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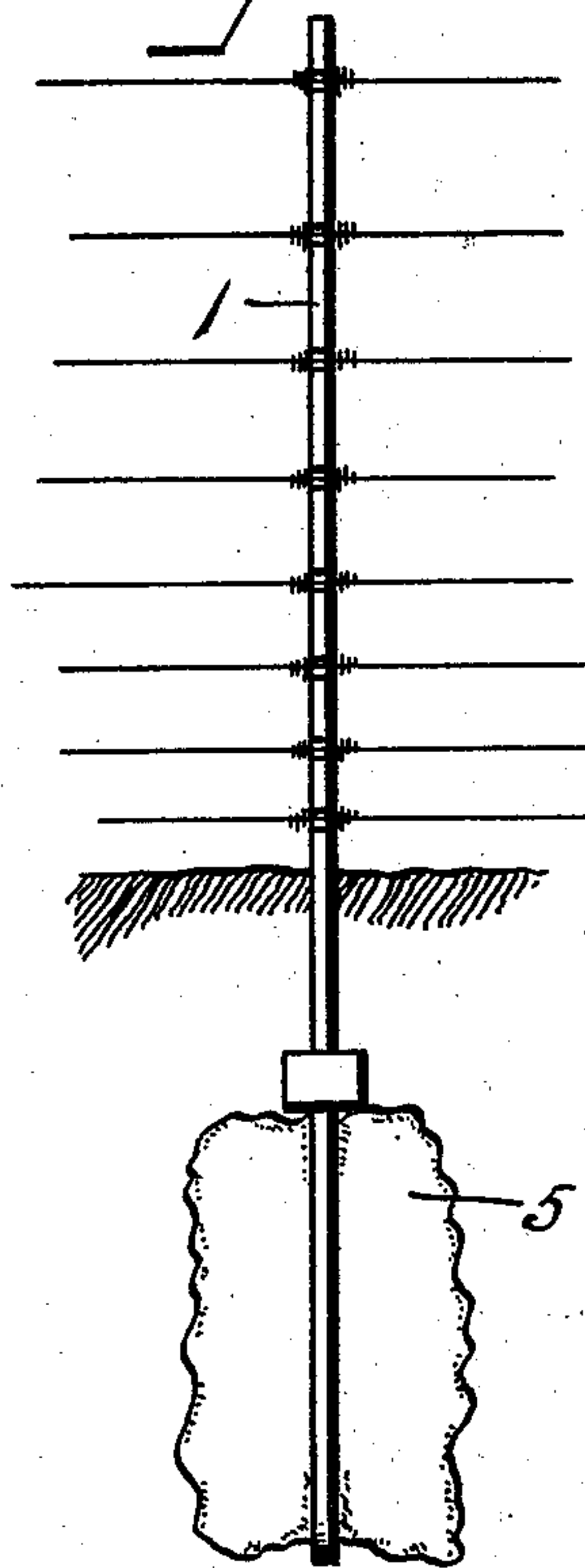


