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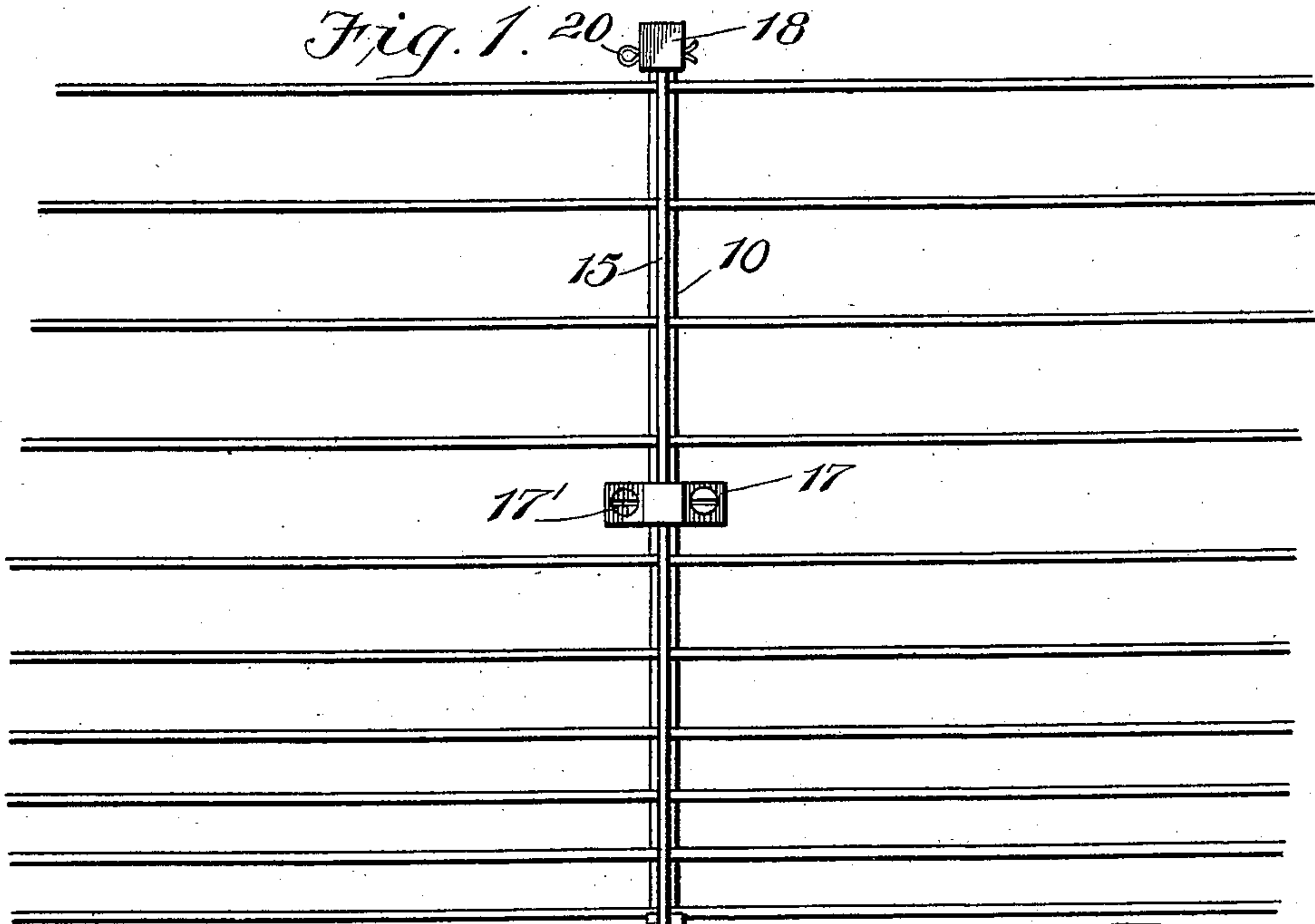


