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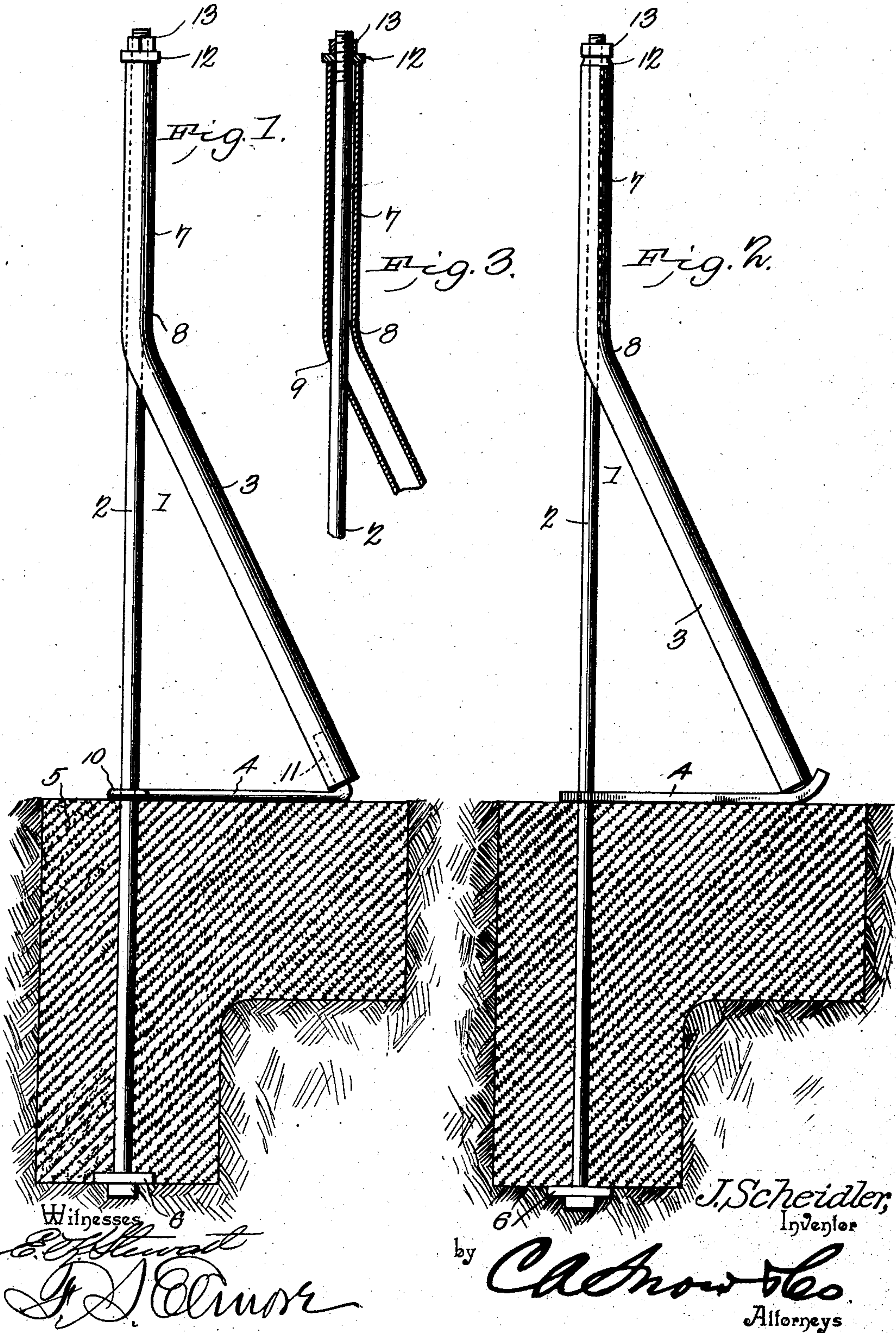
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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN SCHEIDLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coldwater, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fence-posts, and is especially directed to that class of posts known to the trade as "terminal" or "end" posts, and has for its objects to produce a device of this character which will be comparatively simple of construction, efficient in operation, and one which will be strong and durable and admirably adapted for withstanding the severe strains to which such posts are in practice subjected.

To these ends the invention comprises the novel details of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved post in its preferred form. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a slightly-modified form. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view of the upper portion of the post.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates my improved post, which as a whole comprises a vertical member or standard 2, a tubular brace 3, and a horizontal base member 4. The standard 2 is preferably in the form of a length of rod-iron, the lower end of which is in practice when the post is erected embedded in a cement foundation 5 and provided with an angular head or anchoring-plate 6, which is embedded in the lower surface of the cement foundation to prevent upward movement or turning of the standard.

The brace 3 consists, preferably, of a suitable length of gas-pipe or similar tubing bent at a suitable point in its length to form an upper vertical portion 7, through which the standard 2 extends, and a relative angularly-disposed portion 8, the brace being provided at the point of its bend with a perforation 9, formed through its side wall to permit passage of the standard 2.

The base member is preferably in the form of a length of rod-iron having its inner end bent around the standard, as at 10, and its outer end bent upward angularly, as at 11, to

form a finger which engages in the lower end of the tubular brace 3.

12 is a cap-plate which is seated loosely over the upper end of the standard to bear upon the upper end of the tubular brace, said plate being maintained upon the standard and pressed downward upon the brace by means of an adjustable nut 13, which is tapped onto the upper end of the standard. In this connection it is to be noted that the vertical portion 7 of the brace embraces the standard and is freely movable thereon longitudinally and that the nut and cap-plate serve to hold the brace down and press its lower end in firm engagement with the base member.

In Fig. 2 I have illustrated a post which is identical in construction and operation in all essentials with that above described, the only difference residing in the base member 4, which I have shown in said figure as being in the form of a metal plate having its inner end perforated to receive the standard 2 and its outer end bent upward at an angle to bear upon and frictionally engage the lower end of the brace 3.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I produce a post of simple construction which will be strong and durable and one in which the component parts may in practice be readily assembled. In attaining these ends it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details herein shown, inasmuch as minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A fence-post comprising a vertical standard, a brace member having a vertical tubular portion embracing the standard and a relative angularly-disposed portion, a base member operatively engaging the standard and the lower end of the brace, and means for pressing the brace downward relative to the standard,

2. A fence-post comprising a vertical standard, a tubular brace member having a vertical portion embracing the standard and a relative angularly-disposed portion, a base member operatively engaging the standard and the lower end of the brace, and means for

pressing the brace downward relative to the standard.

3. A fence-post comprising a vertical standard, a tubular brace member having a vertical portion embracing the standard and a  
5 relative angularly-disposed portion, a base member connected with the standard and having an angularly-disposed finger extending into the lower end of the brace, and means

for pressing the brace downward relative to the standard.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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