

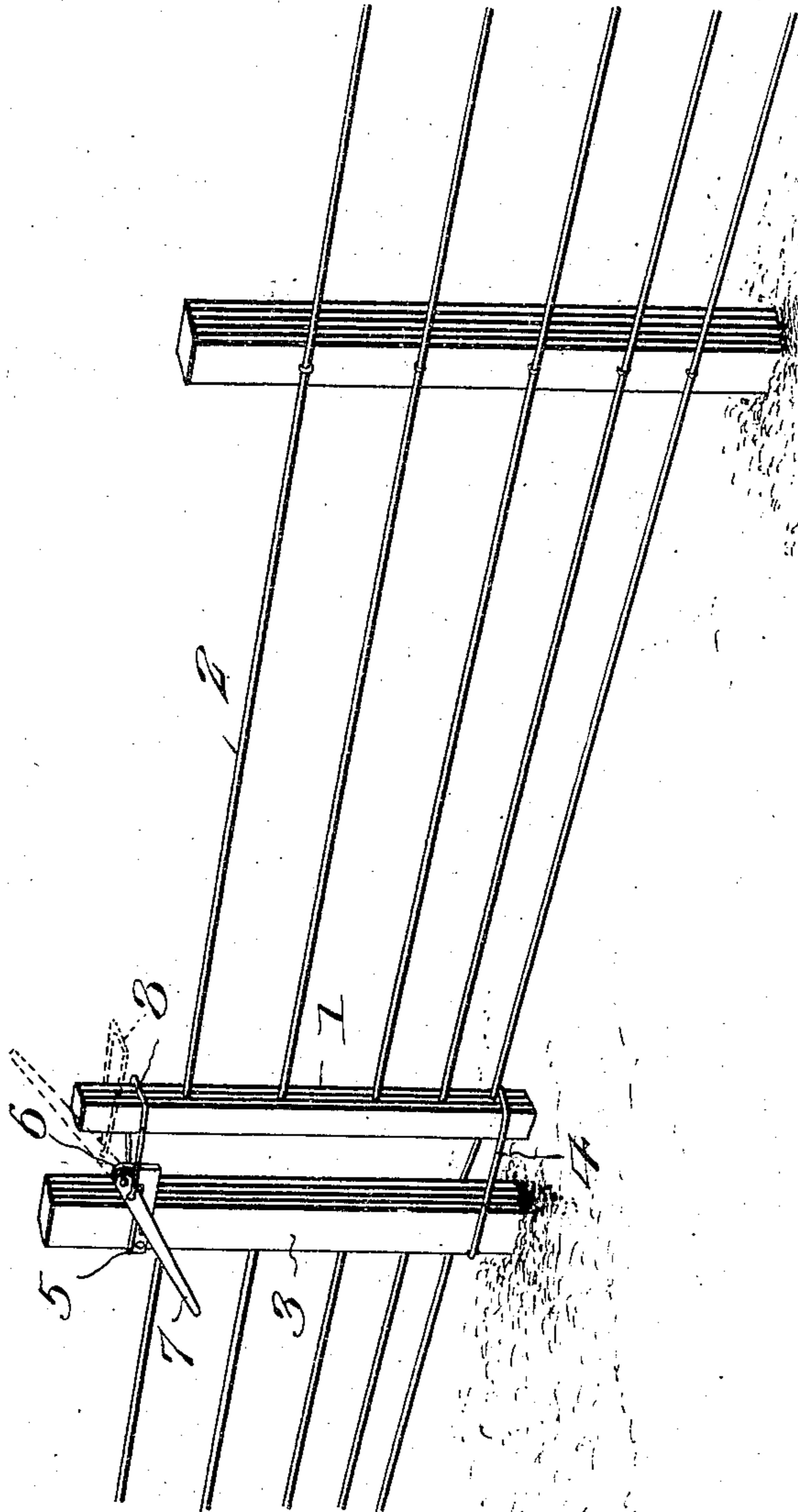
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. SPENCER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kendall, in the county of Kearny and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gate-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in gates for wire fences; and its object is to provide a simple and durable device for securing the gate in closed position. In gates of this character ordinarily employed it has been customary to use loops for holding the end bar of the gate to the fence-post, the gate-bar being secured in place by first drawing it toward the gate-post and then placing the loops thereover.

The object of my invention is to provide a securing device which will dispense with the objectionable method of pulling directly upon the gate to draw it near enough to the fence-post to permit the loop to be arranged thereon.

My invention consists of a strap which is secured to the gate-post and has a lever pivoted to it. A loop is connected to this lever, and to fasten the gate the lever is first swung outward, so as to bring the loop into position over the gate-bar, and then said lever is swung in the opposite direction, thereby drawing the loop toward the gate-post and securely fastening the gate in position.

The invention also consists in the further novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective view of a gate having my improved securing means applied thereto.

Referring to the figure by numerals of reference, 1 is the end bar of a wire gate, and the wires 2 of the gate are secured thereto in the ordinary manner. The fence-post 3 has a wire loop 4 at its lower end for receiving the lower end of the end bar of the gate, this loop being of the construction ordinarily employed. Secured to the upper end of the fence-post 3 is a strap 5, having an ear 6 at one end, to which is pivoted the end of a lever 7. A loop 8, triangular in form, is loosely mounted upon the lever 7 at a point between the ends there-

of, and this loop is of sufficient size to receive the upper end of the end bar 1.

When it is desired to secure the gate in closed position, the end bar thereof is inclined, so as to permit its lower end to be readily inserted into the loop 4. Lever 7 is then moved to the position shown in dotted lines, so as to permit the loop 8 to be readily placed upon the upper end of the end bar 1. Lever 7 is then moved backward and downward and draws the loop 8 toward post 3, and the downward movement of this lever is stopped by contact of the loop 8 with strap 5. It will be seen that this fastening means is very simple and inexpensive in construction, is formed of few parts, and can be readily attached to a post and operated with little exertion.

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 any of the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A gate-fastener comprising a strap adapted to be secured to a post and having an ear at one end, a lever pivoted at one end of the ear, and an angular loop extending through the lever at a point between its ends and adapted to receive the end bar of a gate, said loop forming a stop for the lever.

2. The combination with a fence-post having a loop at one end thereof for the reception of the end bar of a gate; of a strap secured to said post adjacent its other end, a lever pivoted at one end to the strap, and a loop extending through the lever at a point between its ends and adapted to receive the end bar of a gate, said loop forming a stop for the lever.

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

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