

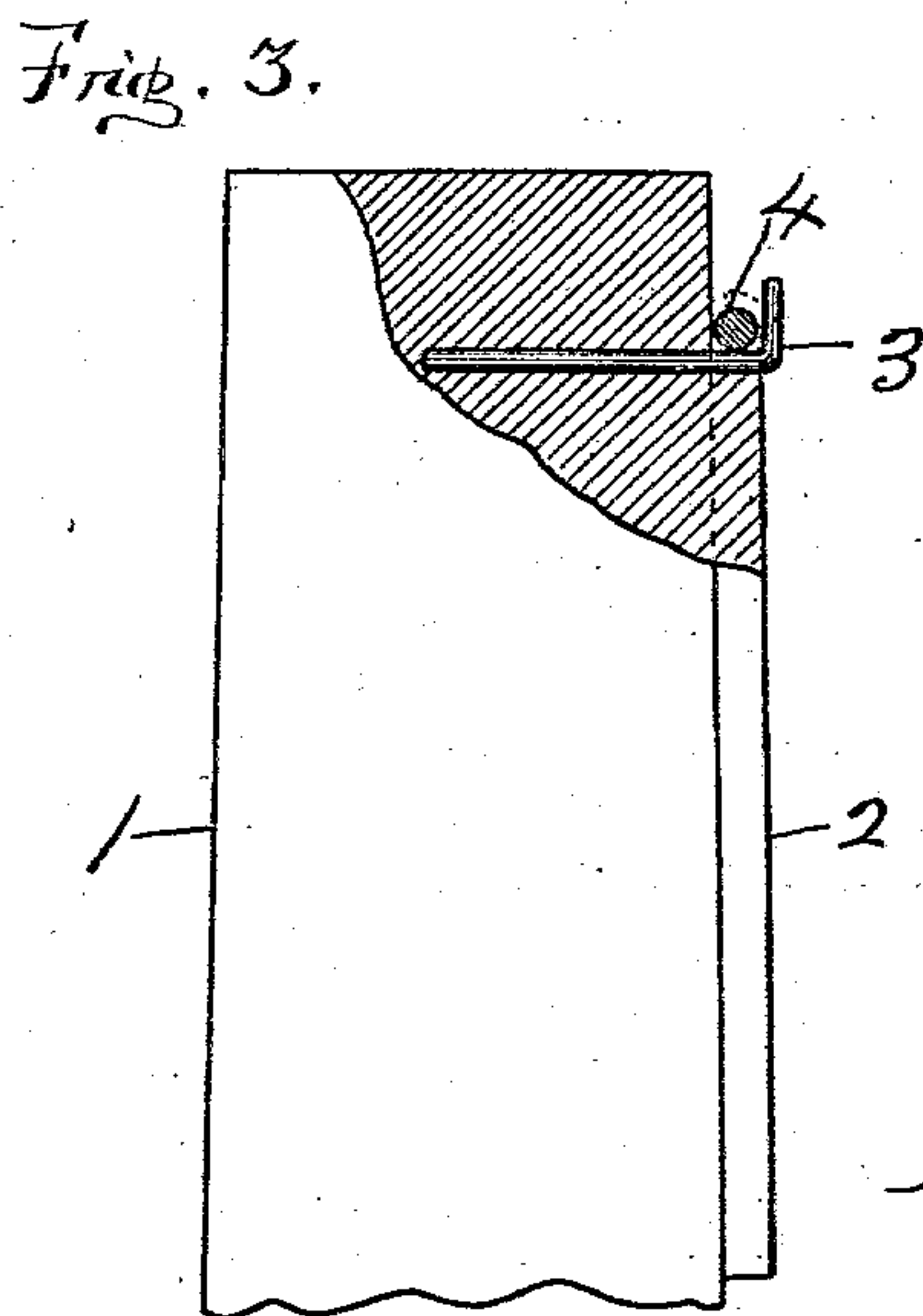
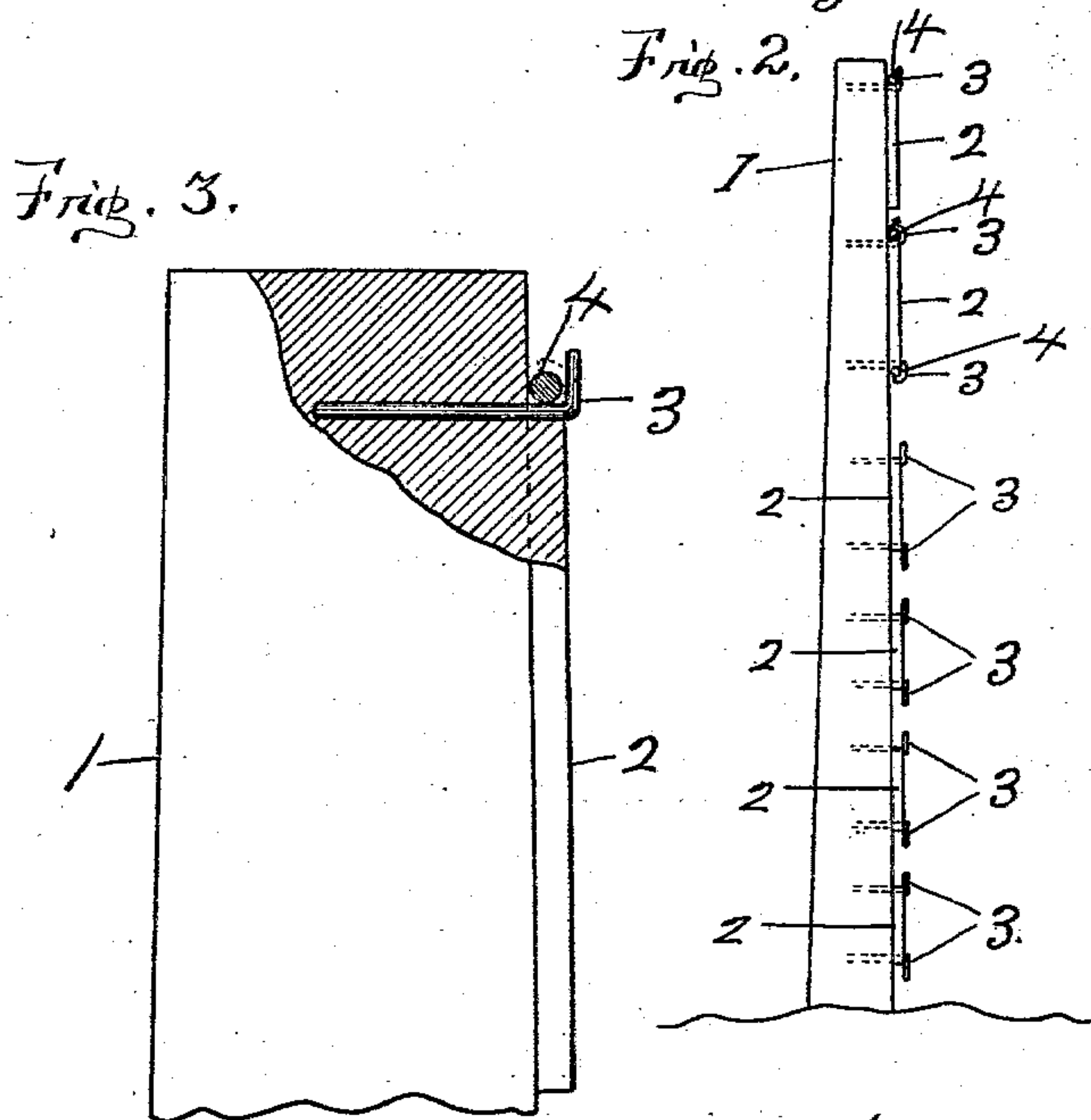
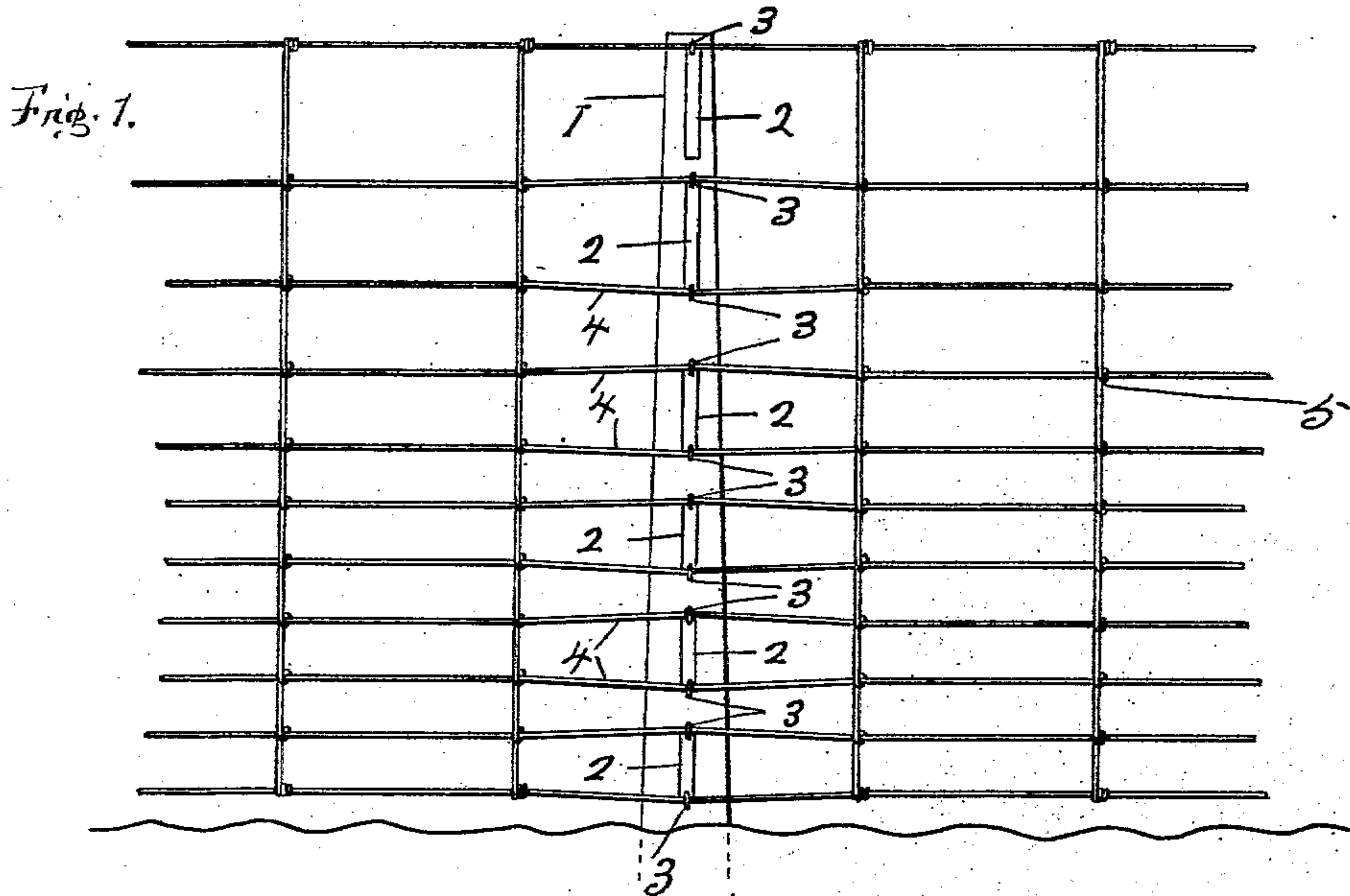
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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW ADAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kendallville, in the county of Noble, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fence-posts.

