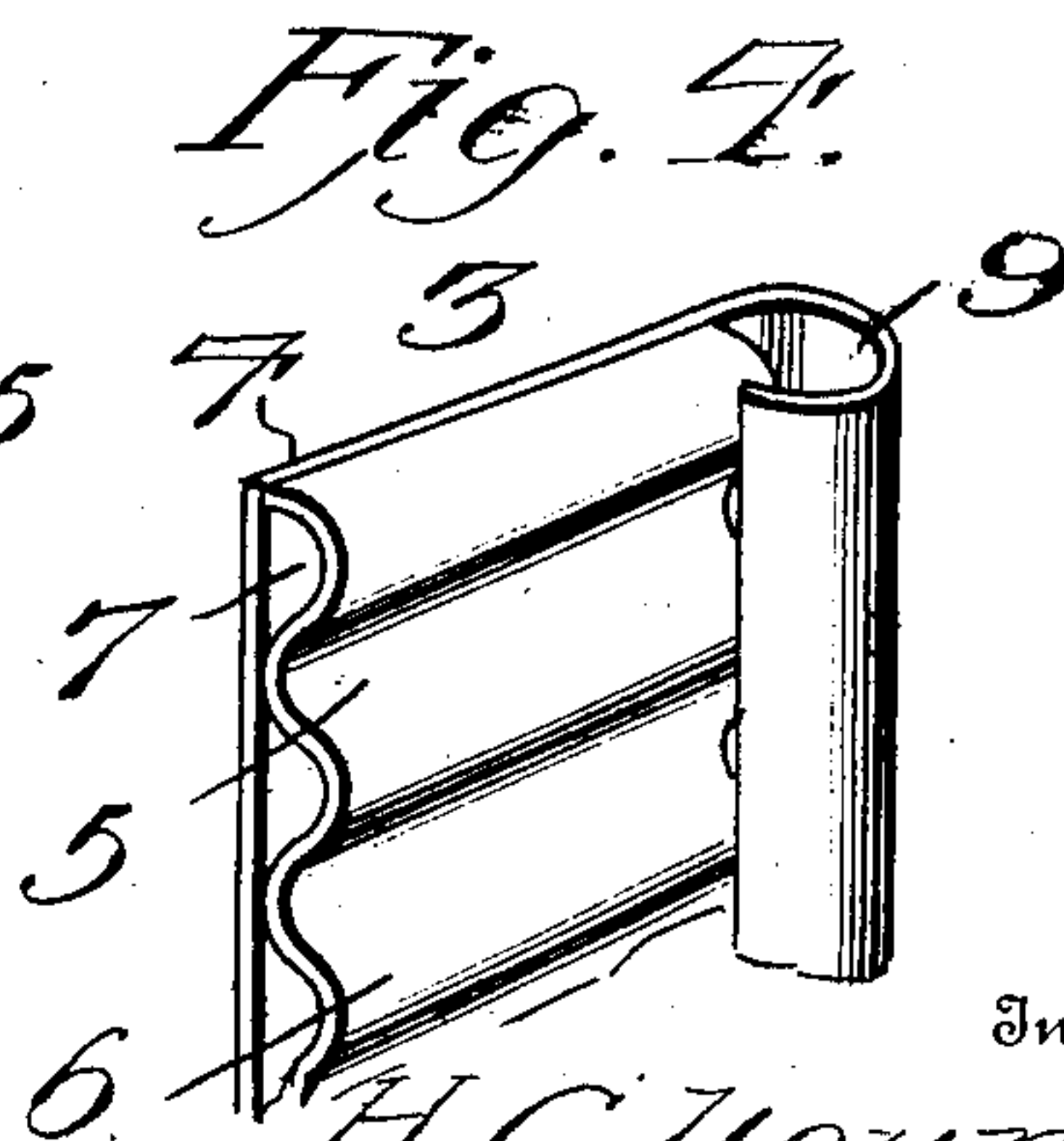