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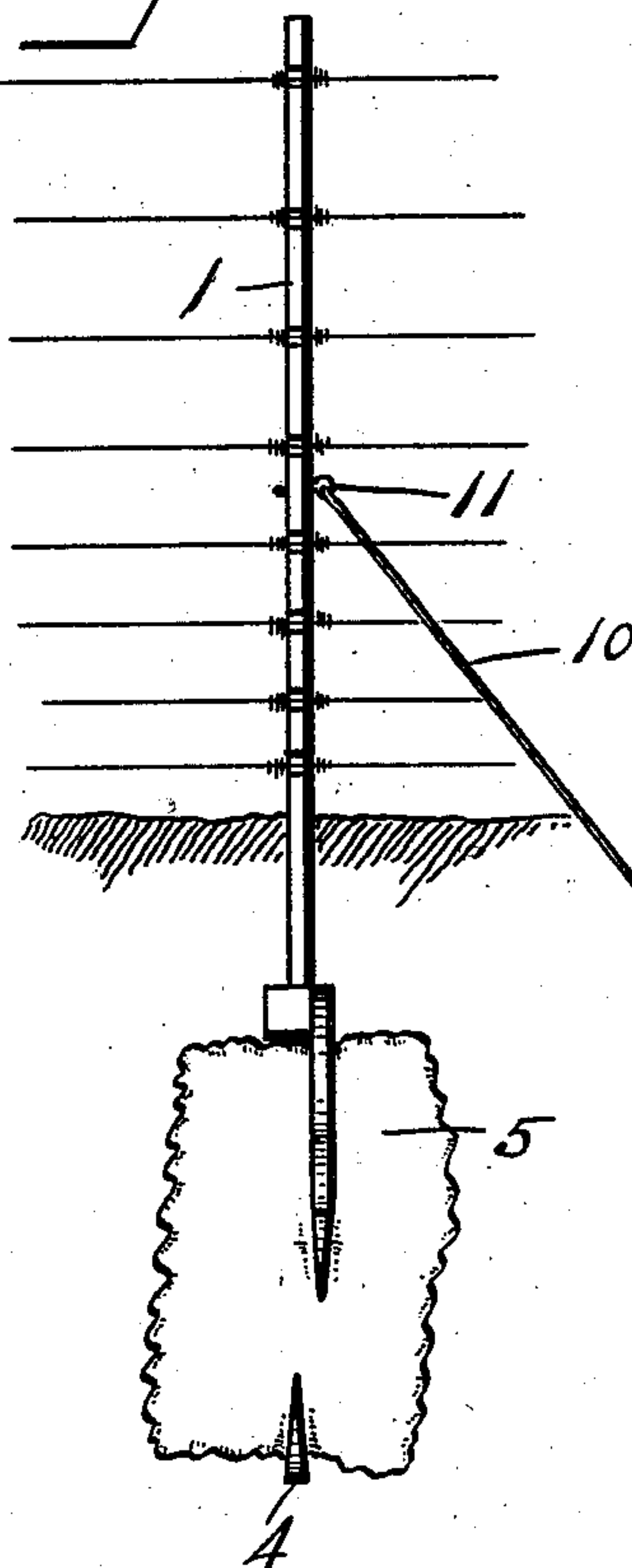


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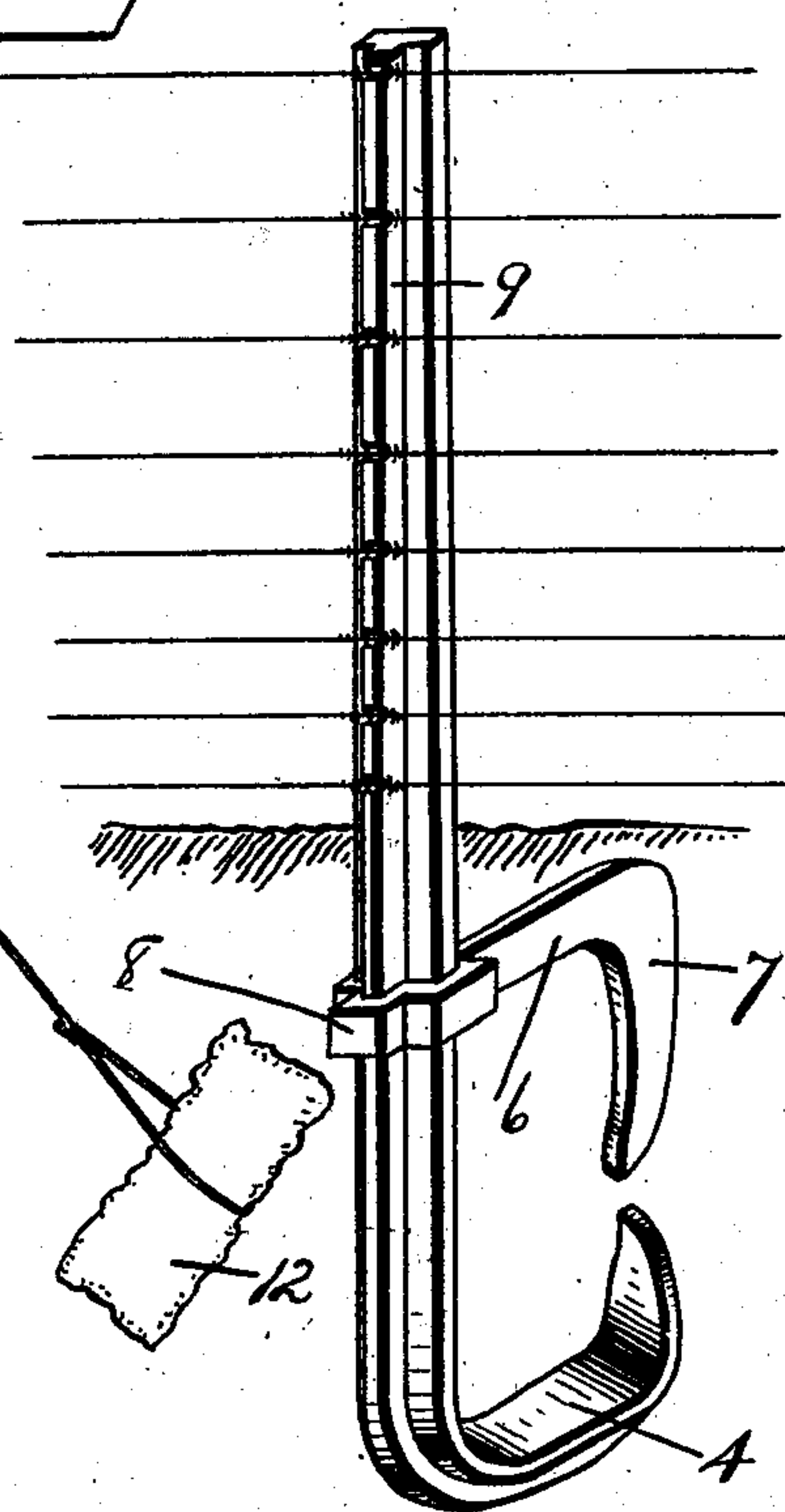


