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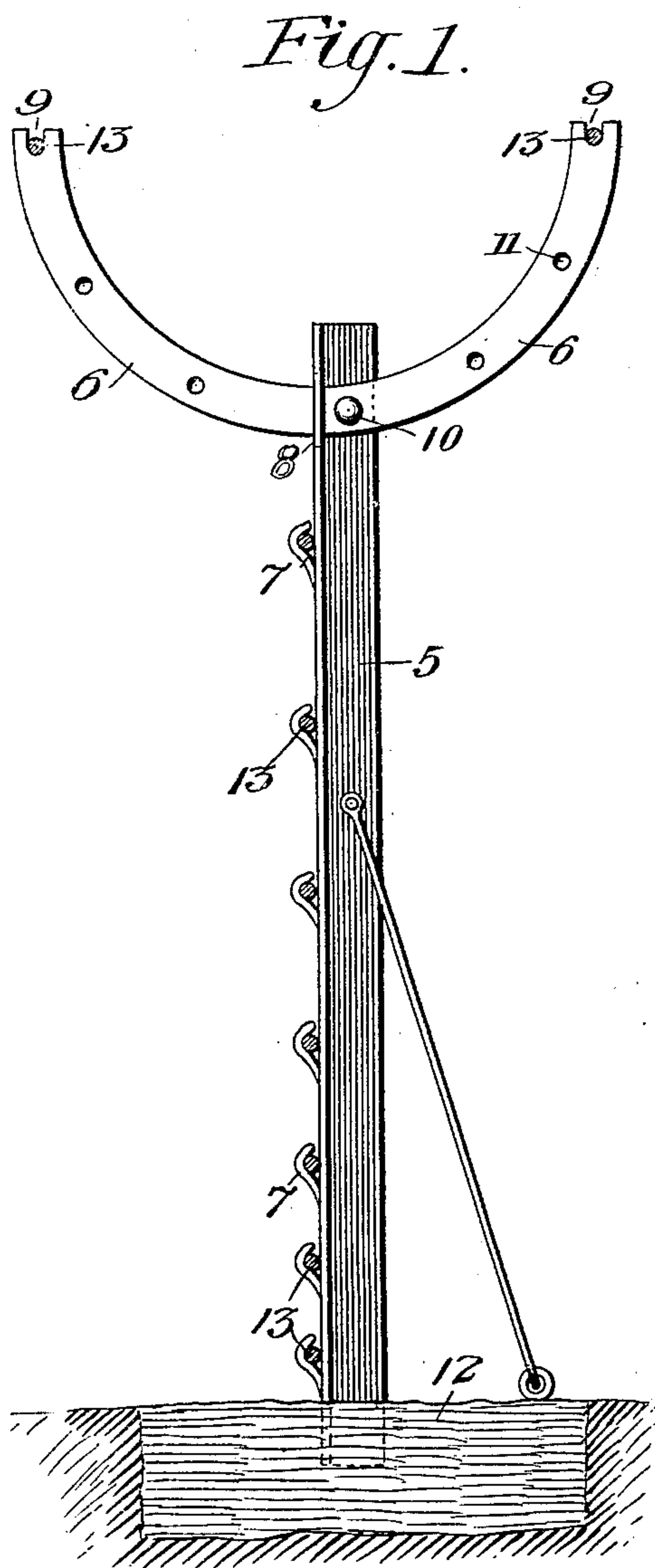
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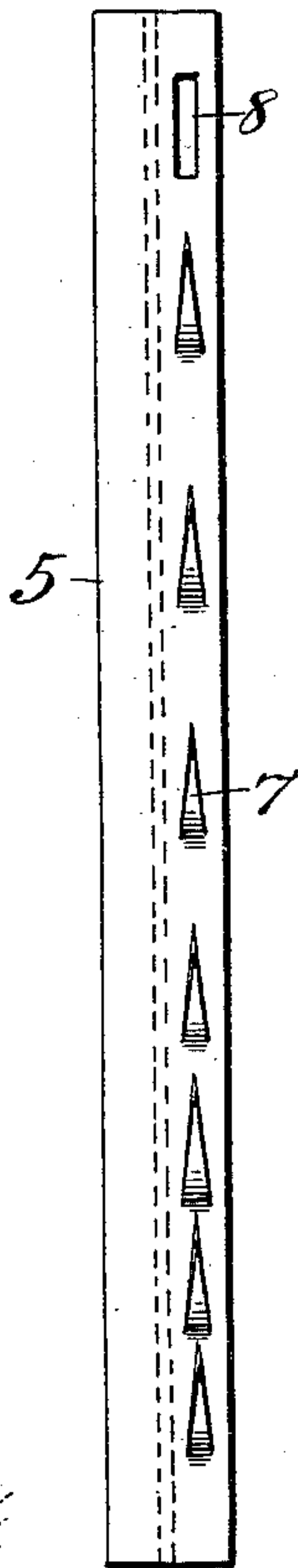
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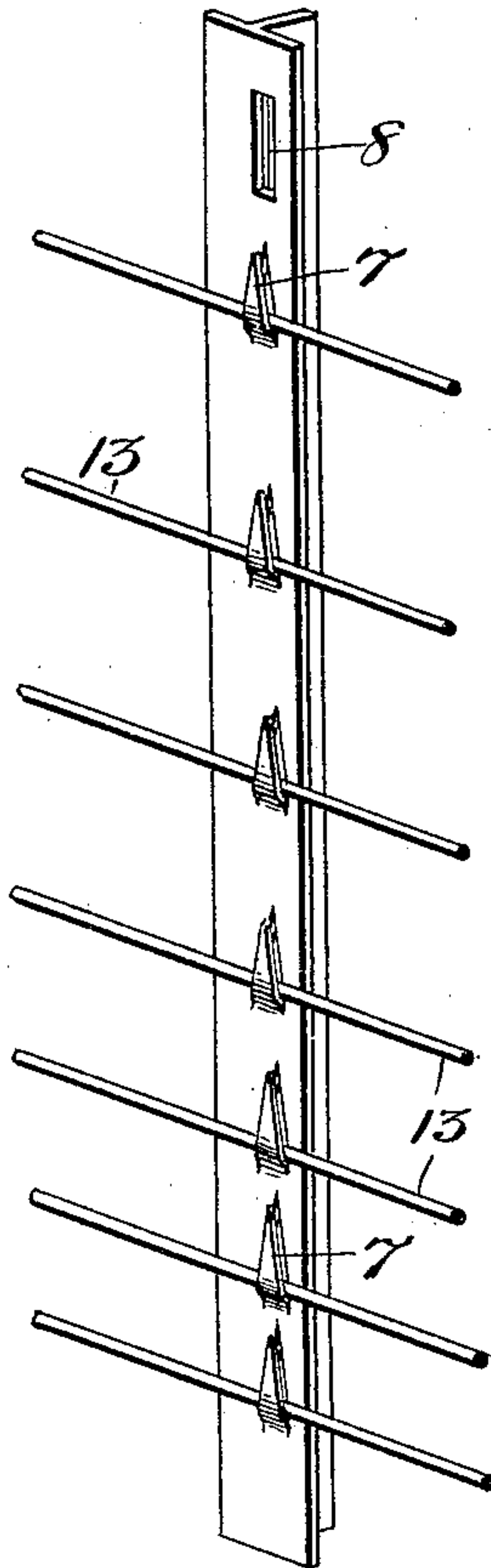
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS WALTER BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chattanooga, in the county of Hamilton and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I 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.