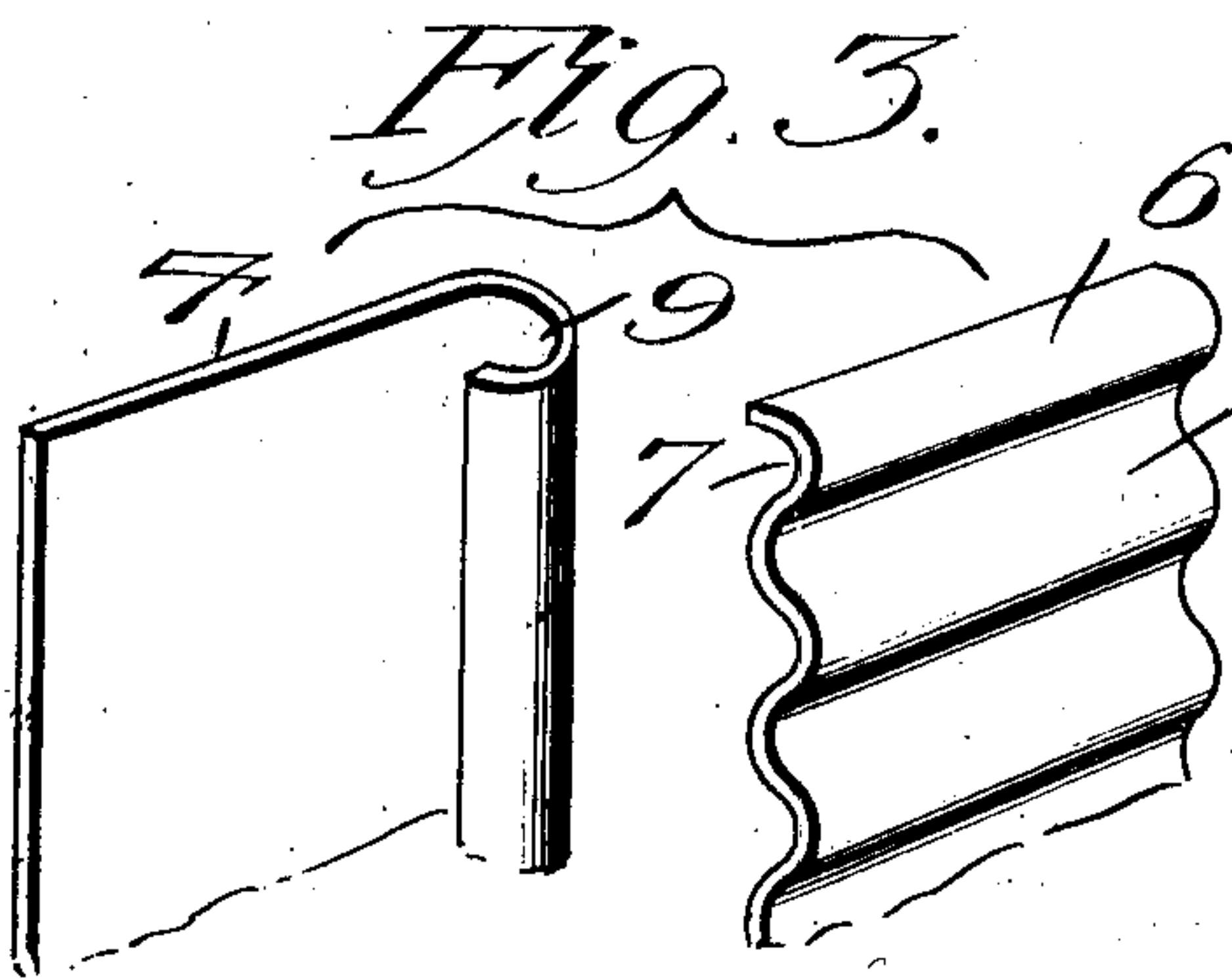
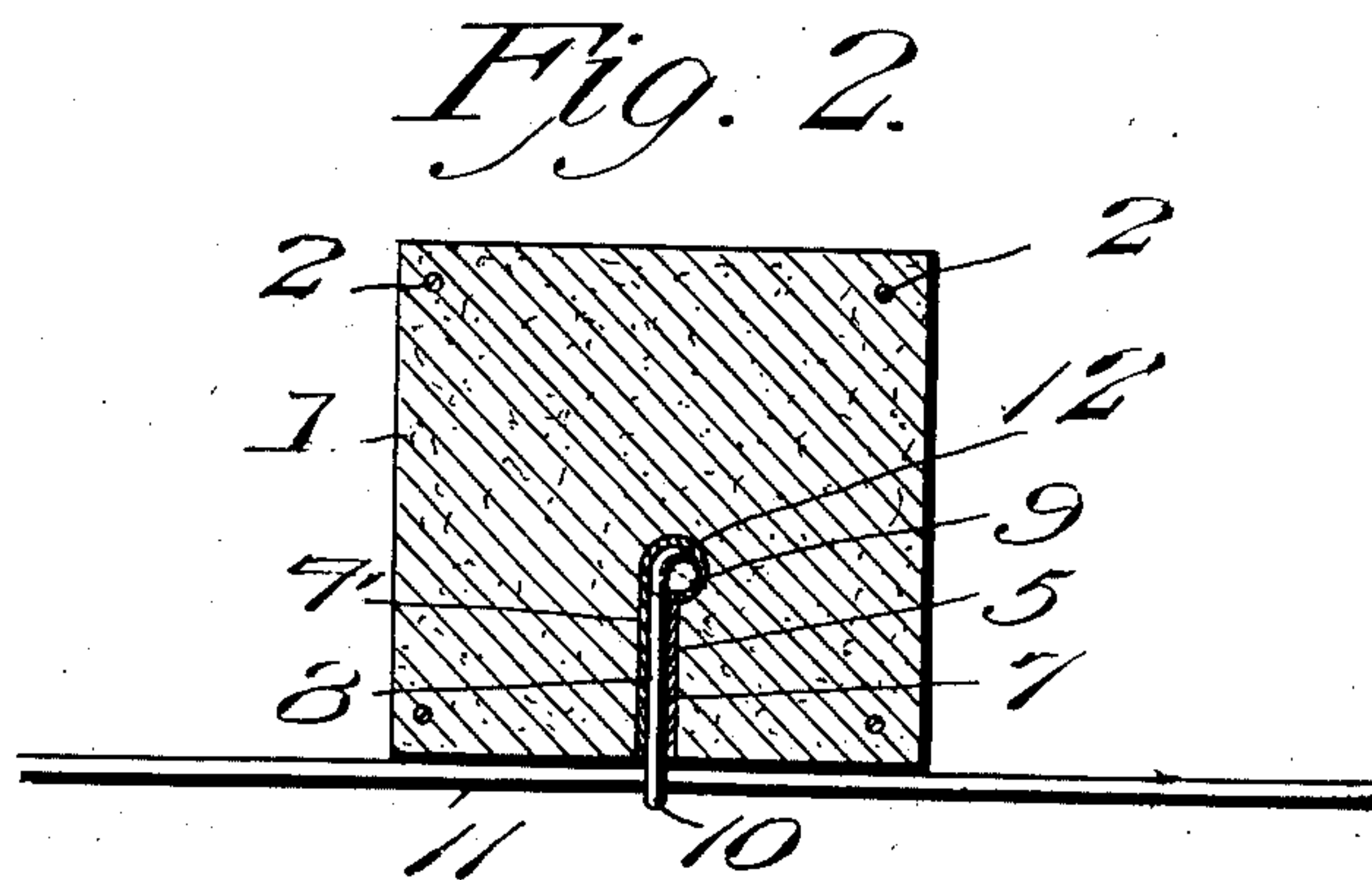