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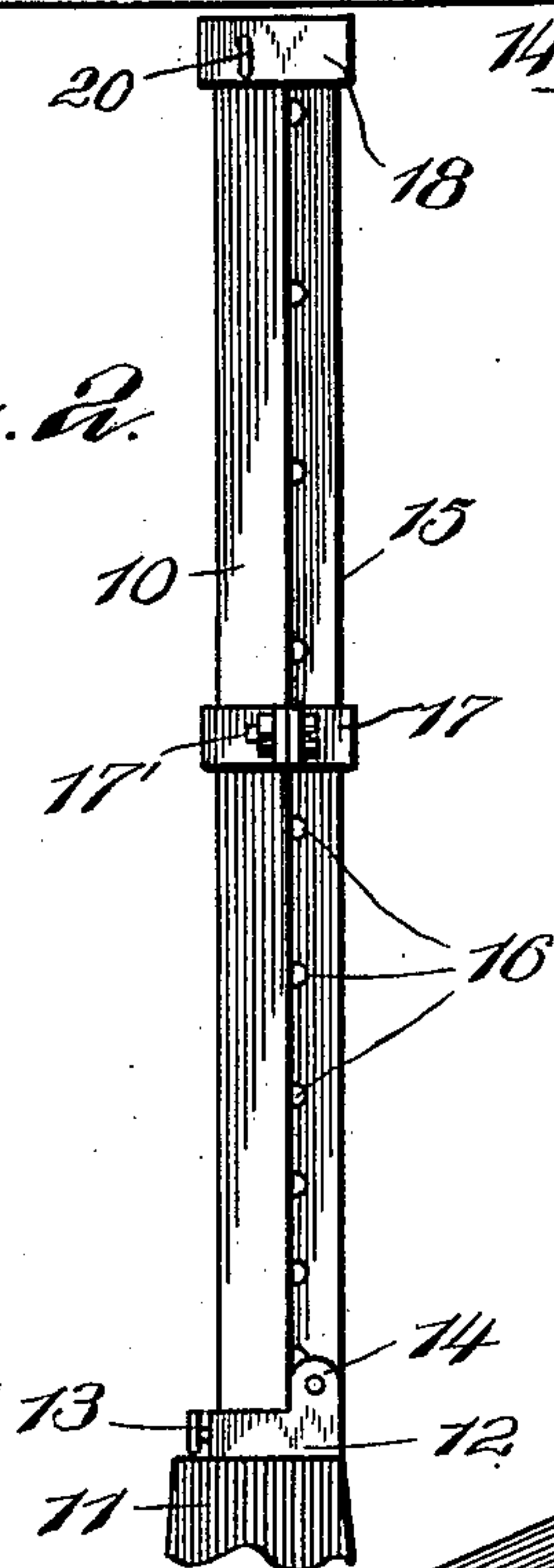


