

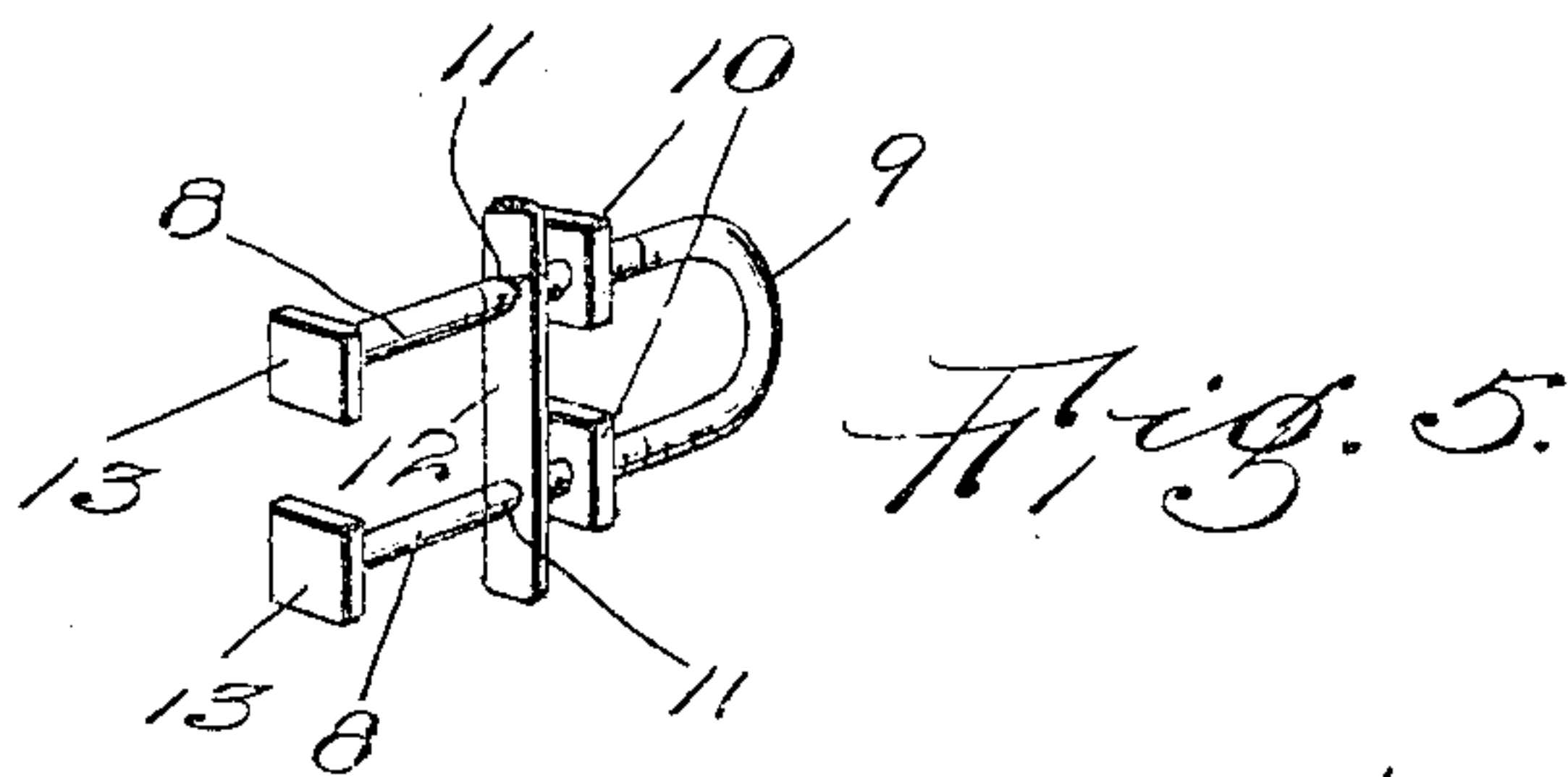
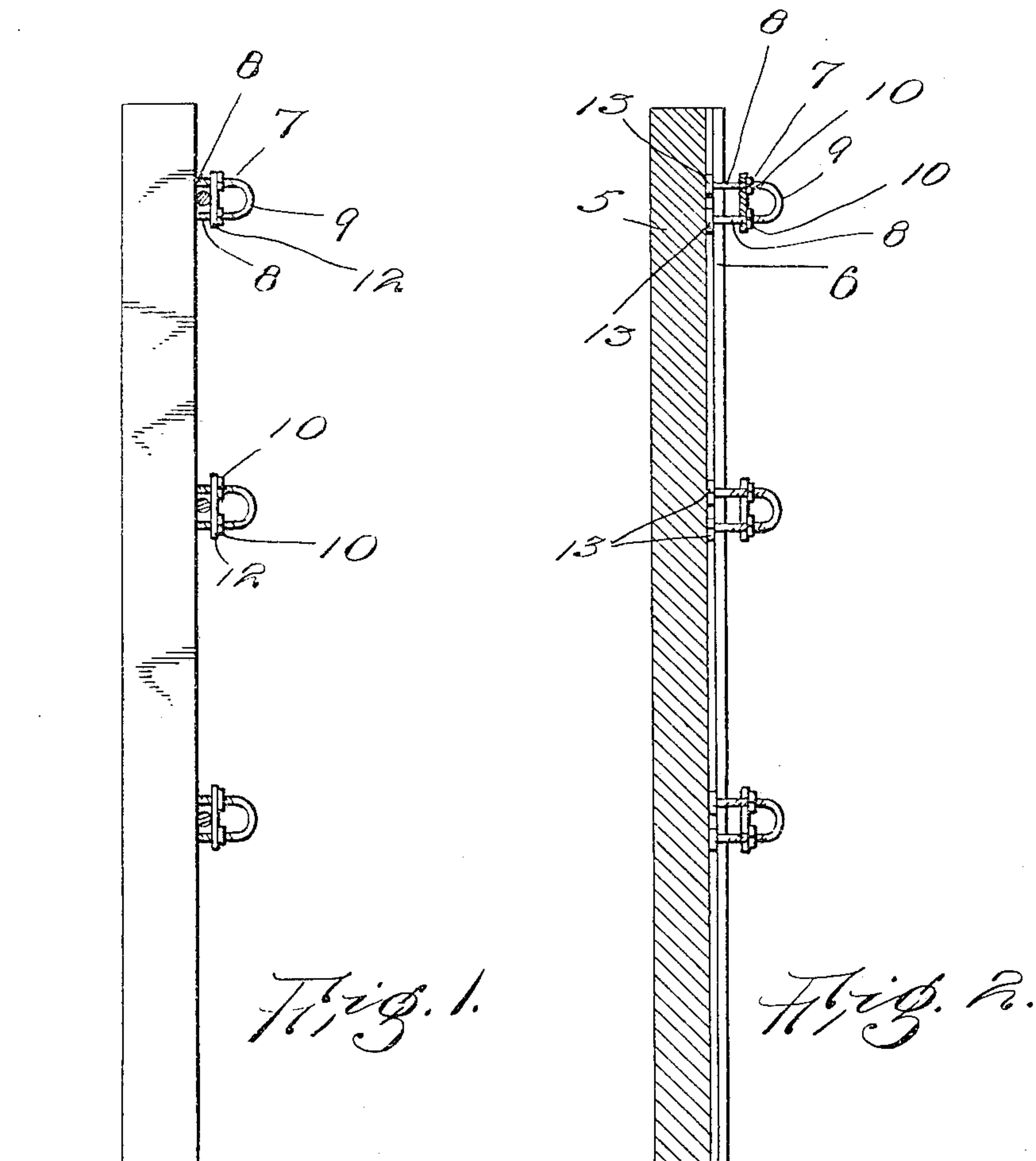
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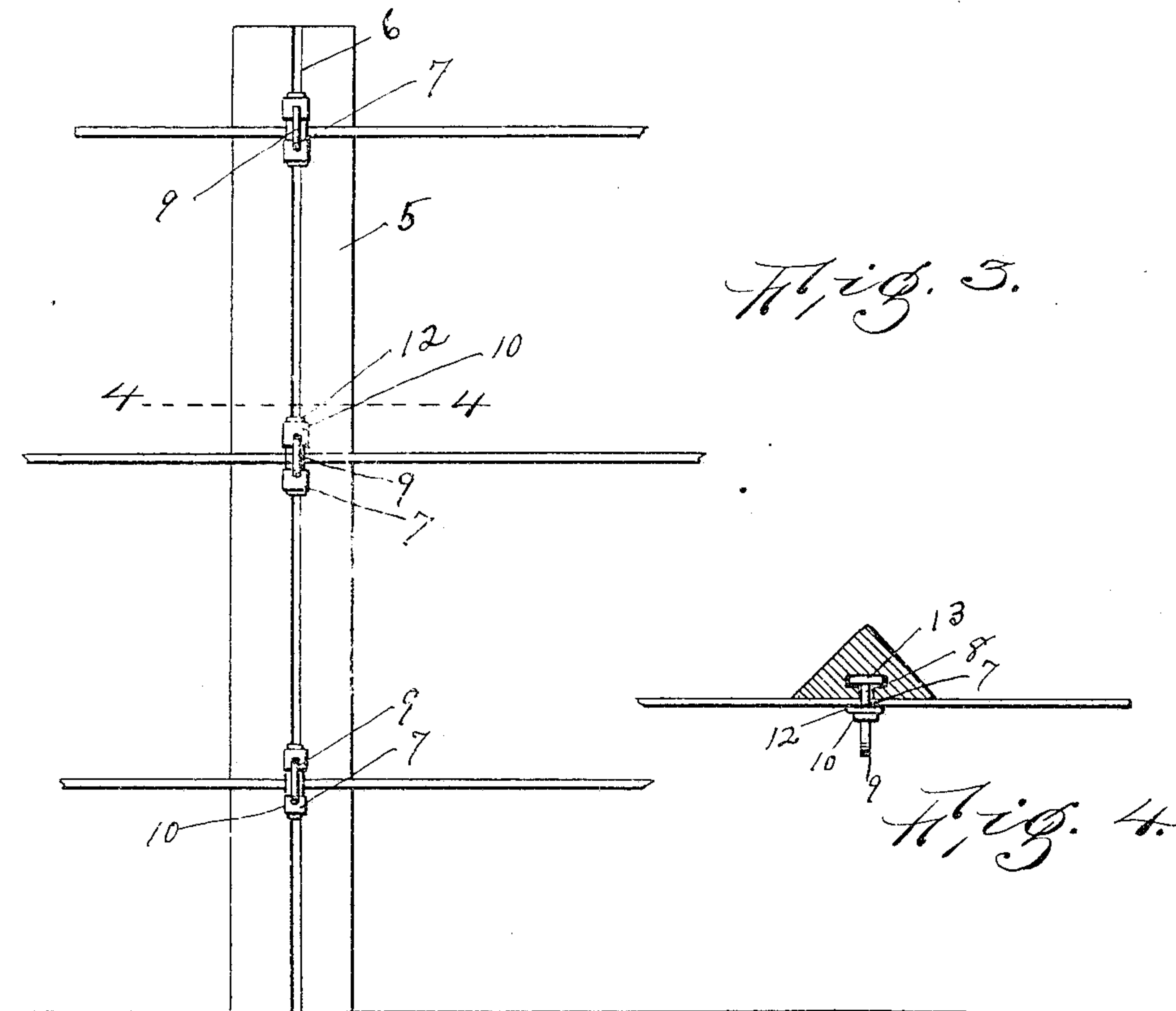
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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS K. BUSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bonners Ferry, in the county of Kootenai, State of Idaho, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to fence-posts, and more particularly to metallic fence-posts, and has for its object to provide a post of this nature to which wires may be attached at any height.

