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Fig. 1.

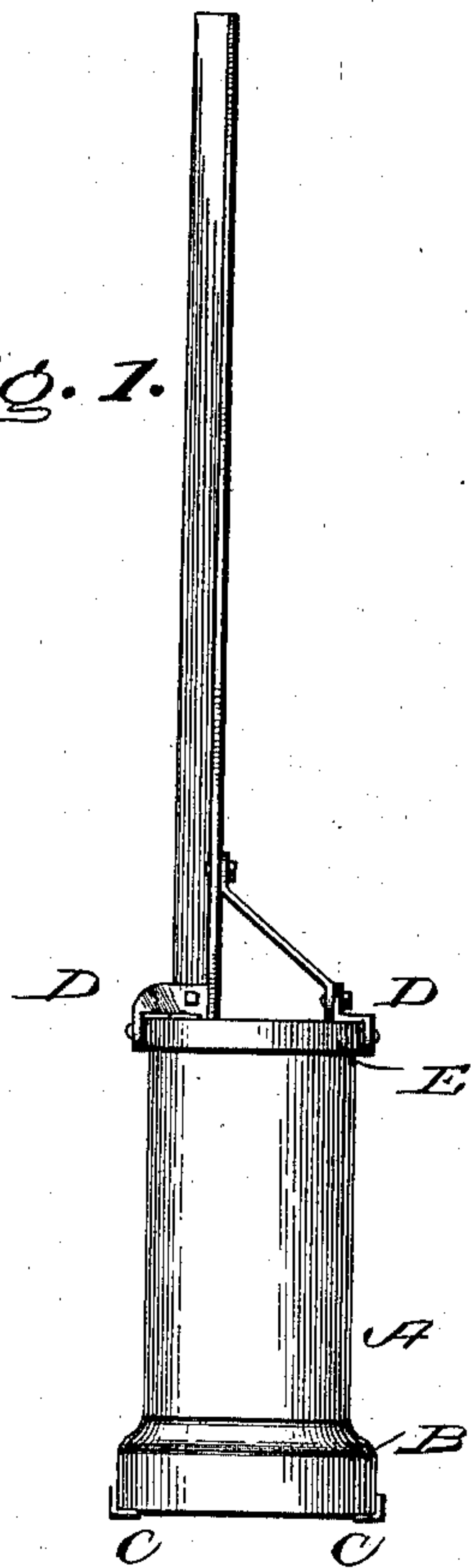


Fig. 2.

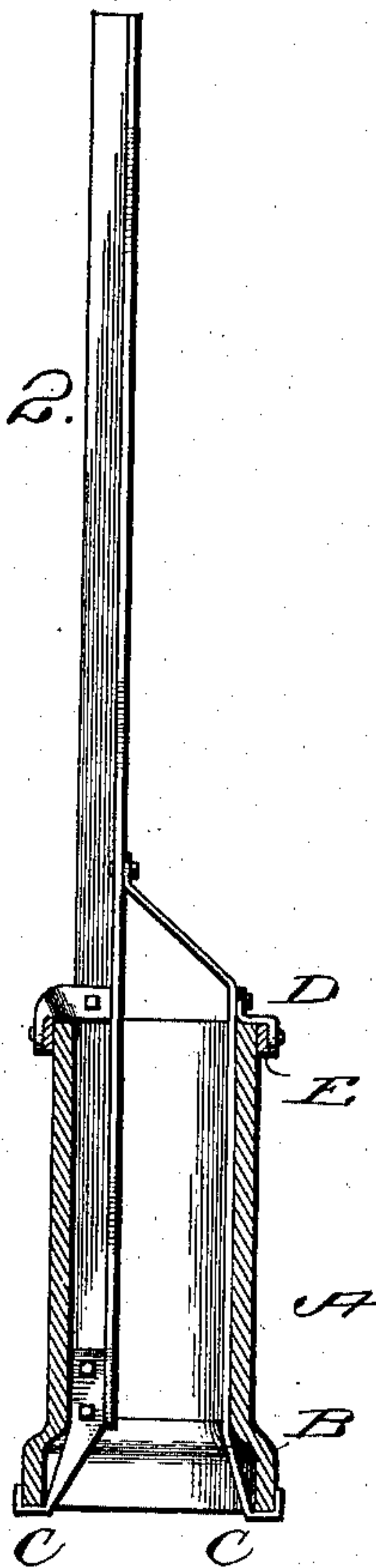


Fig. 3.

