3. The lower horizontal part 1 serves as a foot or rest for the corner-post *a*, which is bolted thereto. The upper horizontal portion 3 serves as a point of attachment and support for the outer ends of the diagonal and horizontal post-braces *c* and *d*. It will be noted, Fig. 1, that the foot 1 extends beyond the base of the post *a*, and such extension obviously adds to the hold and leverage of the device A in the ground. The other parts 2 3 4 of the brace oppose movement of the post *a* in either direction in line with the fence, the parts 2 and 4 especially aiding in supporting the post *a* against the strain or pull of the wires, which is often very great.

In short, my invention provides in one integral simple device a combined brace and anchor of the highest efficiency.

What I claim is—

The combination, with the vertical post, of the angular, underground brace and anchor, whose horizontal foot, 1, is bolted to the base of said post, and having a straight inclined body portion 2, the horizontal top portion 3, and vertical flange 4, and the horizontal underground brace *d*, and diagonal top brace *c*, both secured by the same bolt to the part 3, of the diagonal underground brace, as shown and described.

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