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Fig. 1.

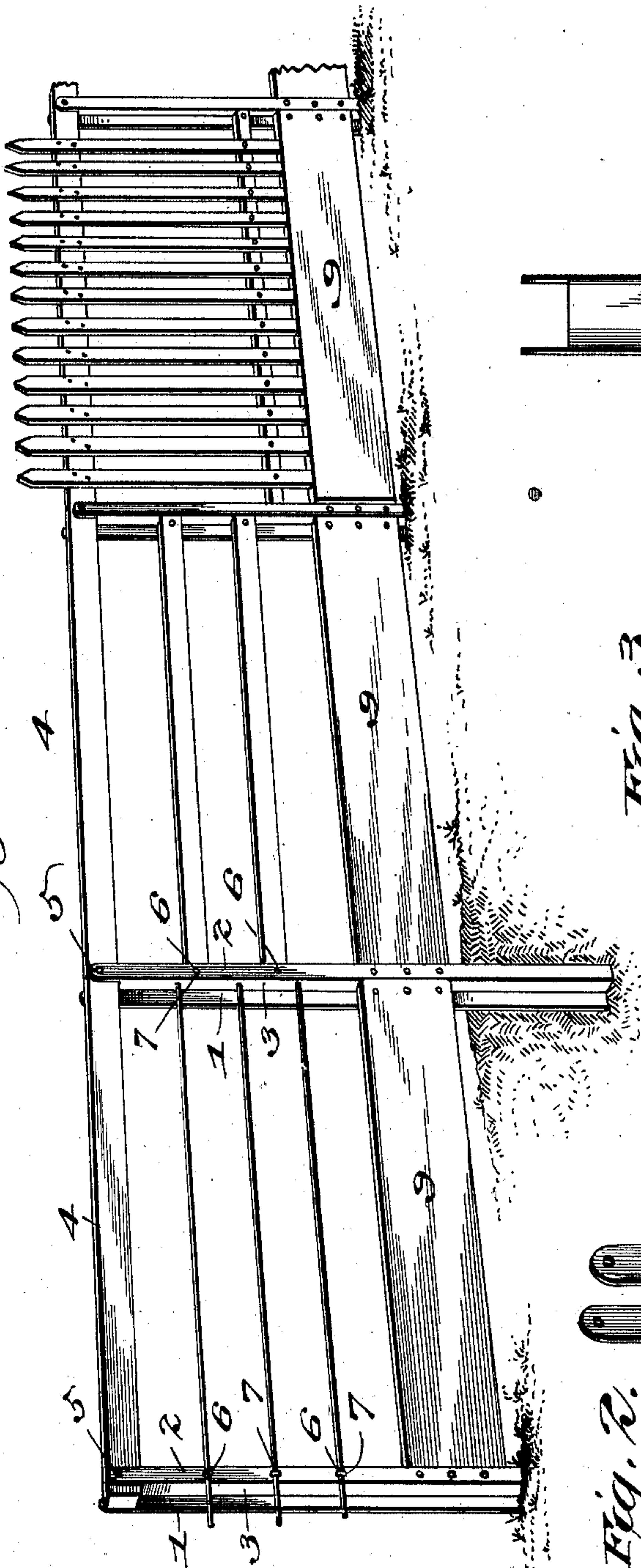


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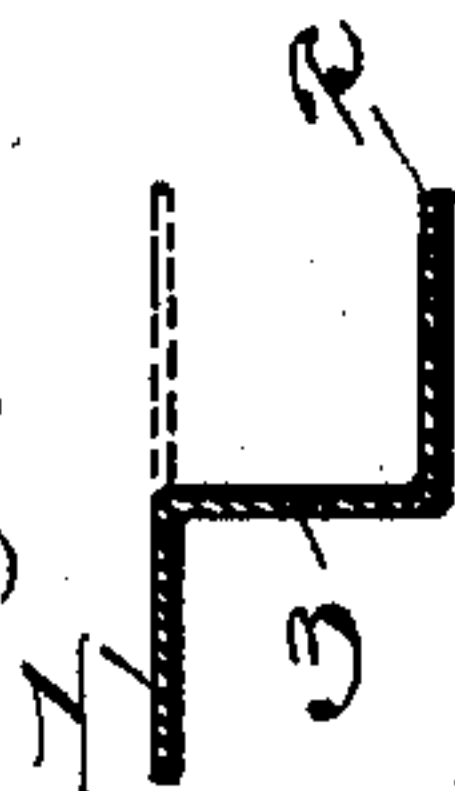