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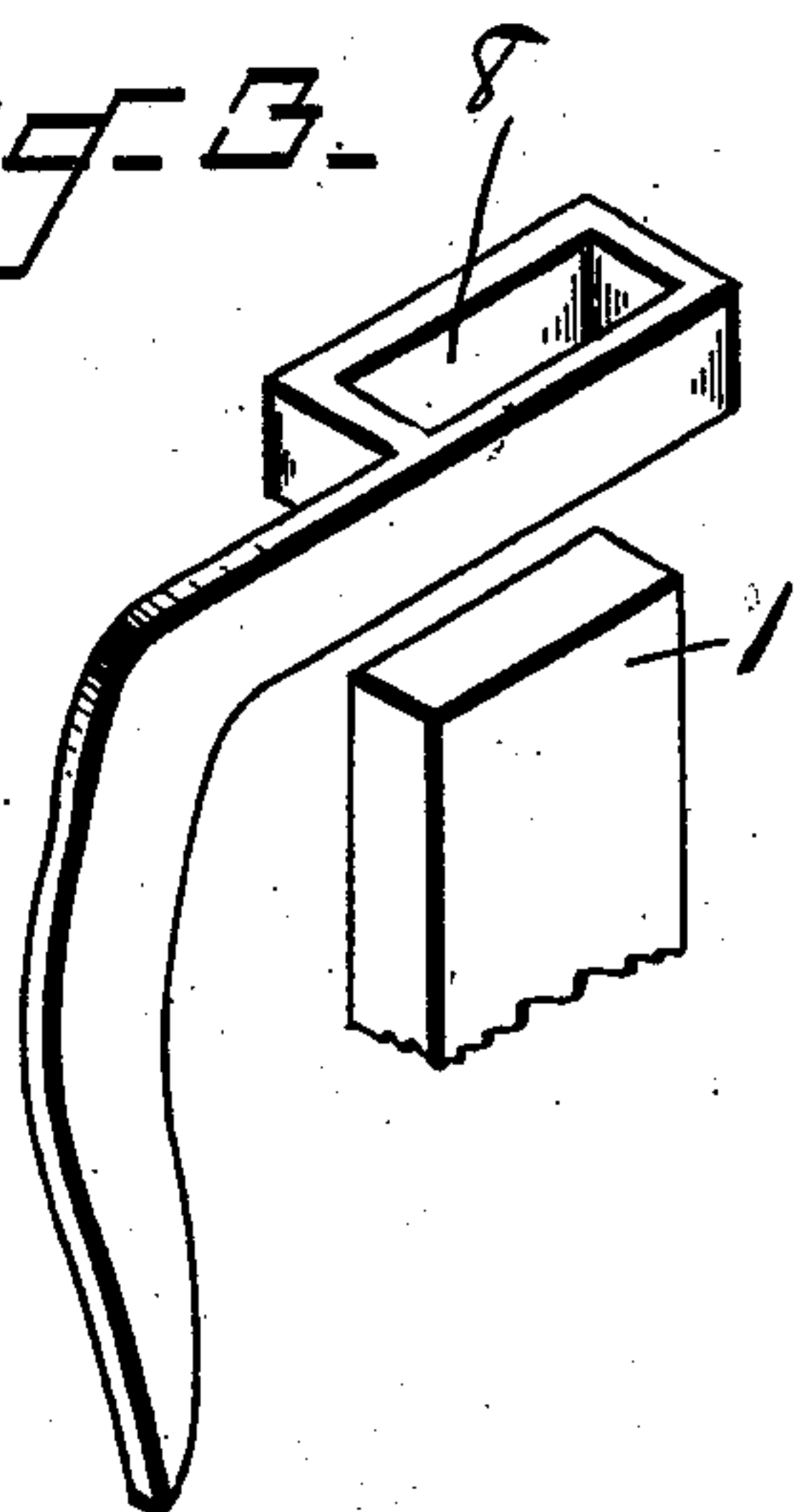