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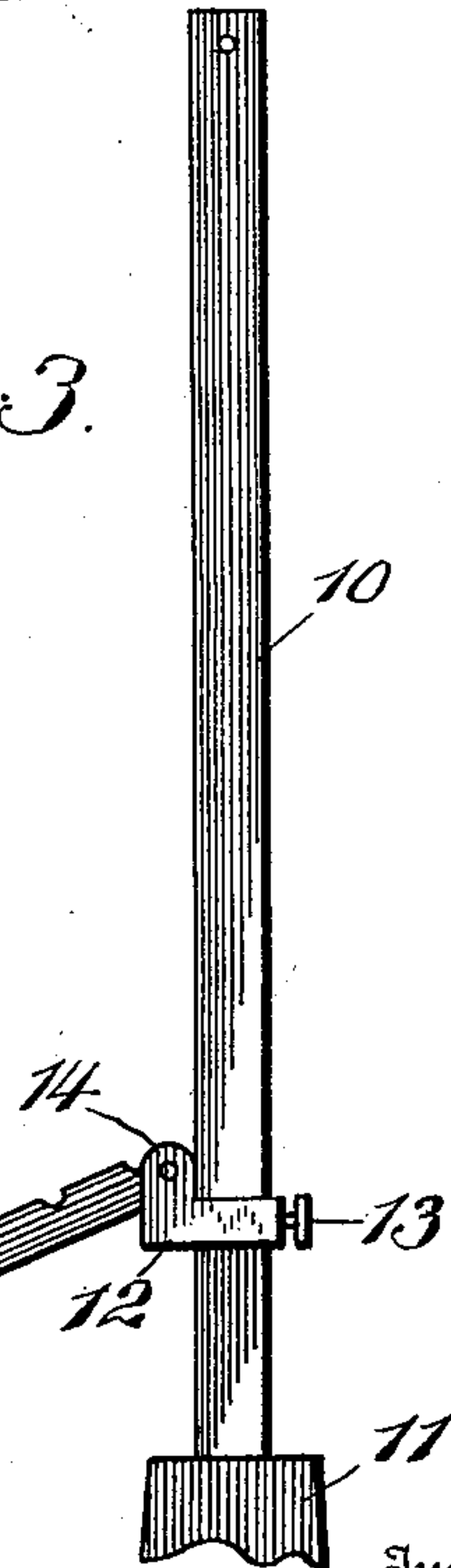
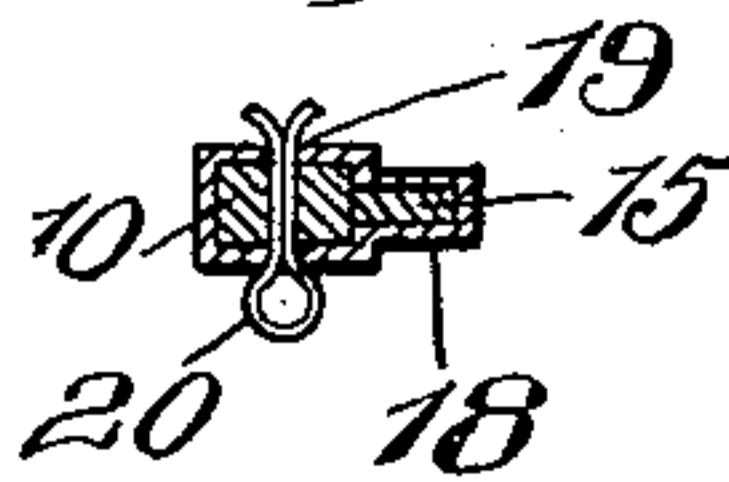


