

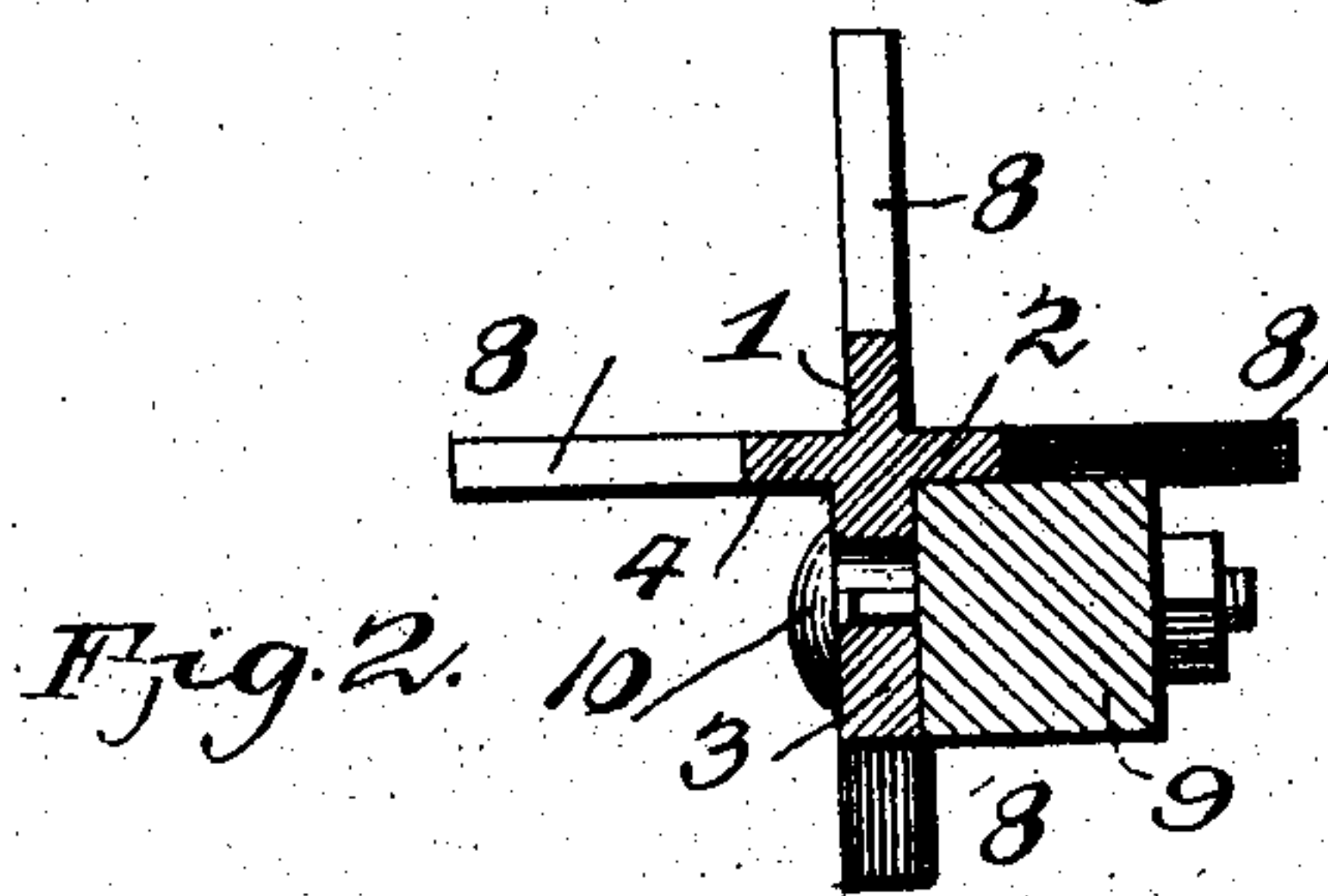
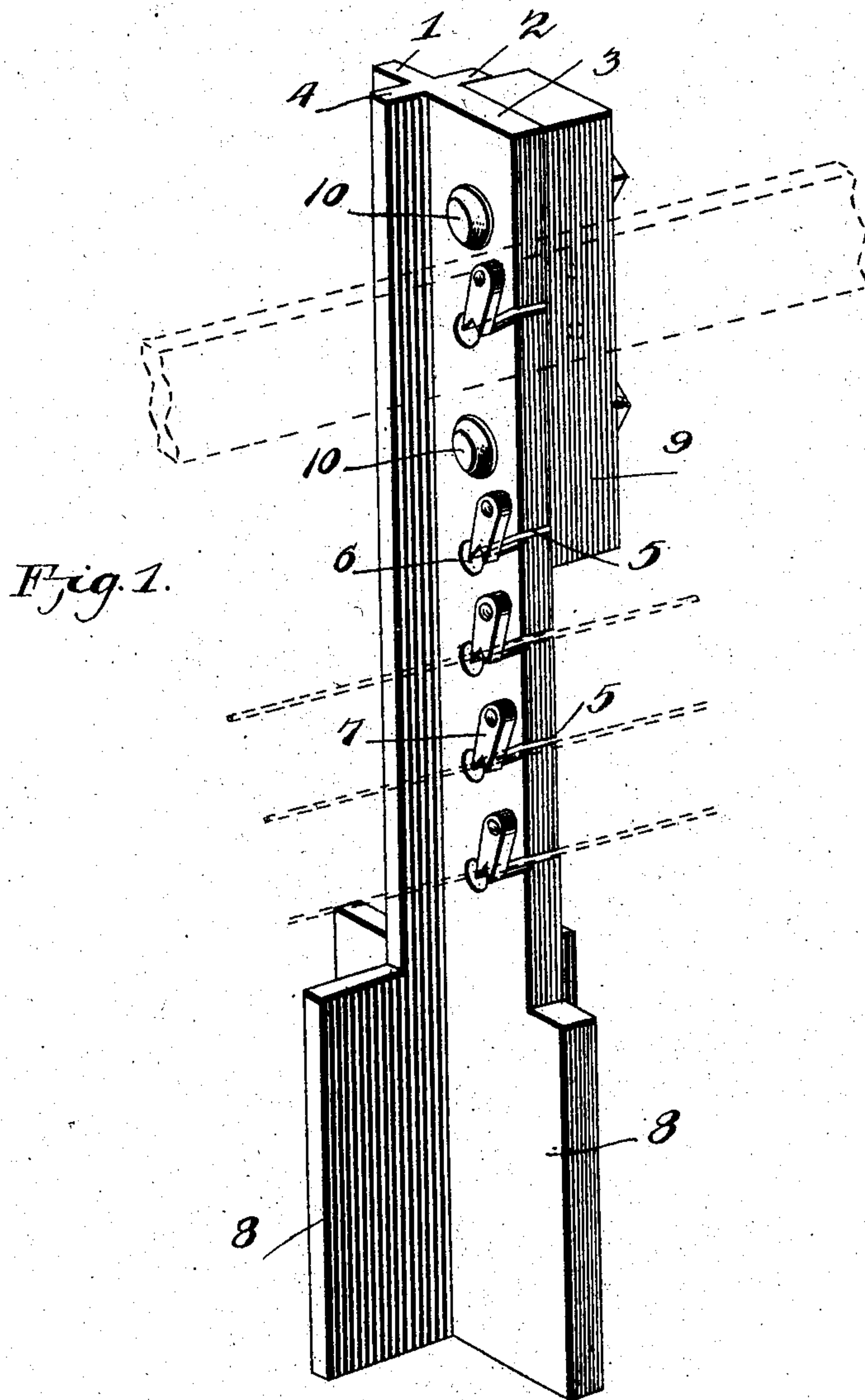
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES W. GANNAWAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Smith, in the county of Sebastian and State of Arkansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence-posts.

