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Fig. 1.

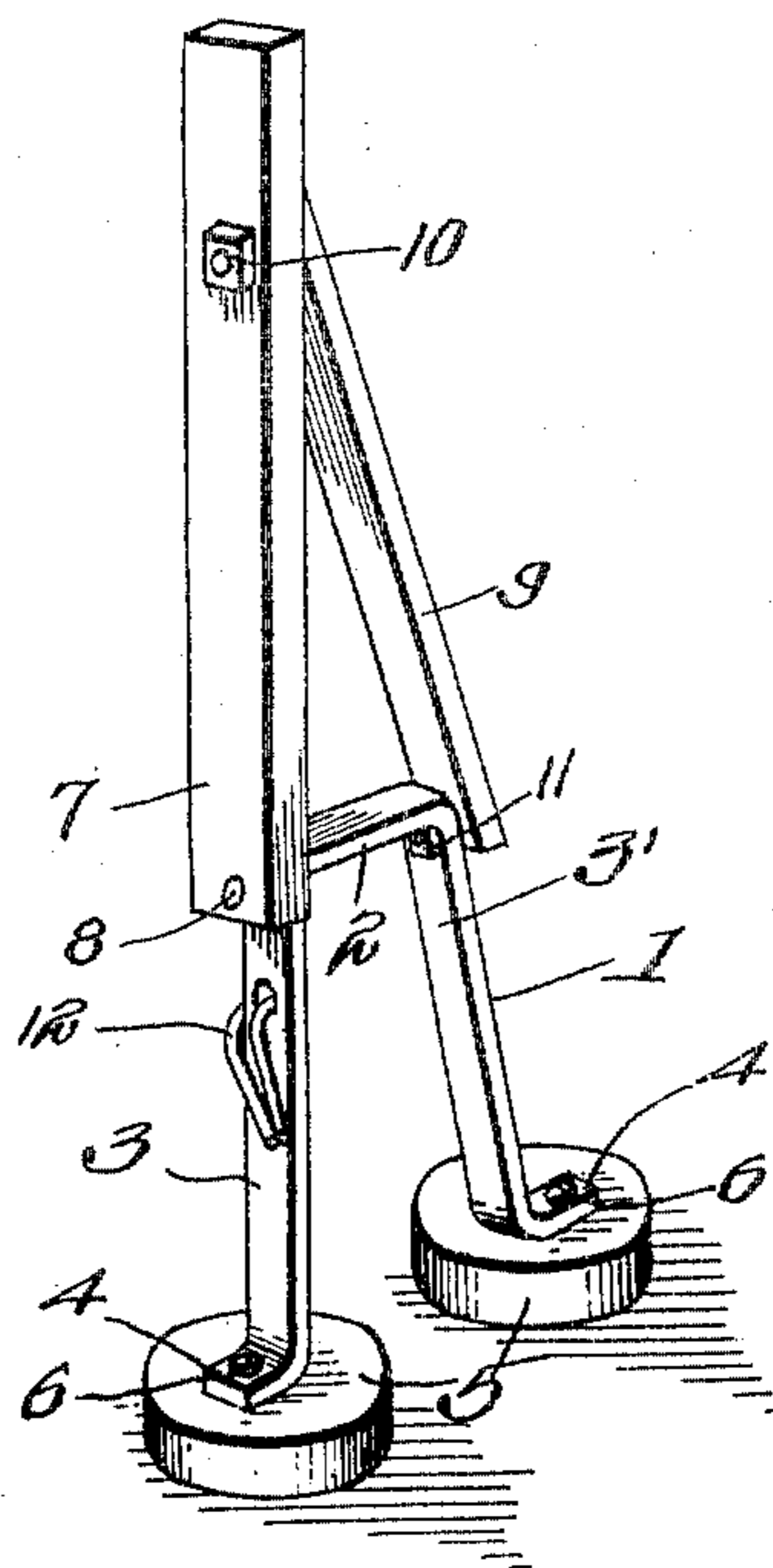
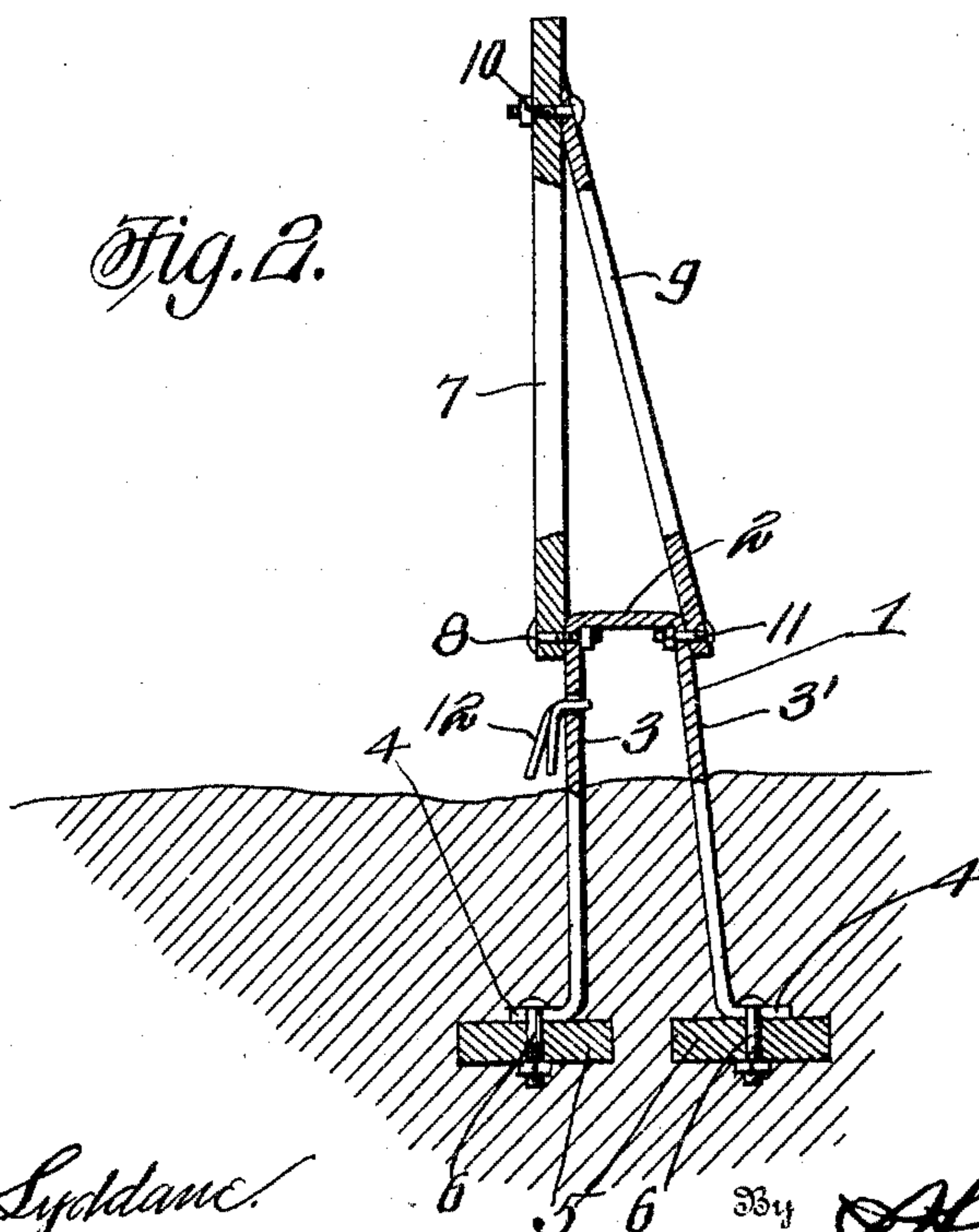