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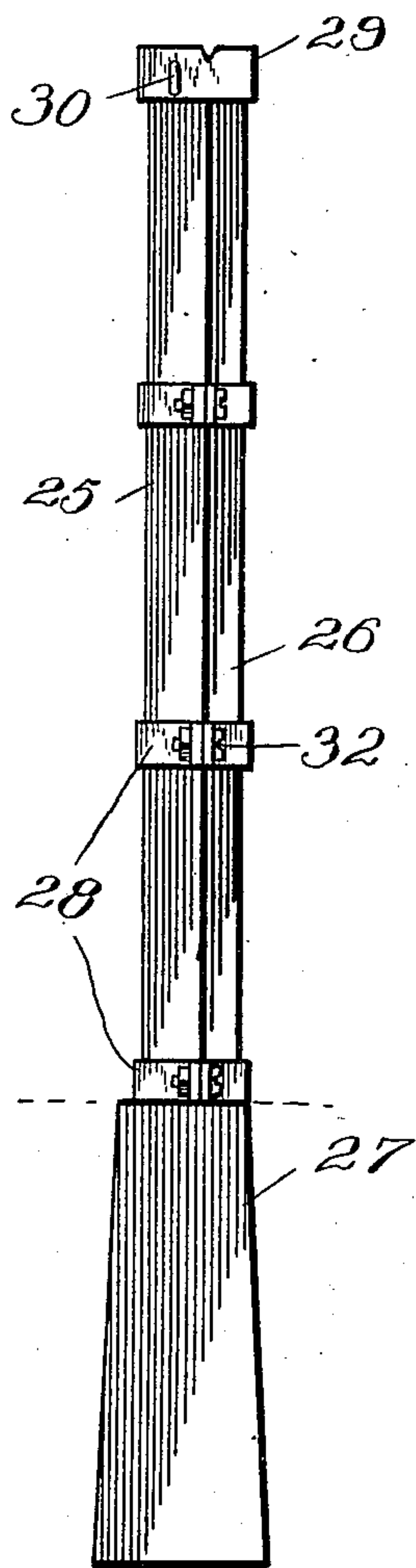
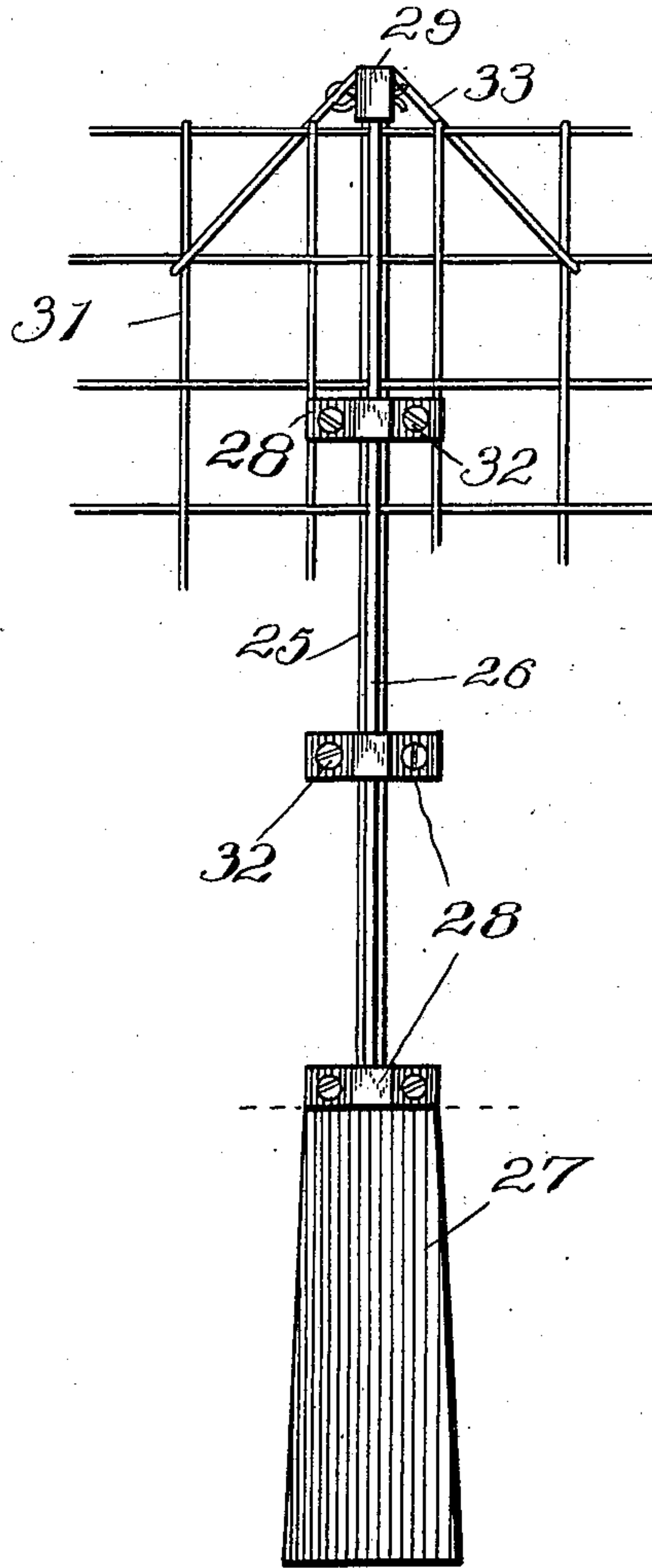


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LINCOLN A. THORNBURG and ASA L. DANSER, citizens of the United States, residing at Gas City, in the county of Grant, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and we 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.