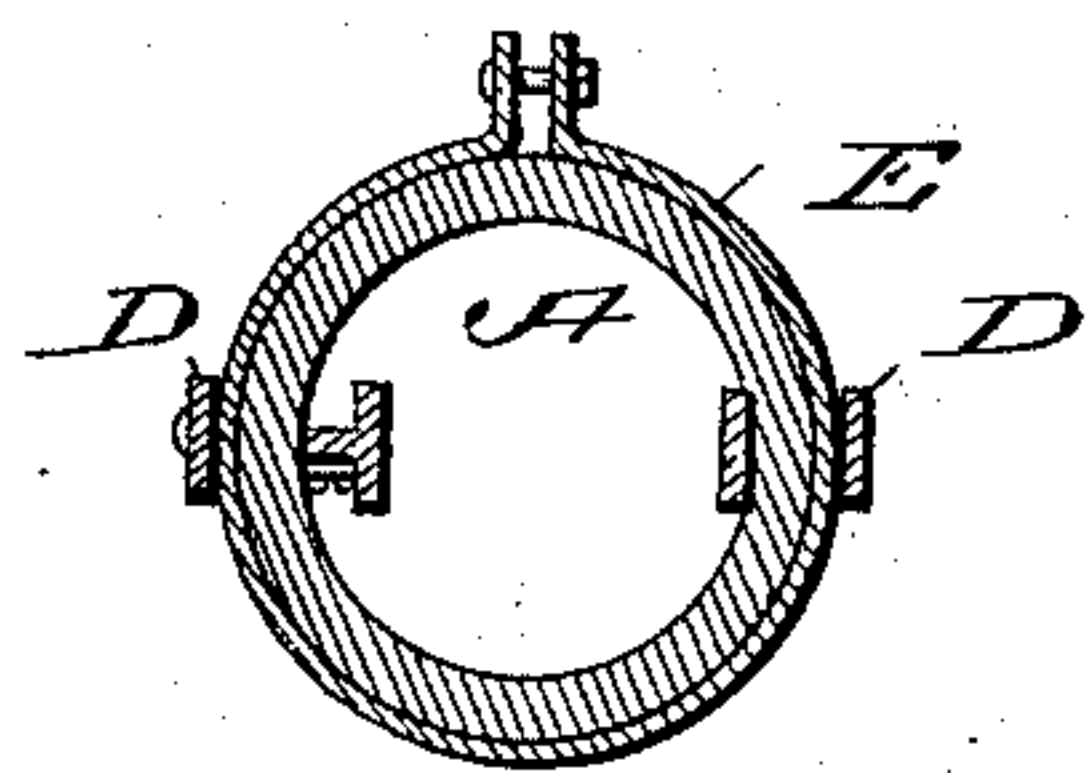
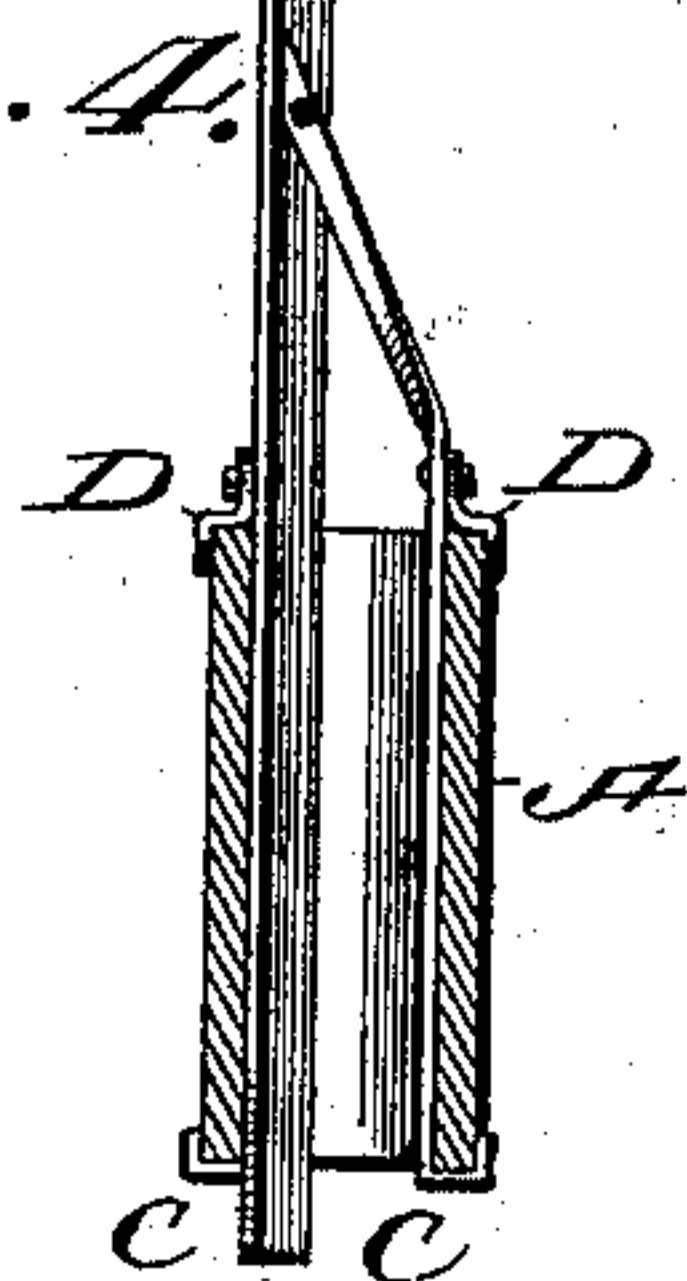


