

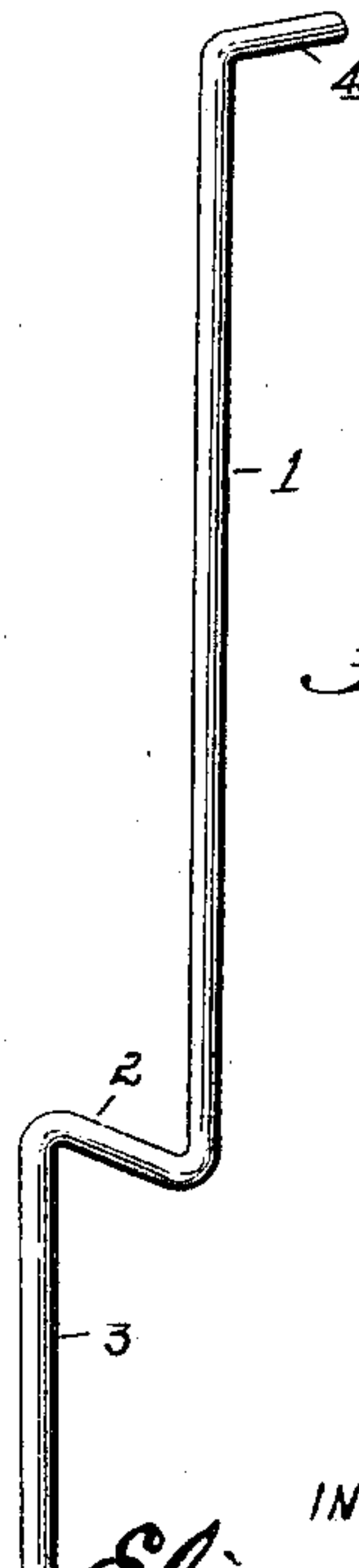
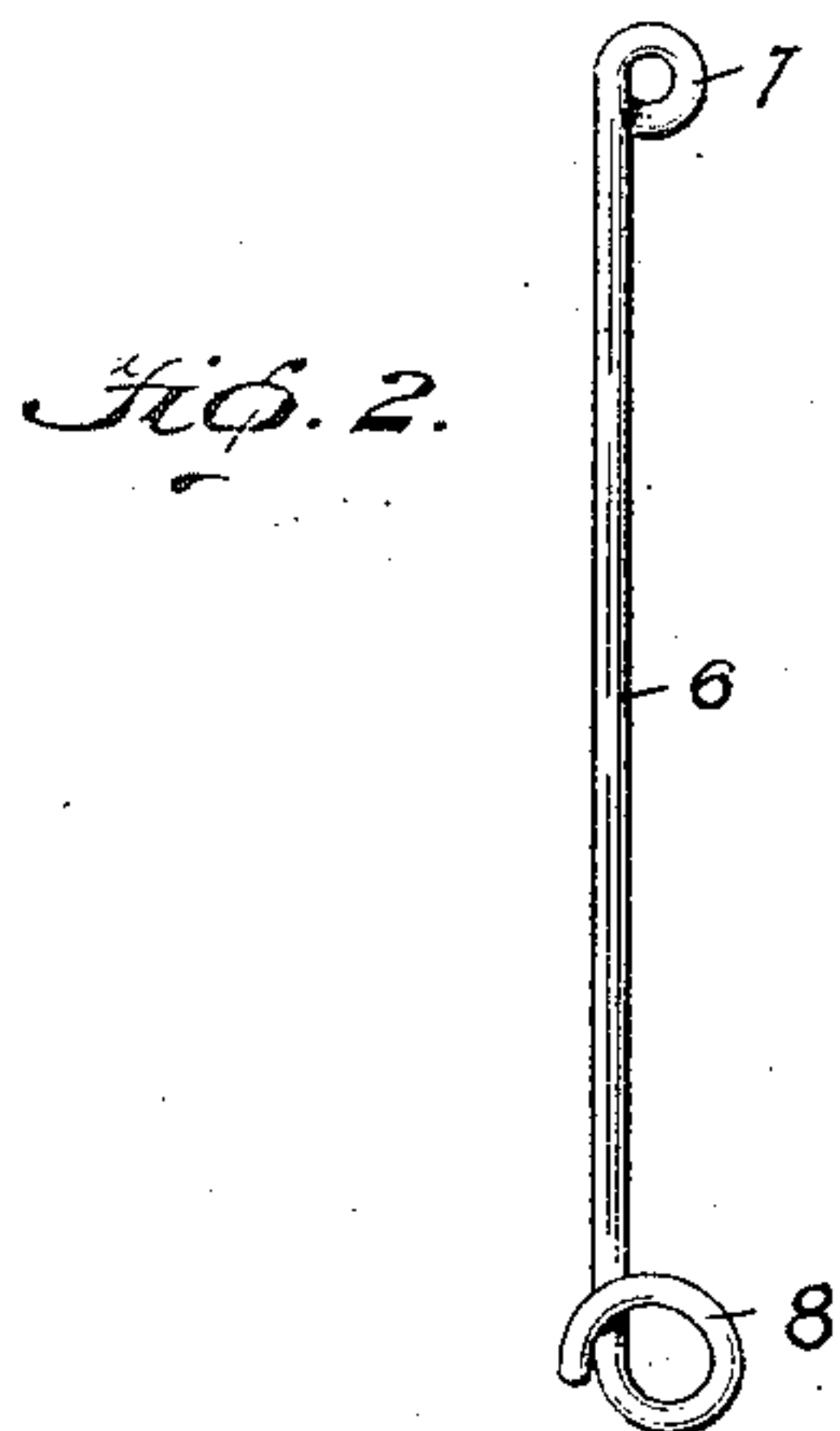
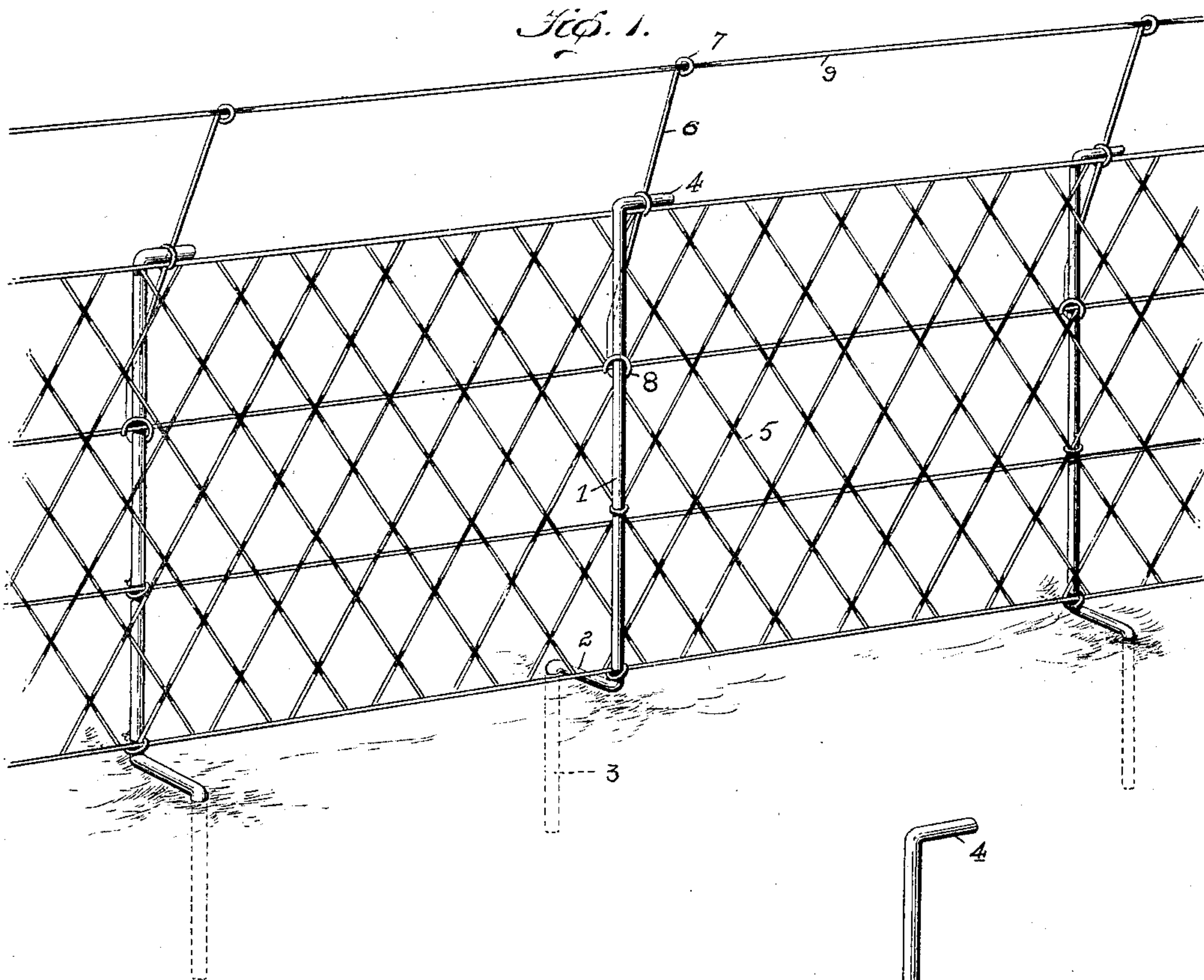
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## FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAS LAVELY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Bucyrus, in the county of Crawford and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in fences; and its primary object is to provide a post of simple, durable, and inexpensive construction which is adapted to hold the web of the fence firmly in an upright position.