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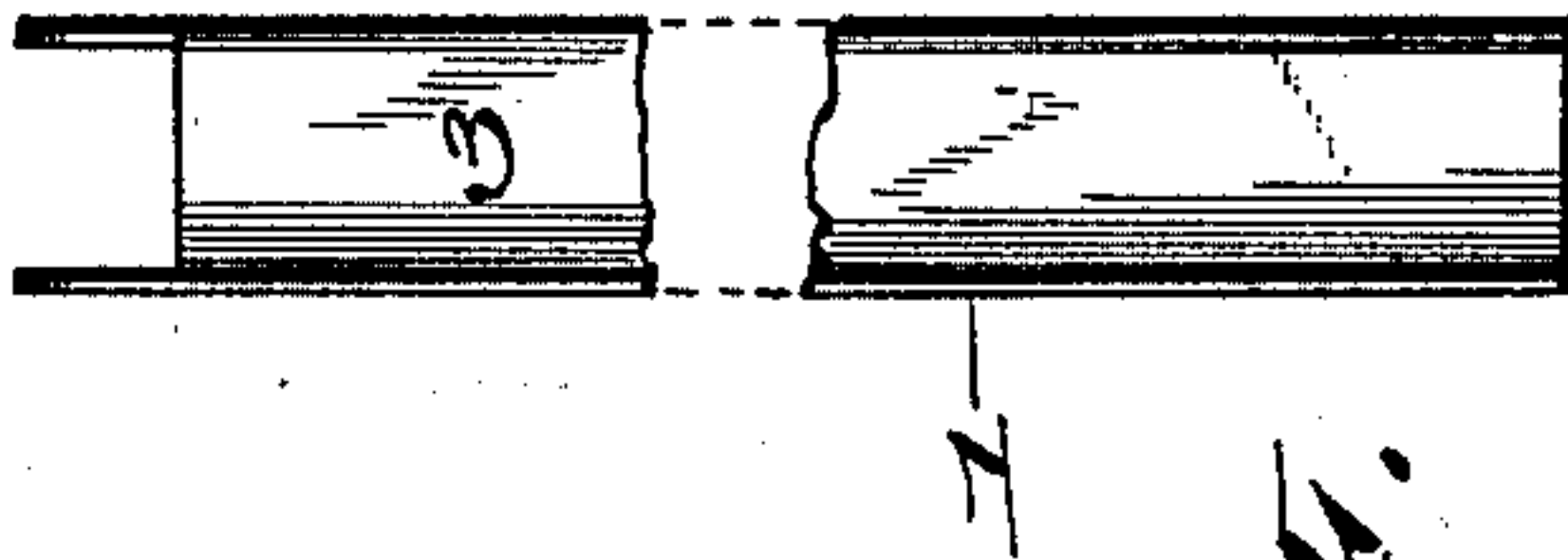
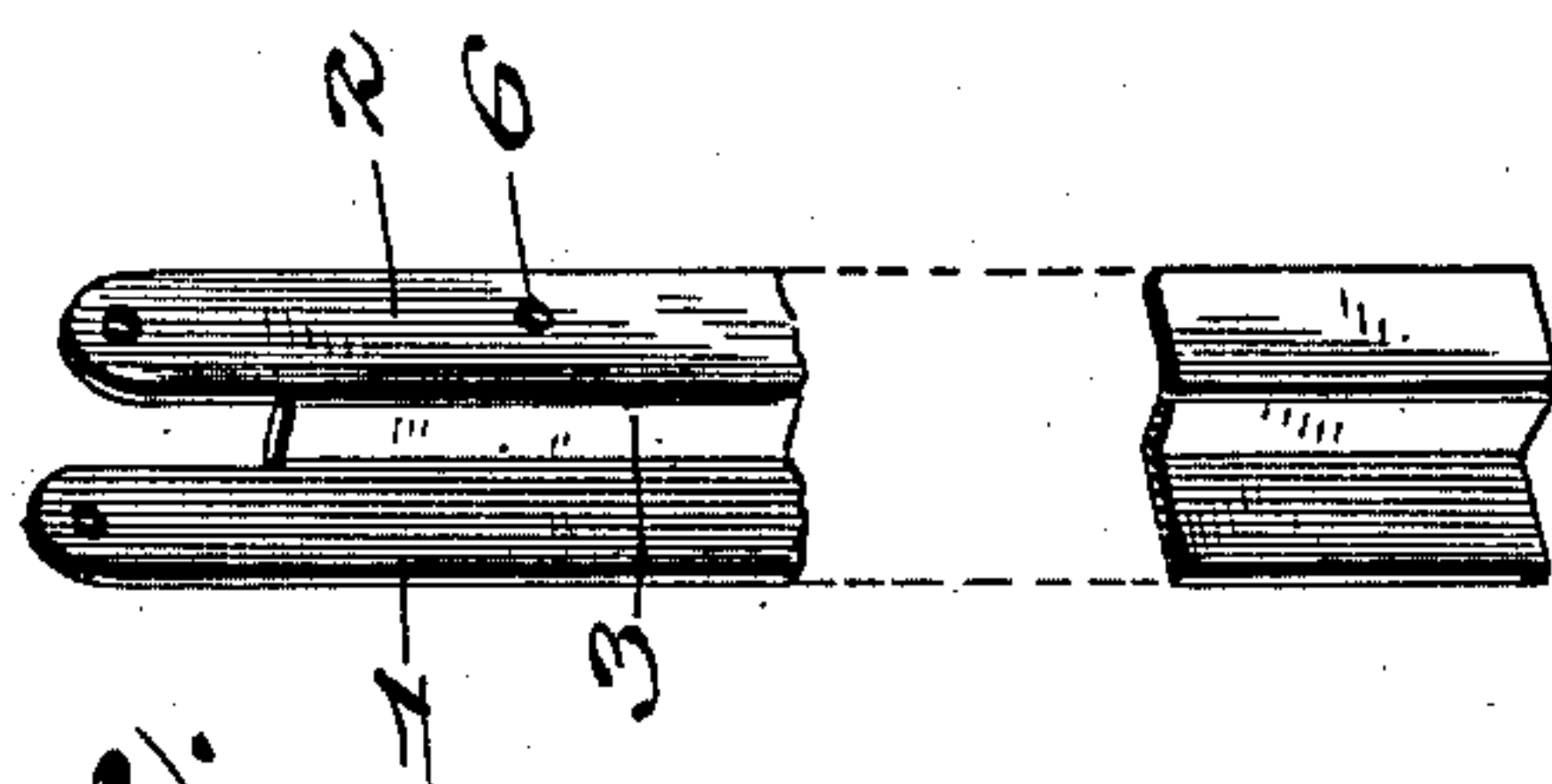