A further object is to provide a post embodying this feature which will be simple and which may be manufactured at a low figure.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made and that any suitable materials may be used without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of the specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front view. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section through the post, taken on line 4-4 of Fig. 3 and showing a top view of one of the fasteners. Fig. 5 is a view showing one of the fasteners removed from the post.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a metallic post 5, having a longitudinal T-shaped slot 6 extending upwardly from a point adjacent to the bottom of the post and opening through the top thereof. A plurality of fasteners 7 are provided, each including spaced legs 8 and a connecting-bight 9, the legs 8 being threaded, as shown. Engaged with the threads of each leg there is a nut 10, and the legs are passed through perforations 11 in the ends of a plate 12, this

plate lying between the nuts 10 and the free end of the legs, and secured to these free ends are plates 13, which extend laterally beyond the legs, and these plates are of a size to slide within the head of the T-shaped slot 6, the legs 8 when the plates are engaged in the slot extending outwardly of the slot beyond the face of the post and lying one above the other, as shown.

In use when it is desired to attach a wire to the post the wire is passed between the spaced legs 8 of a fastener, and the plates 13 of the fastener are then engaged in the slot 6 through the top thereof, the fastener being moved downwardly until the wire is in the desired position, when the nuts 10 are operated to clamp the wire between the plate 12 and the post, the plate forcing the wire against the edges of the slot and preventing slipping.

What is claimed is—

1. In a fence-post, the combination with an upright having a longitudinal T-shaped slot therein opening through its top, of a wire-fastener including spaced threaded legs and a connecting-bight, said legs having heads at their free ends slidably engaged in the broadened portion of the T-shaped slot, said legs projecting beyond the slotted face of the upright, a plate having perforations therein in which the spaced legs are slidably engaged, and nuts engaged with the spaced legs between the plate and the bight operable to move the plate in the direction of the post to clamp a wire between the plate and the upright.

2. In a fence-post, the combination with a slotted upright of a plurality of wire-fasteners each including spaced legs and a connecting-bight, said legs having heads at their free ends slidably engaged in the broadened portion of the T-shaped slot, said legs projecting beyond the slotted face of the upright, a plate slidably engaged with the spaced legs and extending therebetween and means for holding the plate in position to clamp a wire between it and the upright.

3. As an article of manufacture, a wire-fastener for use in connection with a post,

said fastener comprising spaced threaded legs and a connecting-bight, said legs having heads at their free ends, a plate having perforations therein in which the legs are slid-  
5 ably engaged between the heads and the bight, and nuts engaged with the threaded legs between the plate and the bight, said nuts being adapted for operation to vary the

limit of movement of the plate away from the head.

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

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