The objects of the invention are generally to improve and simplify the construction of such devices.

With the foregoing and other minor objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed as a practical embodiment thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fence-post constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section through the upper portion of the post.

Like reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in the different views.

The improved fence-post of this invention, preferably, comprises a metallic structure made up of longitudinal flanges 1, 2, 3, and 4, disposed with relation to each other in such manner as to form a cross. The flange 3, preferably, is wider than the other flanges and is formed with a plurality of downwardly-inclined slots 5, which terminate in circular cut-away portions 6. The downwardly-inclined slots 5 are adapted to receive fence-wires, such as indicated by the dotted lines, said fence-wires being held securely within the circular cut-away portions by means of pivoted catches 7, having notched ends adapted to engage with the wires. The flanges 1, 2, 3, and 4 are horizontally widened at their lower ends, as shown at 8, to form anchor means for holding the post securely embedded in the ground. A block, such as 9, preferably formed of wood, is securely attached to the wide flange 3 by means of bolts 10, said block 9 resting against the adjacent flange 2 and being thereby steadied or braced.

In constructing a fence the improved fence-post is buried in the ground, so that the extended portions 8 of the flanges are buried below the surface, thus serving to anchor the post securely in position. The fence-wires are fitted into the inclined slots and are held within the circular cut-away portions by means of the pivoted catches 7, as illustrated clearly in Fig. 1.

The wooden block 9 is adapted to receive nails or other suitable fastening devices employed for securing in position the upper wooden rail for the fence, such as indicated by the dotted lines at the upper portion of Fig. 1.

In its general assemblage of parts and in its precise details of construction the improved fence-post of this invention constitutes an improvement over prior devices of a similar character.

By employing a wooden block, such as 9, securely fastened to one of the flanges of the post the advantages of a wooden and iron fence-post are effectively combined in a simple and inexpensive manner, it being understood that the wooden block may be of the length desired, being shown in the present instance as including two of the wire-receiving slots 5, in which event of course said slots are not effective for the purpose originally desired, though they may be readily rendered so by reducing the size of the block when the fence is of a height to necessarily include said slots.

Minor changes in the precise embodiment of invention illustrated and described may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A fence-post comprising a metallic structure having longitudinal flanges disposed in the form of a cross, one of said flanges being of greater width than length than the others and having inclined slots therein, and all of said flanges being horizontally widened or extended at their lower ends to form anchor means, and a block fastened to the upper end of the wide slotted flange and resting against and projecting beyond one of the other flanges.

2. A fence-post comprising a metallic structure having longitudinal flanges disposed in the form of a cross, said flanges being horizontally widened or extended at their lower ends to form anchor means, and a block fastened to the upper end of one of said flanges and resting against and projecting beyond one of the adjacent flanges.

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

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