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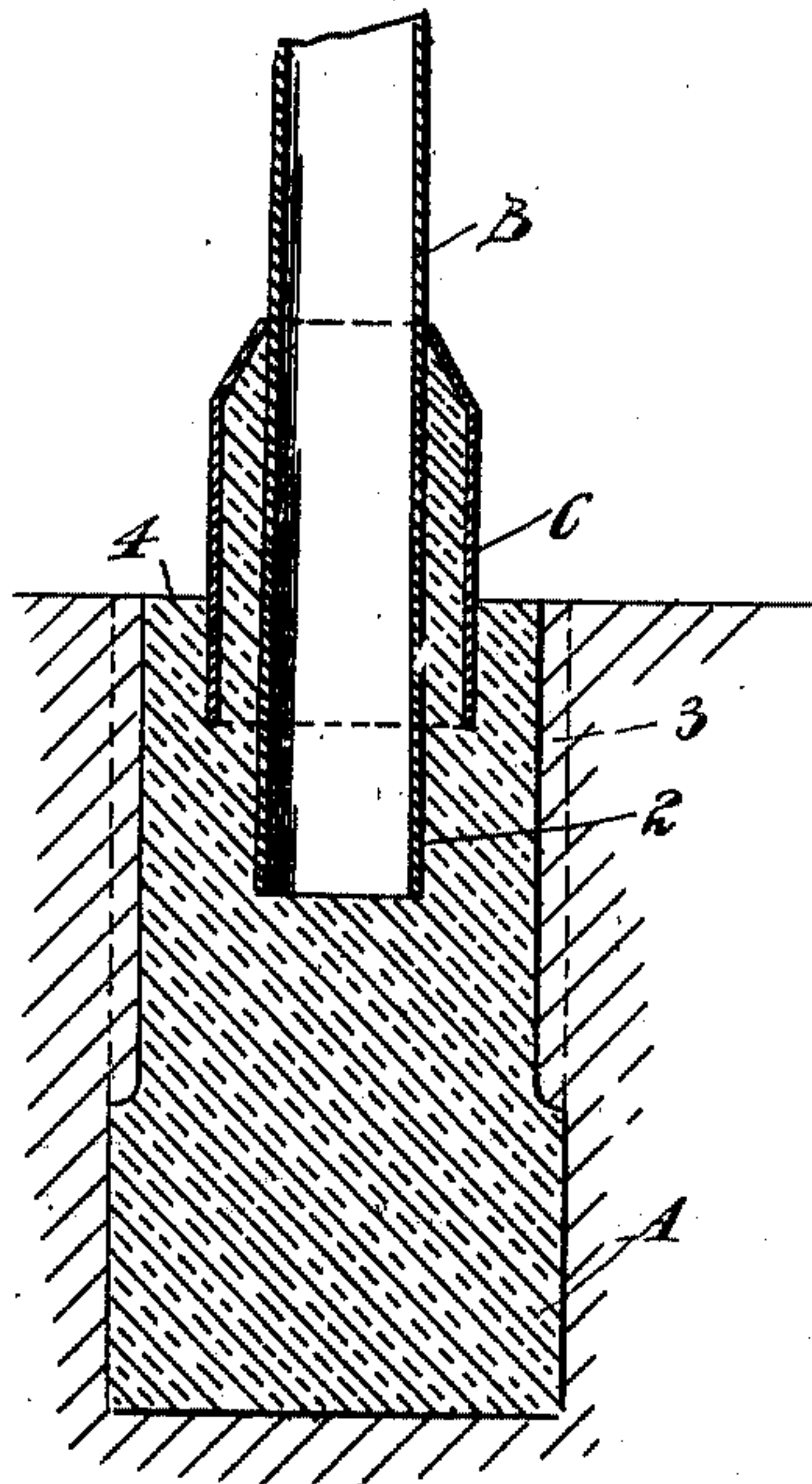


Fig. 1.