The object of my present invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and efficient fence-post, made of cement or other plastic material, specially designed and adapted for use in wire fences and having a novel means for securing the wires to the front face thereof.

My invention consists of a cast or molded cement or earthen post of the usual form and of proper dimensions, preferably solid, having upon its front face a series of metallic hooks fixed therein and also having its front face provided between each pair of hooks with a series of integral vertical lugs adapted to relieve the hooks from the strain and tendency to displacement incident to use.

Similar reference-numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views of the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the front side of my improved post with a section of woven-wire fence in position thereon, showing my improved means for securing the same. Fig. 2 is a side view of my invention, taken at right angles to Fig. 1, with three wires in position in the upper hooks. Fig. 3 is an enlarged side view of the upper end of the post, broken away in part to show the manner of securing the hooks abutting the adjacent end of the vertical lugs upon the front face of the post.

The post 1, of cement or material which can be cast or molded, may be of any desired form or contour, is preferably solid and angular, as shown, and has cast upon its front face a

series of spaced vertical or longitudinal lugs 2 in substantial alinement, as shown. Immediately adjacent the opposite ends of these lugs 2 are arranged fixed hooks 3, which are rigidly secured in position in the post by having their extended inner ends firmly embedded therein when the post is molded and while yet in a plastic condition, as shown in Fig. 3. As a hook is not needed in use at the lower end of the uppermost lug 2, the same is preferably omitted, as shown in Fig. 1. When the hooks 3 are placed in position, as described, those adjacent to the upper ends of the lugs 2 have their outer ends turned upward, and the hooks adjacent to the lower ends of the lugs 2 have their outer ends turned downward for the purpose hereinafter described. The width and thickness of the lugs 2 are sufficient to afford a firm and rigid backing or abutment for the outer ends of the hooks 3, thereby enabling them to securely resist the strain of the wires 4 thereon in use.

My improved post can be used with equal facility and convenience for wires having barbs or not and which are held in a spaced relation in a fence by means of vertical stays of any proper kind or with a woven-wire fence 5, as shown in Fig. 1.

It is obvious that when the fence-wires 4 are properly stayed they can readily be placed in position upon the hooks 3 by slightly spreading them, as shown in Fig. 1, after which they will be rigidly held in position, as they will still be slightly spread, and thereby tightened.

By the use of my invention the necessity for driving staples or other fastening devices into the post at the time of securing the wires thereon is avoided.

Having thus described my invention and the manner of employing the same, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A fence-post of cement having upon one face thereof a plurality of longitudinal lugs in substantial alinement, and having a series of hooks embedded therein, abutting the ends of said lugs, as described to relieve the hooks of the lateral strain incident to use.

2. The combination of a cement fence-post

having upon one face thereof a plurality of longitudinal lugs; a series of hooks fixed in said post and abutting the respective ends of said lugs which resist the lateral strain on said
5 hooks incident to use; and a series of horizontal fence-wires arranged in said hooks, all substantially as described.

Signed by me at Kendallville, Noble county,
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