Fig. 2.



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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BOOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harpster, in the county of Wyandot and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do 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.

My invention relates to improvements in fence-posts. The object of my invention is to improve and simplify the construction of devices of this character, and thereby render them stronger and more durable in use and less expensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fence-post. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the same.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 denotes a metallic base, which is preferably made of a single piece or strip of metal bent to form an arch-shaped frame. It comprises a horizontally-disposed central portion 2, two depending legs 3 3', and angularly-bent feet 4 upon the lower ends of said legs. The base is embedded in the ground, so that the upper horizontally-disposed portion 2 will lie a few inches above the surface and the legs 3 will project vertically downward. Upon the feet 4 are detachably secured anchors 5, which may be of any suitable form or material, but which are preferably circular disks of burnt clay. The connection of said disks with the feet 4 may be effected in any desired manner; but I preferably form openings in the centers of said feet and said disks and pass bolts 6 through them to secure the anchor-disks in position. The leg 3 is bent at right angles to the horizontal portion 2, and secured to the

portion of its upper end disposed above the ground is a vertical post 7, preferably of wood. The lower end of the post is bolted or otherwise secured, as at 8, to said leg 3, and its upper end is strengthened by an inclined brace 9, the upper end of which is bolted, as at 10, to said post and the lower end of which is bolted, as at 11, to the upper portion of the leg 3'. The brace 9 is inclined and forms a continuation of the lower leg 3', which, it will be noticed, is bent at an obtuse angle with respect to the horizontal portion 2 of the base. The longitudinal fence-rails or line-wires may be secured to the post 7 in any desired manner, and the lowermost one is preferably tied to the upper portion of the leg 3 by a piece of wire 12, which is passed through an aperture in said leg, as shown.

It will be seen that the base will support the wooden post and brace some distance above the ground, so that all decay of their lower ends will be prevented. It will be further noted that by making the anchor-disks detachable they may be readily removed when broken or injured and replaced by new ones.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described fence-post base, comprising a vertical leg, an inclined leg, and a horizontal integral bar connecting the two legs at the top, feet extending outward from the lower ends of said legs, anchor-disks bolted one to each foot, a vertical fence-post secured to the vertical leg of the base by a bolt extending through said post and through said

leg immediately under the horizontal bar,
and an inclined brace secured at its lower end
to the inclined leg by a bolt passing through
the brace and through the leg at a point im-
5 mediately under the horizontal bar, the up-
per end of said brace being secured to the
fence-post.

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