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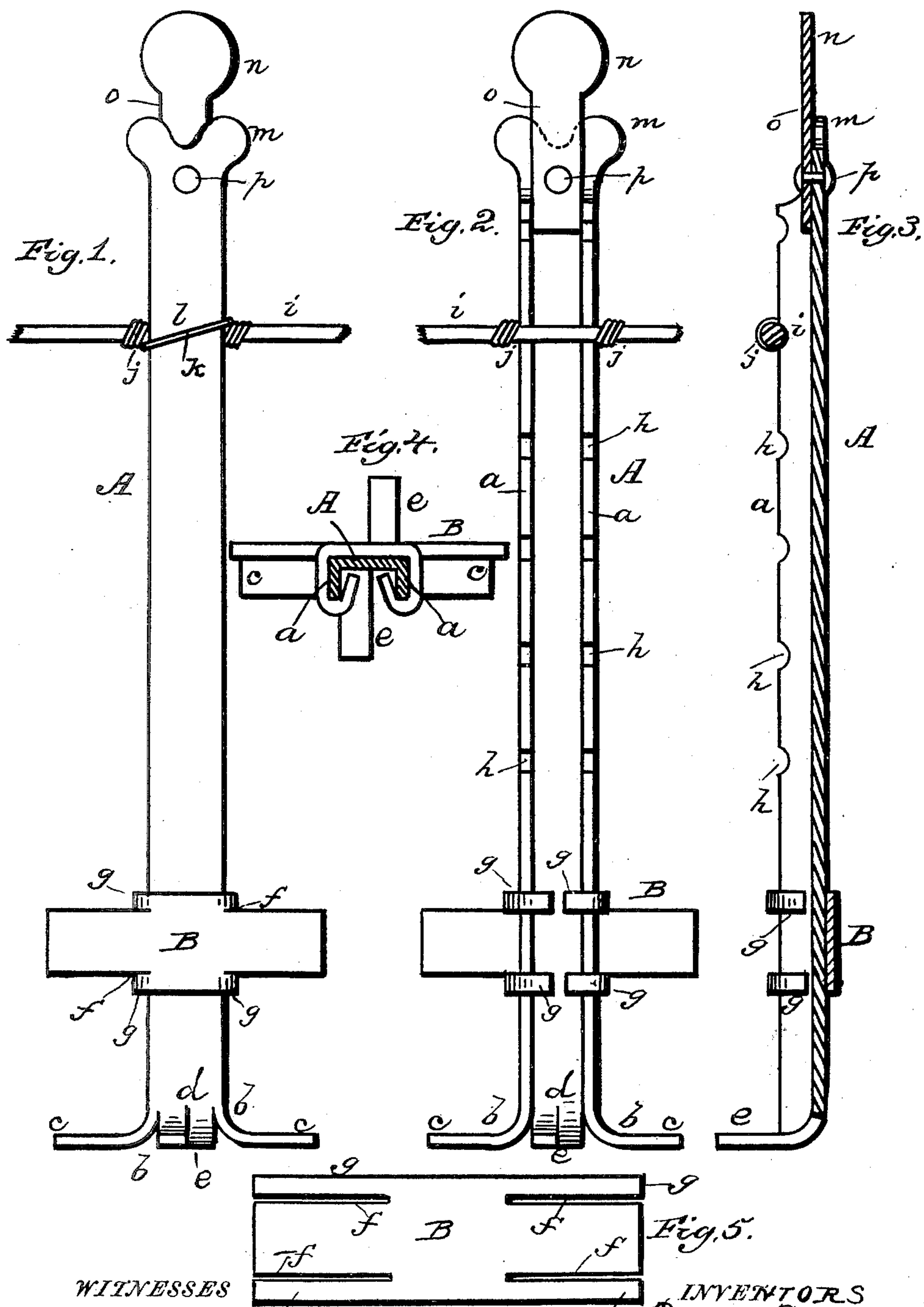
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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, RANSOM R. SPOORE, residing at Newark, in the county of Wayne, and JOSEPH M. RAUB, residing at New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings, State of New York, citizens of the United States, 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.

Our invention has relation to improvements in fence-posts, and more particularly for posts used in constructing wire fences; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts of which it is composed, as will be hereinafter more fully explained, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is had, fully illustrate our invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of our device. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view, and Fig. 5 is a face view in blank form of the attachable anchor or base.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates a fence-post constructed of iron and having side flanges *a a*, which are extended at the lower end of the post, as at *b*, and the extreme ends *c c* are bent outwardly, forming a base for the support of the post, and in connection with these bent ends the end of the main portion of the post, as at *d*, is slit vertically and the ends *ee* thereof are bent in opposite directions, providing a cross-base for the post to rest upon. Thus the latter is supported by four feet, and each foot extends in a different direction, which forms a substantial base or support for the post. Above these feet we provide a second base or support for the post in the form of a plate B, the same having its ends slit or cut, as at *f*, leaving four fingers *g*, which when the plate is applied to the post are bent around the side flanges thereof and firmly grip said flanges and hold the plate thereto. This plate serves as a base or anchor and is de-

signed to be arranged near the surface of the ground and serves the purpose of firmly holding the post in position and preventing any side or edge wise movement of the post after the latter is set in the ground. The edges of the flanges have transverse notches *h*, in which the horizontal fence-wires *i* are seated, and these wires are firmly held to the post by a tie-wire *j*, one end of which is wrapped around the line-wire on one side of the post and the other end of said tie-wire is wrapped around said line-wire on the opposite side of said post. Thus when the loop portion *k* of said tie-wire passes over the front of the post, as at *l*, it gives the tie-wire a firm hold upon the post.

The upper end of the post is made ornamental, as at *m*, and an attaching-plate *n*, having a stem *o*, provided with a perforation to receive a rivet *p*, that also passes through a perforation in the top of said post, is clenched or headed, thereby securing the top plate permanently to said post, thus providing an ornamental post end.

Thus it will be observed from the above description, when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, that the upper base has its securing-fingers cut from the plate and bent around the flanges of the post, leaving the remainder of the plate projecting on either side of the post, providing an excellent and substantial support or brace for the base, and the tie-wires firmly grip and hold the horizontal fence-wires in place, while the attachable top plate serves to provide an ornamental post, while the feet of the post are formed integral therewith, extending in four directions, the side feet being formed of the extensions of the side flanges of said post, and the fingers of the base-plate being a part of or formed integral with said plate are easily and readily bent around the flanges of the post, when they will firmly hold said plate in position, and thus prevent the fence-post from swaying in any direction, and a fence-post as herein described is durable, ornamental, and at the same time cheaply manufactured.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination in a metal fence-post



having the right-angular side flanges, provided with notches for the fence-wires and bent arms providing anchorage for said post, of the base-plate having the longitudinal slits  
5 *f*, extending from the outer ends of said plate leaving the fingers *g*, at each end of the plate, the same adapted to be bent around the side flanges of the post, whereby said plate is firmly held thereto, as herein shown and described.  
10 2. In a base-plate, adapted to be applied to a metal fence-post, the plate B, constructed in rectangular form, the ends thereof provided with the kerfs *f*, extending from the two ends thereof toward the center leaving  
15 two outer arms at each end of the plate, pro-

viding grasping-fingers by which said plate may be secured to the fence-post, all substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of witnesses.

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