

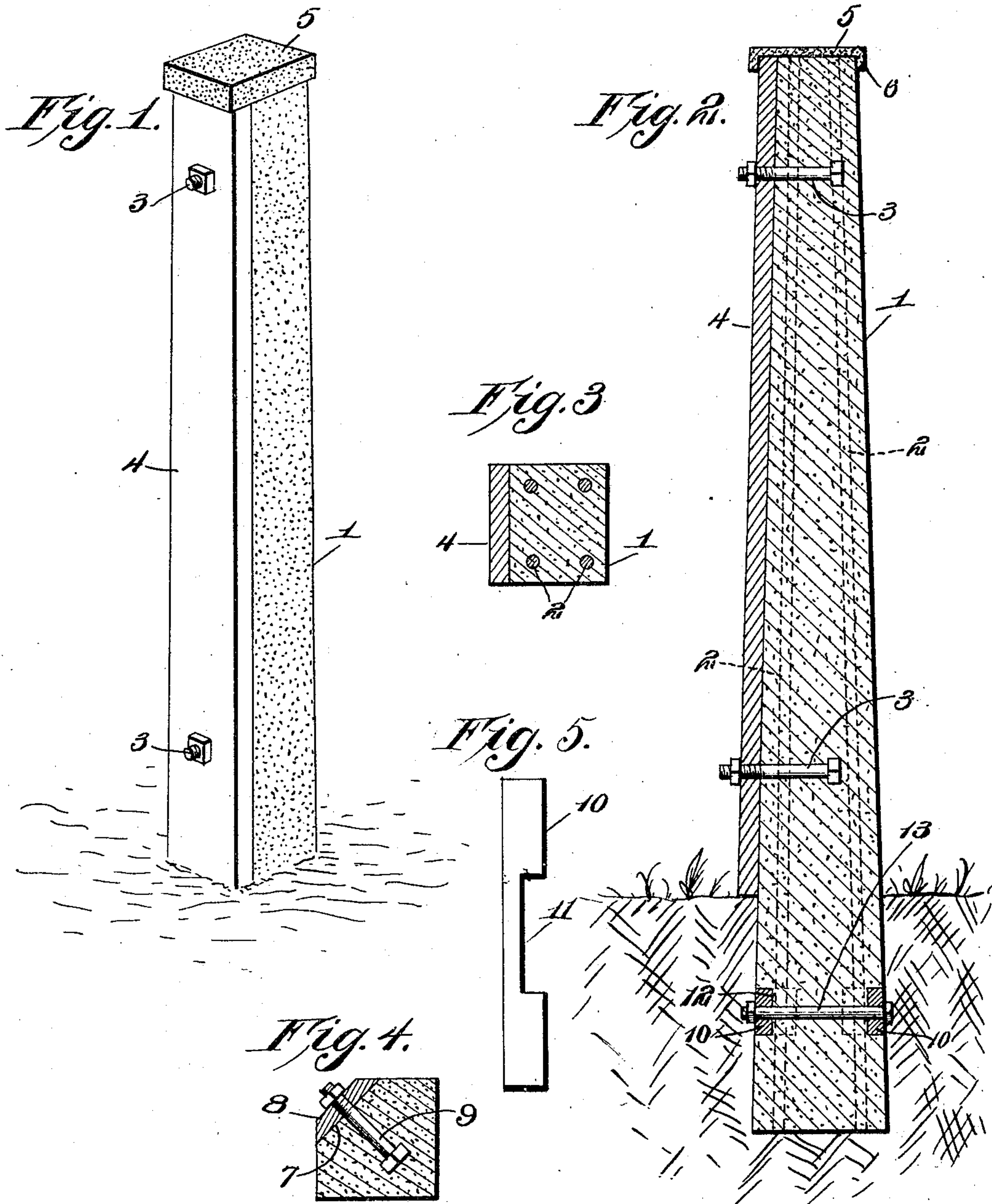
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. MULLARKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sharpsville, in the county of Tipton and State of Indiana, 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.

My invention relates to fence-posts; and its object is to provide a device of this character the main portion of which is formed of concrete and which has means detachably connected to it whereby a fence may be securely fastened in position by means of the ordinary staples or in any other preferred manner.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of a molded post having holding devices partly embedded therein and projecting therefrom, said devices detachably engaging a strip of wood which is arranged longitudinally upon the post. This wood is adapted to receive staples or other like securing devices, and which when worn or broken can be quickly removed and another one substituted.

The invention also consists in providing a cap which serves to protect the upper end of the post and bind the two parts together at that point.

The invention also consists of the further novel constructions and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown the preferred forms of my invention.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a post embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical section therethrough. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the post. Fig. 4 is a transverse section through a modified form of post, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of an anchoring member.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is the body of a post, the same being molded, preferably, of sand and cement and tapered from end to end, its greatest width being at the bottom thereof, whereby when the post is placed within the ground and the soil tamped therearound said post will be firmly protected against accidental displacement. Metallic rods 2 are preferably embedded within the post adjacent the

corners thereof and extending throughout the length of the device, and disposed within the post are bolts 3, the heads of which are embedded within the body, so that the bolts cannot be withdrawn after once being placed in position. These bolts extend from the face of the post, and the projecting portions thereof are screw-threaded and adapted to extend through apertures formed within a wooden strip 4. This strip is arranged on one face of the post and extends longitudinally thereof and is adapted to be engaged by staples or other devices ordinarily employed upon wooden posts for fastening fence fabric, &c., thereto. The strip 4 does not extend throughout the length of the post, but merely from the upper end thereof to the ground. There is therefore no part of it liable to become rotten through constant contact with the ground. A cap 5, formed of cement, is preferably disposed upon the upper end of the post and has flanges 6, which overlap said end, so as to prevent moisture from flowing downward between the body 1 and the strip 4.

While I have shown the strip 4 disposed on one face of the post, it will of course be understood that said strip can be arranged in any desired relation to the body 1, and in Fig. 4 the body is shown with one corner cut away, as at 7, and forming a seat for a corner-strip 8, which is held in place by bolts 9, disposed diagonally within the body. It will of course be understood that other arrangements may be utilized without in any way departing from the spirit of the invention.

It will be understood that wooden strips may be secured to one or more faces of the post in the manner above described. Moreover, if preferred, the post can be provided with anchoring means which, as shown in Fig. 5, consists of a strip 10, of wood or other material, having a centrally-disposed recess 11. This recessed strip is adapted to fit within a recess 12, formed in the lower portion of the post. Two of these strips are provided, one on each side of the post, and both strips are held in place by means of one or more bolts 13, which extend through the post. It will of course be understood that these anchoring means may be dispensed with, if preferred.

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

A post comprising a solid artificial stone body, a fibrous portion extending throughout the width of one face thereof and for a portion of the length of said face, means permanently embedded within the body and engaging the fibrous portion, a cap secured upon the body and having depending flanges overlapping the sides of said body and the fibrous portion, said body having recesses adjacent its lower end, and recessed anchoring-

strips secured within the recesses in the body and extending at right angles therefrom.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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