A further object is to provide novel means whereby an extra wire of suitable form may be arranged above the web of the fence.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence having my invention used in connection therewith. Fig. 2 is a detail view of a supplemental wire-supporter, and Fig. 3 is a similar view of a post.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a post formed of any suitable material, such as tubular metal or bars, and is bent at right angles at a point between its ends, as shown at 2, forming a base from which depends a stem 3 of any suitable length. An arm 4 extends laterally from the upper end of the post 1 in a plane at a right angle to the vertical plane passing through the base 2. A wire web 5 of suitable construction is tied in a suitable manner to the post, said web resting upon the base 2 and being secured at its upper edge to the lateral arm 4. The stems 3 of the posts are adapted to be forced into the ground at desired intervals, and the bases 2 rest upon the surface of the ground and limit the downward movement of the posts. These posts are so arranged that the bases will extend in opposite directions alternately for the purpose hereinafter described.

When it is desired to secure a barbed or other supplemental wire above the upper edge of the web, a series of supports of novel construction are employed. These supports are preferably formed of heavy spring metal, and each comprises a body portion 6, bent into an eye 7 at the upper end thereof. A spring-coil 8 is formed at the opposite end of the body and is adapted to engage a post 1 and the mesh 5 at a point removed from the upper edge thereof. The body is then bent laterally into contact with the arm 4 of the post, to which it is tied in any suitable manner. The support is thus securely and rigidly held in position, and a wire 9 may be passed through the eye 7.

By extending the bases 2 in opposite directions alternately strain from both sides of the fence will be equally resisted.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A fence-post formed in a single strip of metal and bent at an angle to form a base adapted to bear upon the ground, a downwardly-bent stem to the base adapted to be embedded in the ground, and a laterally-bent arm at the upper end of the post; and a wire-supporter, a spring-coil at one end adapted to engage the post, and means for securing the support to the arm of the post.

2. The combination with a post having a lateral arm at one end thereof; of a wire-supporter, a loop thereto adapted to engage the post at a point intermediate its ends, and means for securing the support to the arm of the post.

3. The combination with a post having a lateral arm at one end; of a wire-supporter, a spring-coil at one end adapted to engage the post, and means for securing the support to the arm of the post.

4. The combination with a post having a lateral arm at one end thereof, and a web secured to said post and its arm; of a wire-support, a coil at one end thereof adapted to engage the web and the post, means for securing the support to the arm, and an eye at the free end of the support.

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

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