

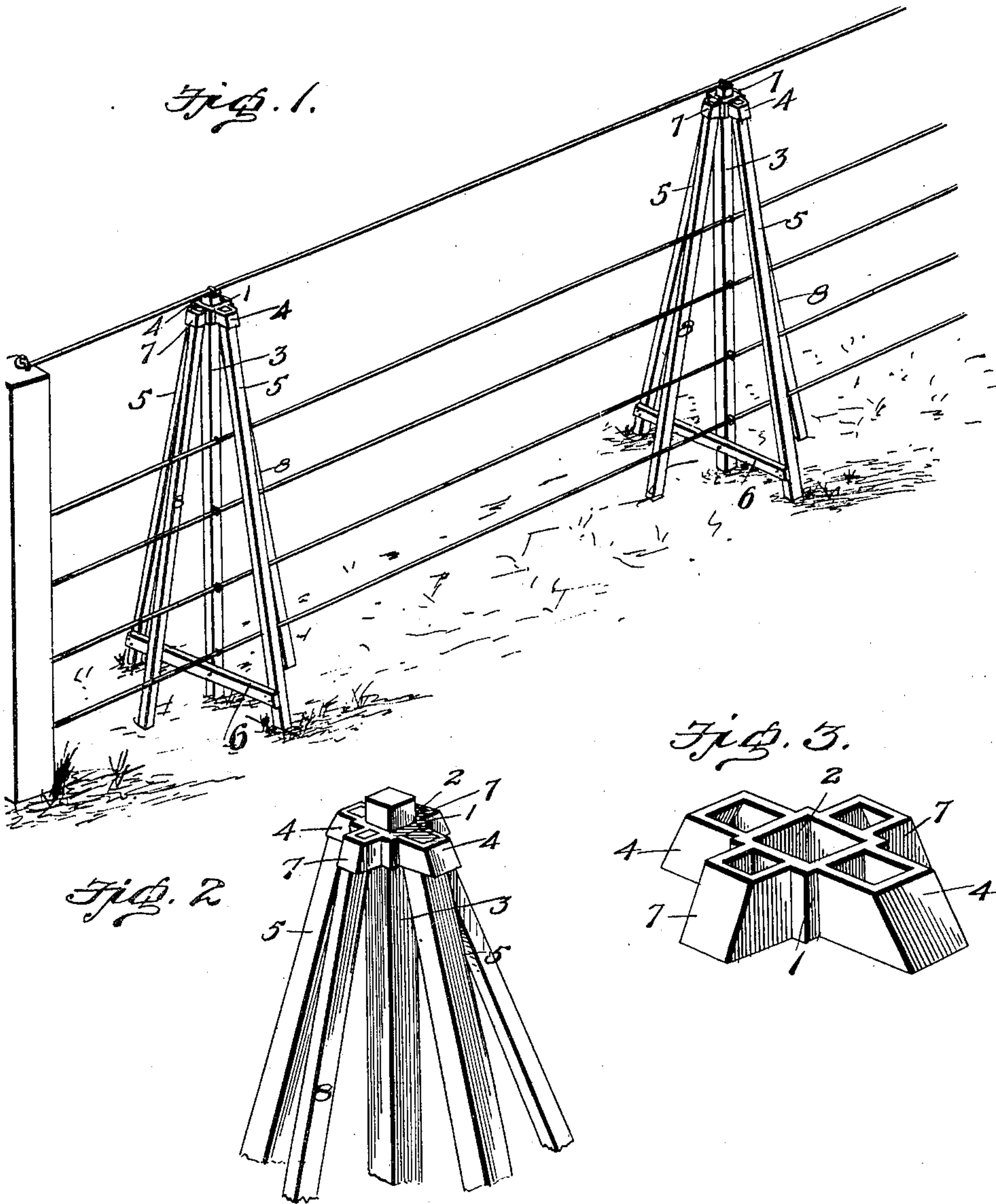
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PORTABLE FENCE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. TURNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Converse, in the county of Miami and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Fences and Self-Supporting Posts Therefor; and I do 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.

My invention relates to improvements in portable fences and to a novel form of self-supporting post therefor.

The object of the invention is to construct a simple, inexpensive, strong, and durable fence and post of this character.

To this end the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the posts. Fig. 3 is a similar view of one of the post-caps.

In the accompanying drawings the same reference characters indicate the same parts of the invention.

1 denotes the cast-metal cap, formed with a central orifice 2 to receive the upper end of the vertical stake 3 and with the lateral diverging sockets 4 4 to receive the transverse diagonal braces 5 5.

6 designates a horizontal brace connecting the lower ends of the stake 3 and the transverse braces 5 5.

7 7 denote smaller longitudinal and diverging sockets also formed integral with the cap 1 to receive the longitudinal diagonal stakes 8 8.

The manner of building the wire fence is very clearly shown in Fig. 1, a simple plan being to set two stationary posts—say a foot each in diameter—at opposite sides of the

field or ground where the fence is to be erected and then attach a strong wire to the top of each post and stretch tight. Then place the intermediate posts 3 about a rod apart under the wire and fasten each post 3 in position by a staple driven into the top of each stake 3, which forms the center of the intermediate posts and to which the ordinary horizontal parallel fence-wires are fastened, as shown in Fig. 1. The same posts and caps can be used in erecting a board or a rail fence, the boards or rails in the latter instance taking the places of the wires illustrated in Fig. 1. A fence thus constructed is very strong and durable, and the posts being self-supporting the fence can be moved from place to place by one person.

It will of course be understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a portable fence, of the class described, the fence-post comprising a cap formed with a central orifice receiving the upper end of the vertical stake 3; integral lateral sockets receiving the upper ends of the downwardly-diverging braces 5, 5; integral longitudinal, downwardly-diverging sockets receiving the upper ends of the downwardly-diverging stakes 8, 8; and the horizontal brace 6 connecting the lower end of said stake 3 and the lower ends of the diverging braces 5, 5; substantially as described.

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

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