

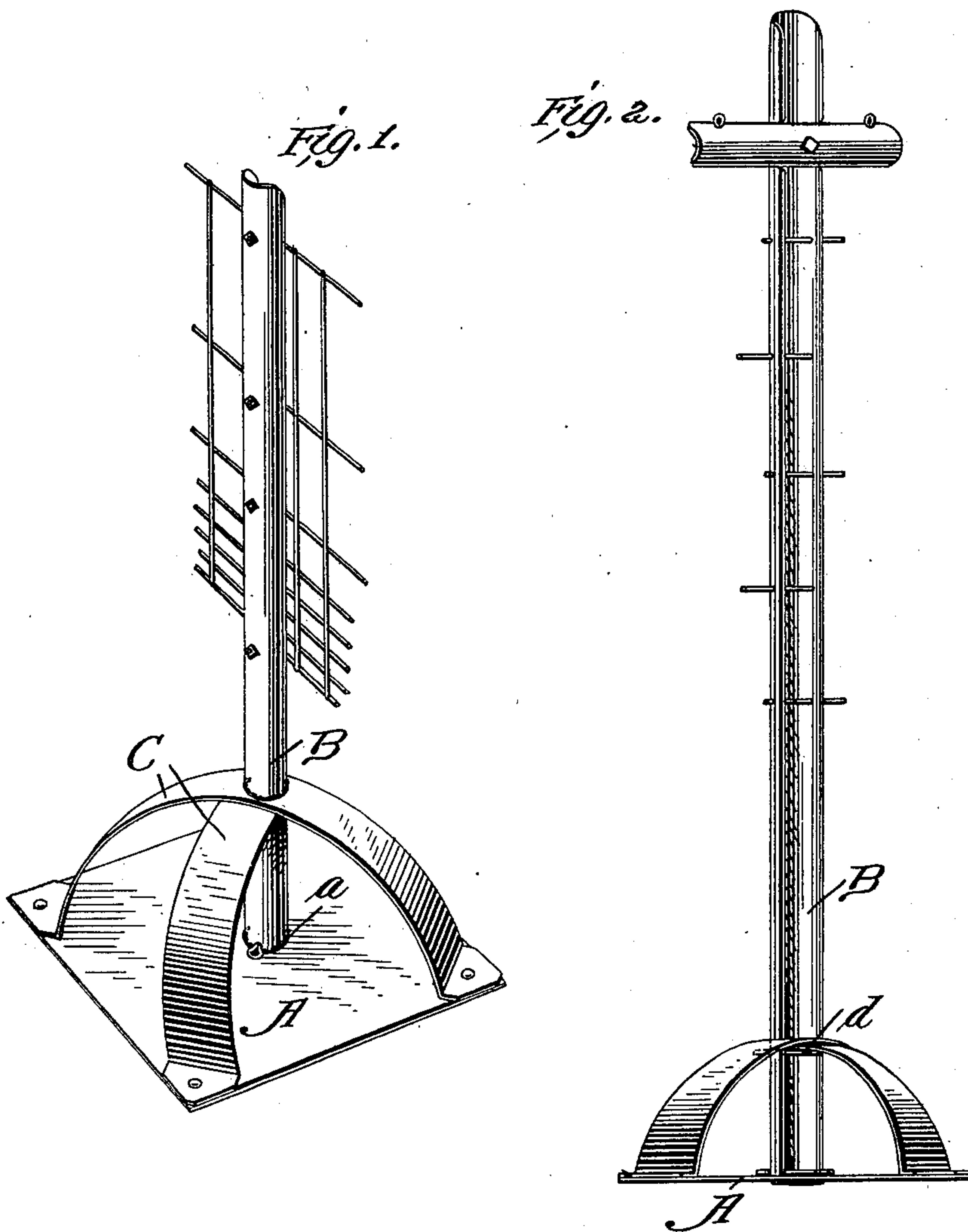
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES LUCIEN BARRETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Afton, Nelson county, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bases or Anchors for Posts or Poles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means for supporting fence-posts, telegraph-poles, and the like, and is intended to provide a very simple but effective base for upright posts or poles used for any purpose.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the invention as applied to a fence-post, while Fig. 2 shows my improved base as applied to support a telegraph-pole.

My invention is primarily intended to form a base for a metal pole or post, though I do not limit myself in this connection.

In Fig. 1 I form a base-plate A, preferably of a stiff metal and of suitable size, and centrally of this plate a slot which is of the shape of the post or pole in cross-section and is adapted to receive the end thereof. In the present case the post shown is of semicircular form in cross-section, as shown at B, and I make the opening *a* in the base-plate of like configuration. Just above the level of the base-plate I insert a cotter-pin through a perforation in the end of the post, which serves to prevent the downward movement of the post through the opening in the base-plate. To support the post above the ground, I use two arch-shaped braces crossing each other and extending from the corners diagonally, one just above the other, (shown at C.) The

ends of these braces are riveted or otherwise secured to the base-plates. The braces are continuous from diagonal corners, and where they cross each other they are provided with openings which conform to the cross-section of the post, the post passing through these openings and being supported by the walls thereof. A cotter-pin *d* passes through a perforation in the post just beneath the lower brace, and this prevents the displacement of the post upwardly. Any form of fence may be secured to the post in any suitable manner.

In Fig. 2 substantially the same construction is shown, except that it is applied to a form of telegraph-pole instead of to a fence-post.

I do not limit myself to the application of the invention shown, as it may be applied in many other situations with advantageous results.

What I claim is—

A base or anchor for posts, poles and the like consisting of a brace-plate having a slot to receive the end of the post, braces secured thereto and arching therefrom and crossing each other with openings alining and corresponding to the configuration of the post and cotter-pins passing through the post to prevent movement in a vertical direction, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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