My invention relates to improvements in fence-posts, in which preferably light T-iron is used. The bottom end may be fastened in a rock or sill in the ground. The top end has a slot or mortise, through which a curved cross bar or arm passes, and is loosely riveted by a rivet passing through the middle of the slot or mortise in the post is made longer than the width of the curved cross-arm, so the curved cross-arm can have a rocking motion. The tapered wire-holding or wire-grasping hooks are punched out of the body of the post. By making the wire-grasping hooks tapering it simplifies the work of punching and makes it easier to bend the hooks over the wire after the wire is placed in the hooks.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the post. Fig. 2 is a front view of the post, showing tapered hooks. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the post with wires attached.

Like figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different views of the drawings.

Referring to Fig. 1, 5 is the post, preferably made of T-iron. It has a mortise 8

punched out of the post near the top. The curved cross-arm 6 passes through this mortise and is loosely riveted to the post by the rivet 10. The mortise 8 is made longer than the width of the curved cross-arm 6, so the curved cross-arm 6, being loosely riveted to the post at 10, can have a rocking motion. The curved cross-arm has notches 9 in each end for a wire to rest in, and it has holes 11 11 for the wire to pass through.

12 is a rock or sill for the post to rest in, or the post can be driven in the ground.

Fig. 1 shows the wire 13 13 resting in the tapered hooks 7 7, and the top end of the tapered hooks is shown bent inward and over the wire 13 13, so as to hold it in place.

Fig. 2 shows the post with the tapered wire-holding or wire-grasping hooks as they appear before the wire 13 13 is placed in them.

Fig. 3 shows the post 5 with the wire fence 13 13 placed in the tapered wire-holding or wire-grasping hooks 7 7 before the hooks are bent over the wire.

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

A fence-post having tapering hooks punched out of the post-body, and a slot near the top, in combination with a curved cross-arm passing through the slot and loosely riveted to the post.

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

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