Fig. 4.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELISHA C. MATHEWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jacksonville, in the county of Morgan and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fence-posts, and has special reference to improvements on the post patented to G. W. Schofield December 13, 1892, No. 487,780.

The invention consists in certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a fence-post constructed in accordance with my present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail horizontal section, and Fig. 4 is a vertical section of a modified form of the device.

In carrying out my present improvements I form the tile A with an annular enlargement B at its lower end, and on the lower ends of the brace and the post or standard I provide the hooks C, adapted to engage the lower edge of the tile, as shown most clearly in Fig. 2. At a point just above the upper end of the tile I bolt or otherwise rigidly secure to the standard and the brace the downwardly-projecting hooks D, which engage over the upper end of the tile and have their lower outer ends riveted to the ring E, which is clamped tightly around the upper end of the tile. The arrangement described and shown provides a cheaper form of tile and also fur-

nishes a more secure fastening of the post thereto, besides reducing the liability of breaking the tile when fastening the post therein and effectually holding the standard should the tile be accidentally cracked.

In smaller posts, where the strain is not so great, the ring may be dispensed with and the hooks D fitted snugly on the upper edge of the tile. The lower end of the tile may also be made straight and smaller hooks used on the lower ends of the standard and the brace.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a fence-post, the combination with a tile and a standard and brace passing through the same, of hooks on the said standard and brace engaging the upper and lower edges of the tile.

2. In a fence-post, the combination of a tile, a ring clamped around the upper end of the tile, a standard and brace passing through the tile, hooks on the lower ends of the standard and brace engaging the lower end of the tile, and hooks on the standard and brace engaging over the upper end of the tile and secured to the ring.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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