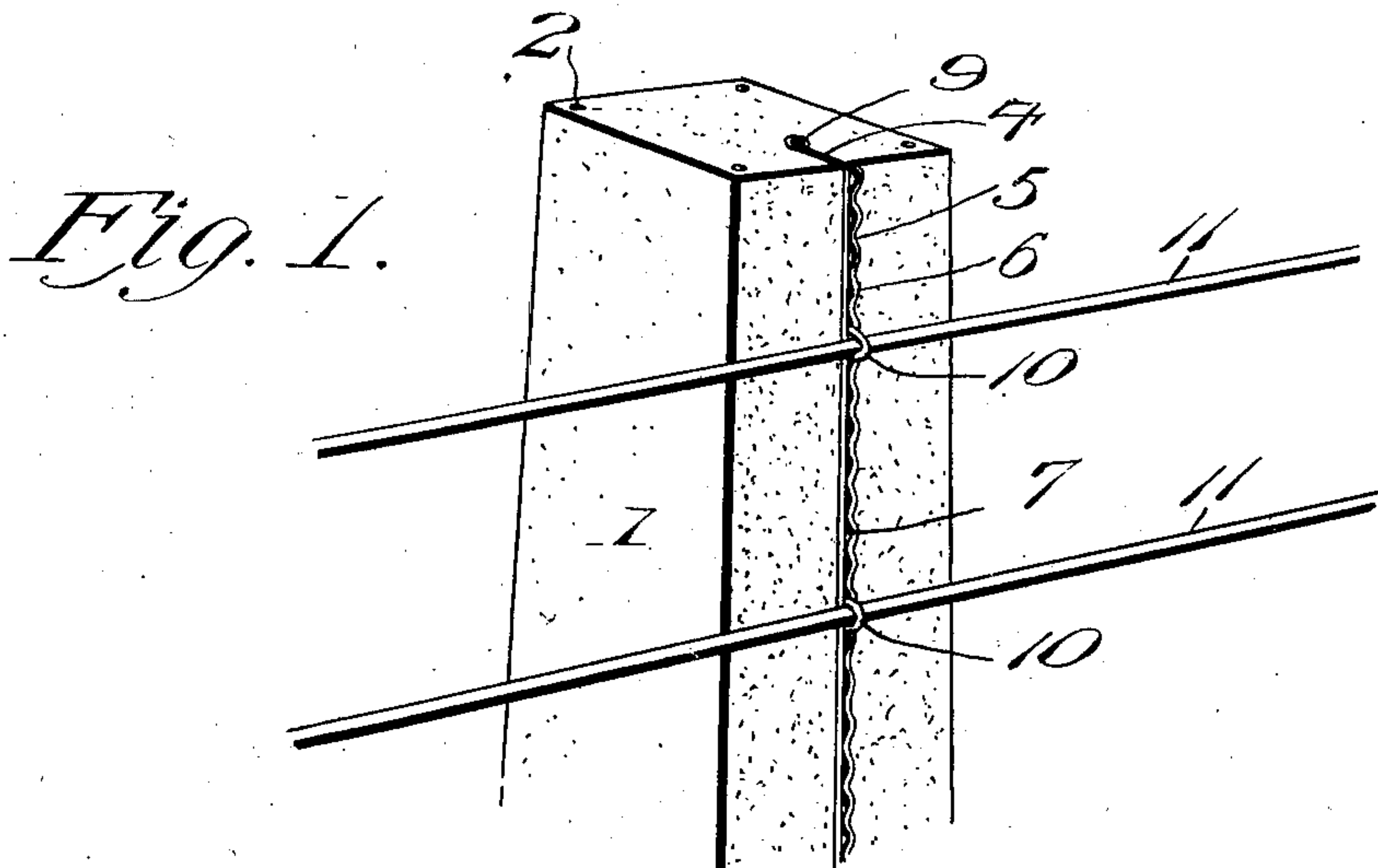