This invention relates to fence-posts; and it has for its object to provide a post which may be made of metal and having such construction that the wires of the fence may be readily engaged or disengaged and when engaged will be held firmly in position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a construction wherein the wires may be held at different elevations and which may be used for supporting stay-fences and woven fences with equal facility.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the fence-post having wires engaged therewith. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the post at right angles to Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing one member of the post swung outwardly and raised from the position shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detailed sectional view through the cap at the upper end of the post. Fig. 5 is a side elevation showing a modification of the post. Fig. 6 is a view at right angles to Fig. 5 and showing a portion of a woven-wire fence engaged with the post.

Referring now to Fig. 1 of the drawings, this form of the invention comprises a main upright member 10, which is firmly anchored by casting around the lower end thereof a truncated base 11, which is adapted to be planted in the ground to hold the post in upright position. Disposed slidably upon the upright member 10 is a block 12, having a set-screw 13 for holding it at different points on the upright and at one end of which block are the upwardly-directed ears 14, between which is pivoted the lower end of a second upright member 15, which is adapted to lie with its edge against the adjacent face of the upright member 10, this engaging edge having recesses 16

to receive the fence-wires. To hold the member 15 against the member 10, U-shaped plates 17 are provided and are engaged over the upright members and have their ends bent outwardly and perforated to receive the bolts 17', by means of which the plates are brought together to draw the member 15 against the member 10. By loosening the bolts 17' the clamping-plates may be slid off from the upper end of the post to permit of engagement of the wires in the recesses 16, after which the plates may be reengaged with the uprights, as will be understood. When the upper ends of the uprights are flush, a cap 18 may be engaged therewith, said cap having a perforation 19 therethrough for registration with the corresponding perforation in the member 10 of the post to receive a retaining-pin 20. The pin holds the cap in place, while the cap holds the upper ends of the upright from outward displacement, as well as lateral displacement, the two members 10 and 15 being oblong in cross-section, so that the cap cannot be rotated. With this construction it will be seen that the members 10 and 15 may be opened and closed readily and when in closed position are held securely, while the length of the post may be varied as desired within certain limits.

Referring now to the modified form of the invention, it will be noted that it consists of the main upright member 25, corresponding to the upright member 10, and a supplemental upright member 26, corresponding to the upright member 15, neither of which members is recessed, and of which the member 25 is engaged with the cast base 27. U-shaped clamping-plates 28 are engaged in pairs around the uprights to hold them firmly in contact, and a cap 29 is disposed upon their upper ends and is provided with a holding-pin 30, engaged with alining perforations in the cap and the upright 25. A section 31 of a woven-wire fence is shown clamped between the upper portion of the uprights, the attaching-bolts 32 of one pair of clamping-plates being passed through the meshes of the fence, and engaged with a strand-wire of the fence at opposite sides of the post are the ends of a supporting-wire 33, which is passed over the cap of the post and engaged in a notch in the upper edge thereof, this suspending device holding the fence from slipping downwardly,

as does also the clamping-bolt of the clamping-plates that are engaged through the fence. It will be seen that with this construction also when the cap is removed one section of the post may be moved above the other. In practice the part 11 is made of clay, which is baked to the desired hardness.

What is claimed is—

1. A fence-post comprising main upright having a base, a second upright pivotally connected to the first upright for movement in the same plane therewith into and out of contact with the first upright, said second upright having notches therein to receive fence-wires and being slidably connected with the first upright to permit of adjustment thereof vertically to hold the fence-wires at different elevations, means for holding the second upright at different points of its sliding movement, and means for holding the uprights in mutual contact.

2. A fence-post comprising a main upright having a base, a second upright movably connected with the first upright to permit of engagement of fence-wires between the up-

rights, and U-shaped clamps engaged in pairs around both members, said clamps having each terminal clamping-jaws for clamping stay-wires of the fence against the cooperating clamp, and retaining-bolts engaged through each pair of clamps between the terminal jaws and the uprights.

3. A fence-post comprising a fixed upright having a block slidably mounted thereon and having means for holding it against sliding movement, said block having also spaced perforated ears, a second upright pivoted at its lower end between the ears for movement in the same plane with the first upright, and means for holding the uprights in mutual contact.

In testimony whereof we hereunto sign our names, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on the 13th day of May, 1901.

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