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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN FLETCHER VINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Americus, in the county of Sumter and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fence-posts; and it has for its object to produce a device of this kind which can be manufactured entirely from metal and which will possess great strength and durability and can be employed for making fences of different kinds and styles.

With this object in view my invention consists in the improved construction of a fence-post, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in each of the views in which they occur, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a section of fence embodying my invention, different styles of fencing being shown between the different posts. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view of my improved fence-post. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the post, and Fig. 4 is a side view.

My improved fence-post is formed from a sheet of suitable metal, as steel or galvanized iron, of sufficient length and size to adapt it to the ordinary fence. It is bent longitudinally, so as to be substantially Z-shaped in cross-section, the wings of which, 1 and 2, stand in the line of the fence, while the middle portion or mid-rib 3 stands at right angles thereto. The upper ends of the wings extend above the top of the mid-rib for the reception of the top rail or blind-board 4 of the fence and are perforated for the insertion of nails or fasteners 5 for retaining the same in position. One of the wings 1, which I shall call the "front" wing, is provided with a suitable number of perforations 6, through which are passed suitable clamping-bolts or fasteners 7 for holding the rails 8 in position. A suitable base-board 9 is secured to the post below the fastening in the usual manner by means of bolts or fasteners through the board and the wing of the fence to which they are secured. By cutting off the board to fit in be-

tween the central portions of the adjacent posts the one end of the board can be secured to the front wing of one post and to the rear wing of the next post, thereby securing the boards more firmly and also placing them in the vertical line of the posts instead of at one side, as would be the case if the boards extended past two or more posts.

In using my improved fence-post the posts are driven into the ground by any suitable means, with the corresponding faces of the posts in alinement with each other and the top rail secured between the wings at the top thereof. The fencing material is then secured to the sides of the posts by any suitable means, which will complete the fence. With a wire fence it is only necessary to stretch the different wires at suitable distances apart and secure them to the wings of the posts by means of fasteners therethrough. With an ordinary board fence the boards are secured to the corresponding sides of the different posts by means of nails or suitable fasteners driven therethrough and clenched upon the opposite side. With a picket-fence the bottom rail is secured at a suitable distance above the bottom board and the pickets secured thereto and to the top rail, with their lower ends resting upon the upper edge of the base-board in the usual manner.

If desired, the mid-rib may be provided with one or more openings through which the wires of the fencing may be passed longitudinally, thereby avoiding the necessity of extra fasteners for holding them in position. Both wings may also be perforated for the reception of fasteners, or the two wings may be bent from the same side of the mid-rib, and other slight changes can be made in the form and construction of my improved fence-post, and I reserve the right to make such changes and alterations as come within the scope of my invention.

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

In a fence, the combination, with a series of posts, each of which consists of a sheet of metal, the edges of which are bent in opposite directions from the central portion and

extend above the top thereof, in two parallel  
planes, the front of the posts being perforated,  
a top rail secured between the projecting por-  
tions of the posts, wires arranged horizontally  
5 in front of the posts, fasteners around the  
wires and through the perforations in the front  
of the posts, and a base-board below the wires,

the ends of the base-board fitting in between  
the central portions of the adjacent posts sub-  
stantially as described.

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