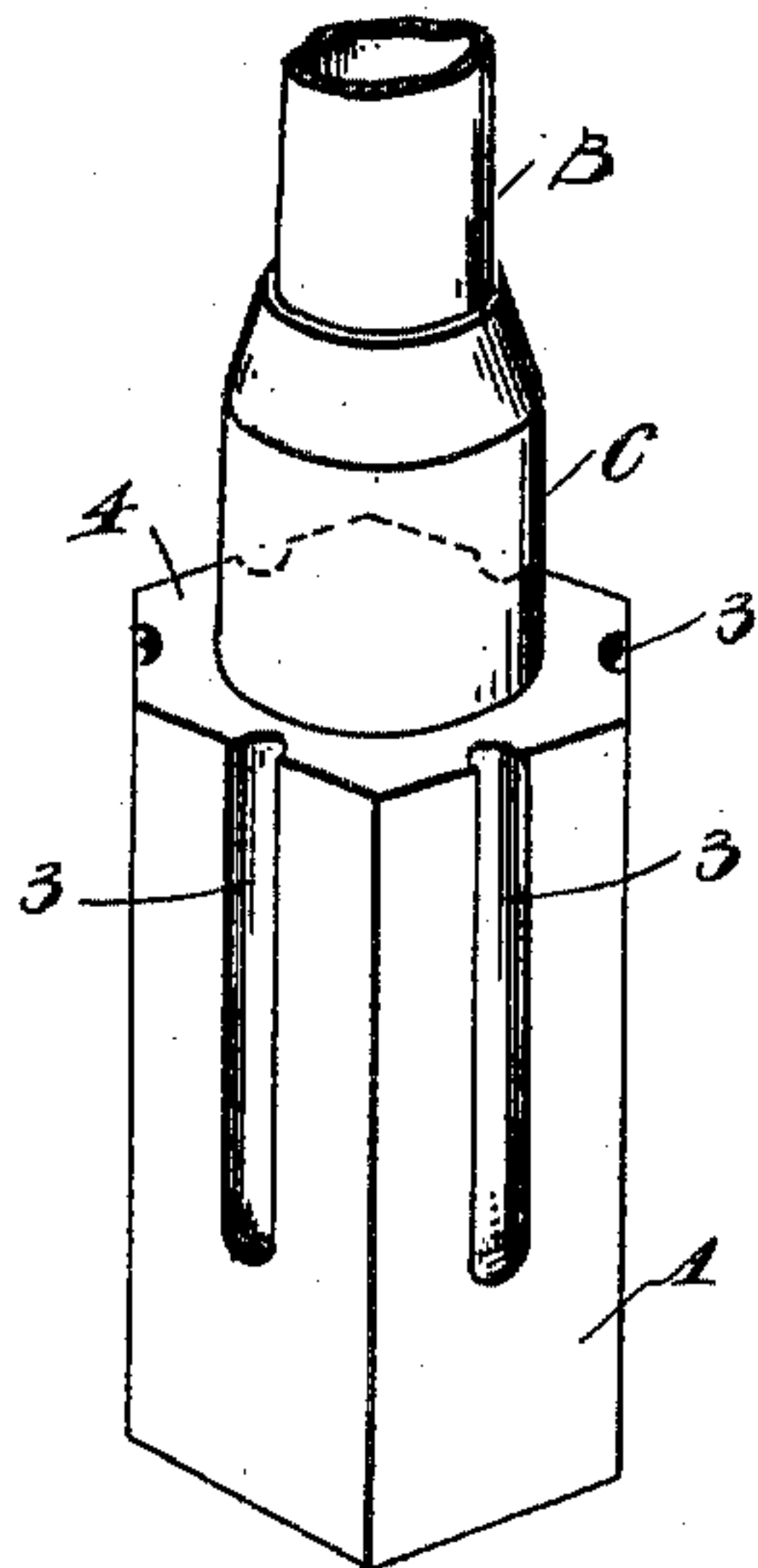


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR D. BENHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milford, county of Oakland, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Posts and Bases Therefor; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to posts and bases therefor, and has for its object an improved post-supporting base for posts used to carry street-corner signs, lamp-posts, telegraph-posts, or similar structures.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation partly in section. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the post-base.

The base A is of concrete or cement made in prismatic form, with a cavity 2 extending from the top surface for a distance into the base. In this cavity is inserted the bottom end of an iron post or iron tube B and a short piece of tube C, of which the diameter exceeds considerably the diameter of the post B and of which the upper end is swaged or contracted to engage closely around the post B and is inserted in the cavity 2 and the annular space between the short tube C and the tube B filled with a cement homogeneous with the

base. The entire base may be monolithic and made together in the first instance or made by producing a block with a suitable cavity and afterward inserting the iron post and the cement filling.

Preferably each side of the base is provided with a groove or cavity 3, into which the earth can settle when the post is placed in its location for use.

The top surface 4 of the base is intended to be at the surface of the earth or slightly below it, leaving the visible part of the post when in use to consist of the round tubular part B and the enlarged tubular base C.

The tubular portion C adds the requisite strength to an otherwise slender post just at the surface of the ground.

What I claim is—

In a post, the combination of a prismatic base of cement, a tubular post set therein, a strengthening-tube surrounding the tubular post with its upper end contracted to engage closely therearound and with a cement filling homogeneous with the base between the main tube and the strengthening-tube, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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