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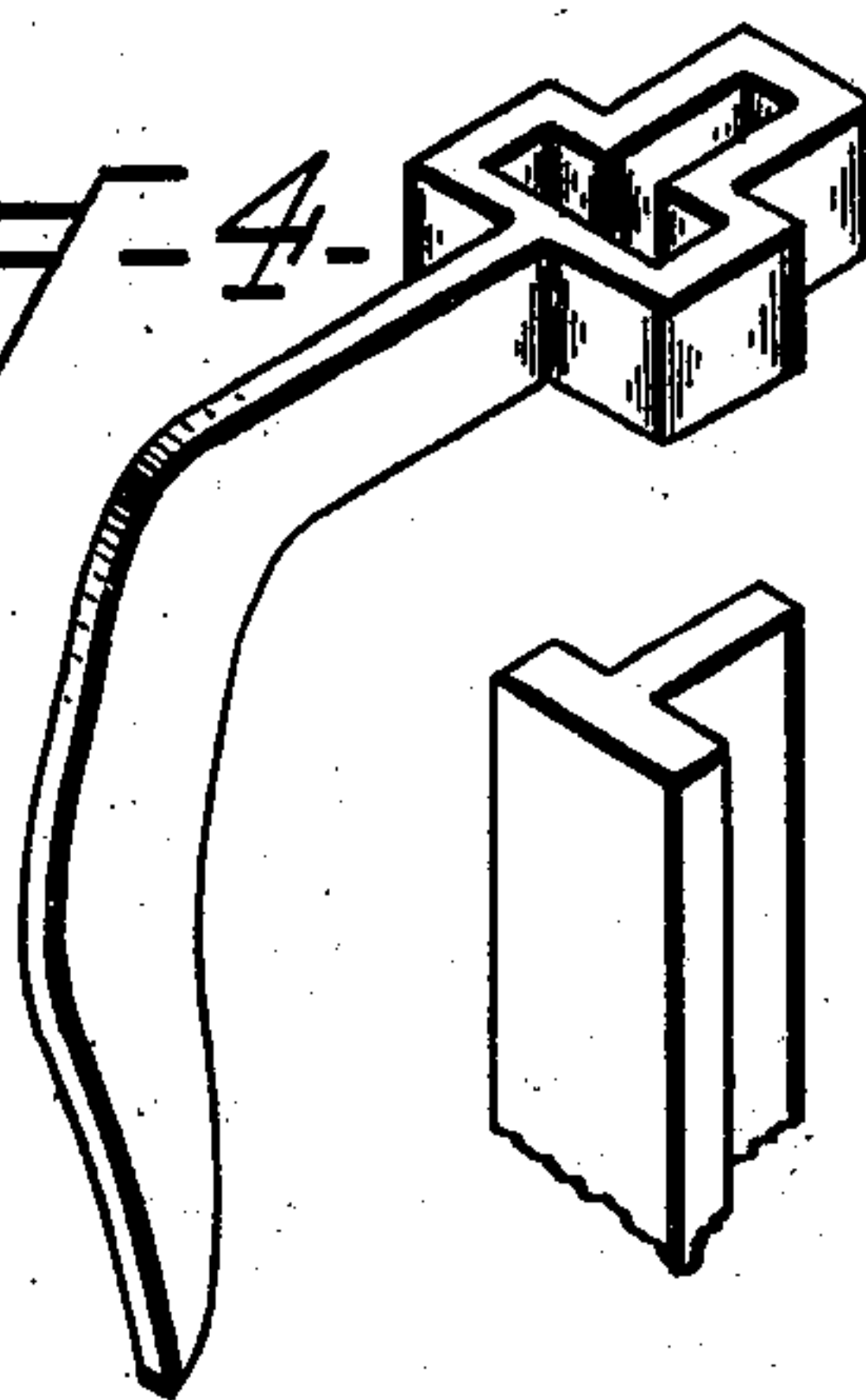
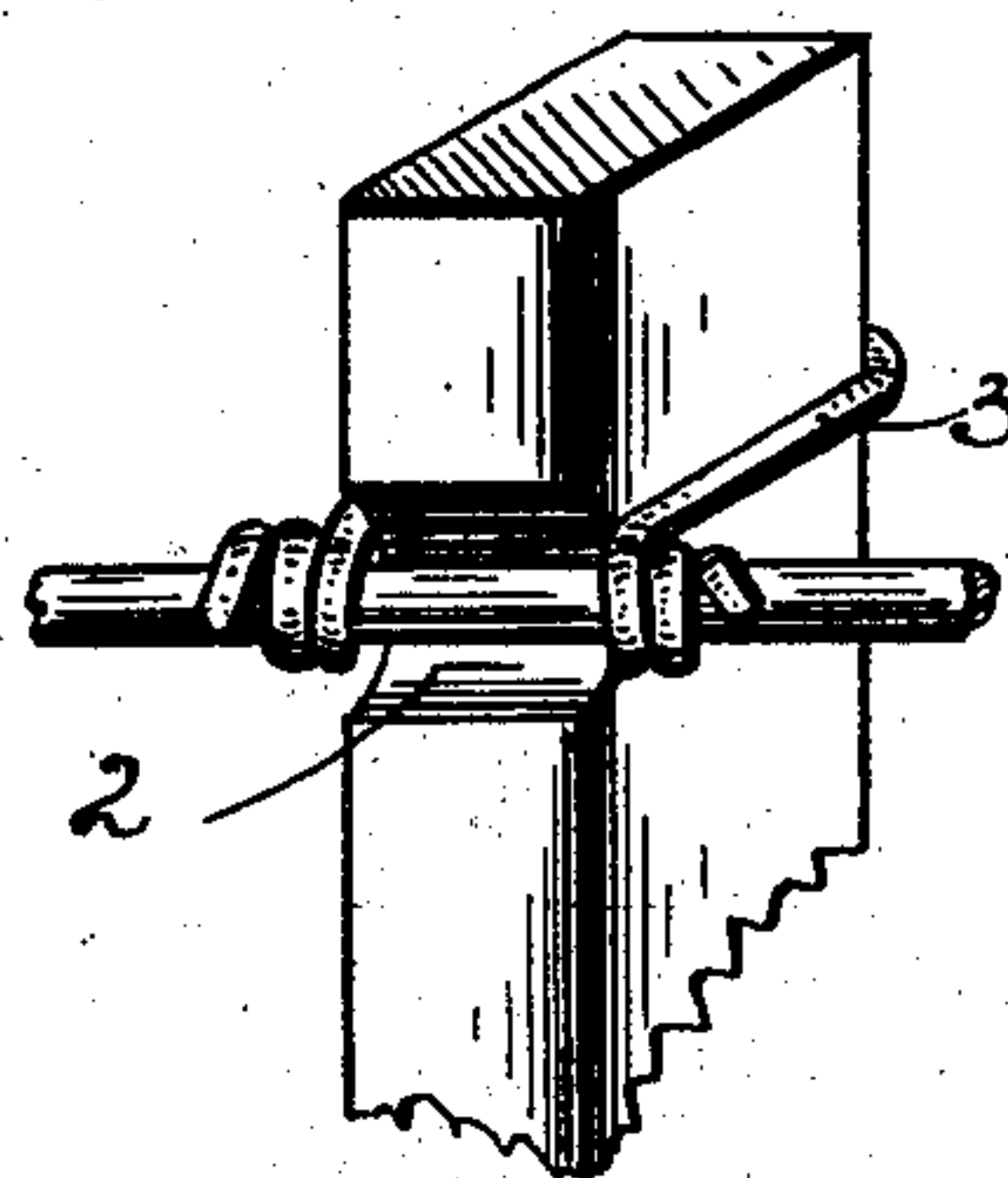