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGH C. YOUNGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attica, in the county of Lapeer and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence-posts of the artificial-stone type, being especially directed to the manner of securing the line-wires to the post, and has for its objects to produce a comparatively simple inexpensive device of this character wherein the wires may be positioned in any desired spaced relation, one in which the wire-holding members will be firmly and securely engaged with the post, and one in which the members may be conveniently disengaged from the post when desired to permit altering of the positions of the wires.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of a post embodying the invention and showing the manner of securing the line-wires thereto. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on a line centrally of one of the attaching members. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the component parts of the retaining member disconnected. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a portion of the retaining member, showing the parts thereof assembled.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a post, of cement or other appropriate material, molded into shape and having embedded therein during the molding operation a plurality of longitudinal strengthening elements or rods 2, disposed, respectively, at the corners of the post.

Embedded in and extending longitudinally of the post 1 is a retaining member 3, composed of sheet metal and comprising a primary portion or section 4 and a secondary portion or section 5, designed to lie in contact with one face of the section 4 and having transverse ribs or grooves 6, forming transverse openings or channels 7, the outer ends of which open at the normally front face of the post 1, there being provided at the inner

ends of the opening 7, which constitute seats for the reception of engaging members 8, a longitudinally-extending channel 9, formed by bending one longitudinal edge of the section 4 in a tubular form, as shown. It will be noted in this connection that the transverse openings or seats 7 communicate at their inner ends with the channel 9 and that in bending the member 4 to form the channel the same is folded over the inner edge of the member 5.

The engaging members 8 each comprise a suitable length of wire or the like provided at its outer end with an engaging portion or hook 10, adapted to receive a line-wire or other element 11 of the fencing material for securing the same to the post and having at its inner end a curved portion or head 12, disposed within the channel 9 and serving to prevent escape of the fastening member.

In practice the sections 4 and 5 of the member 3 are properly positioned relatively and embedded in the post during the casting operation. The fencing-wires 11 are attached to the post by means of the members 8, which when driven into the openings 7 contact at their recessed ends with the curved wall of the channel 9, thus forming the curved retaining portion or head 12, which prevents accidental escape of the engaging members from the openings 7, it being understood, however, that when necessary the members 8 may be forcibly withdrawn to permit detachment of the wires 11 from the post.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A fence-post having a retaining member embedded therein and comprising a pair of cooperating sections, one of said sections being corrugated to form transverse openings and the other having its inner edge folded to form a channel and engaging members adapted for entrance through the openings and to engage at their inner ends within the channel.

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

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