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## FENCE-POST ANCHOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI SWOVERLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waupecong, in the county of Miami and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Post Anchors; 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 fence construction, and more particularly to a combination and construction of parts necessary to produce a reliably efficient fence-post, the parts of which may be cheaply constructed and readily assembled in operative combination.

The object of my invention is to provide a post which will prove of simple and cheap construction combined with durability or permanence of character; and these results are obtained by means of the construction set forth in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates my invention as applied to use upon an ordinary wire fence. Fig. 2 shows the opposite side of the post from that illustrated in Fig. 1 and also shows the preferred means of attaching a bracing or reinforcing wire or rod. Fig. 3 is a perspective detail view of the top of the post and the clamping device designed to be slipped over the same. Fig. 4 illustrates a slightly-different construction of the post proper and also of the device designed to cooperate therewith. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the complete post and clamping device partly illustrated in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a perspective detail view of a portion of the post, showing the preferred means of securing one of the fence-wires in cooperation therewith.

For convenience of illustration and reference numerals will be employed, of which 1 indicates the body portion of the post proper, which is of any preferred length and is provided at intervals with a series of notches or recesses 2, each designed to receive a contiguous portion of a fence-wire and hold said wire against movement after the same shall have been secured to the post by means of the clamping-wire 3. (More fully illustrated in Fig. 6.)

The post 1 is provided at its lower end with

the hook-like terminal 4, one form of which is more fully illustrated in Fig. 5 and also designated by the numeral 4. The hook terminal 4 is designed to afford a seat for the reception of the lower end of a suitably-shaped anchoring-stone 5, and in order to hold the stone and post in reliable operative combination I provide the clamping member 6, having the downwardly-extending hook-like terminal 7, and the collar 8, designed to loosely encircle a contiguous portion of the fence-post, it being understood that said collar is to be provided with a suitable opening or so shaped that it will snugly encircle any form of post employed to cooperate therewith. In Fig. 5 the collar 8 is so shaped that it will receive the T-shaped portion of the post, said body-section being indicated by the numeral 9 and corresponding in function with the section indicated by the numeral 1 in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

It will be understood that the anchoring member proper, 5, may consist of a suitably-shaped stone or other suitable material, the object being to insure that the same will hold the post in an upright position and prove of great permanency and durability of character. Inasmuch as the stone is properly shaped to provide a seat for the hook member 4 and the contiguous part of the hook-section 7, said stone will be held against casual displacement and cannot be disengaged from the post until the collar 8 is raised. By the combination and construction of parts just described it will be observed that the hook member 7 is held down by its own weight and that no set-screw, pins, or wedges are necessary to secure the parts in operative combination, thereby insuring that the same may be very cheaply mounted or adjusted for use.

The post may be properly braced at intervals, or the corner-post may be secured in an upright position by means of a heavy wire or suitable rod 10, properly secured at a suitable point to the body portion of the post, as by the eye-bolt 11, while the other end is wrapped around or otherwise secured to a suitable anchoring stone or stake 12.

From the foregoing description, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that I have provided a post which will reliably perform its office of

sustaining the wires or boards of a fence in position, and believing that the construction and manner of using the same have been made clear, further description is deemed unnecessary.

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

The herein-described fence-post having the hooked terminal 4 and an adjustable clamping member comprising the parts 6, 7 and 8,

in combination with an anchoring member 5 adapted to be engaged by said member and said hooked terminal 4, all operatively combined substantially as specified and for the purpose set forth.

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

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