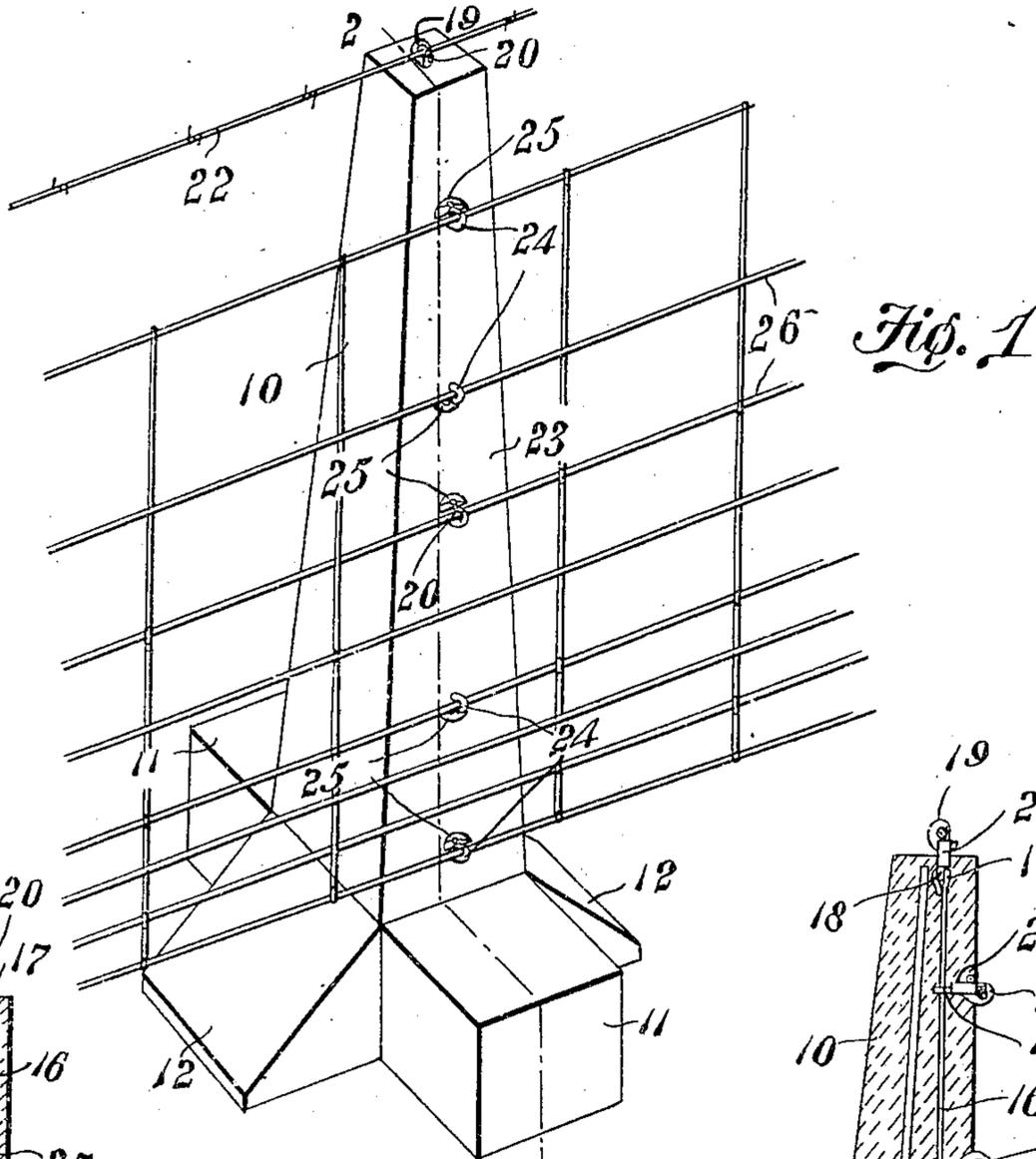


No. 835,719.

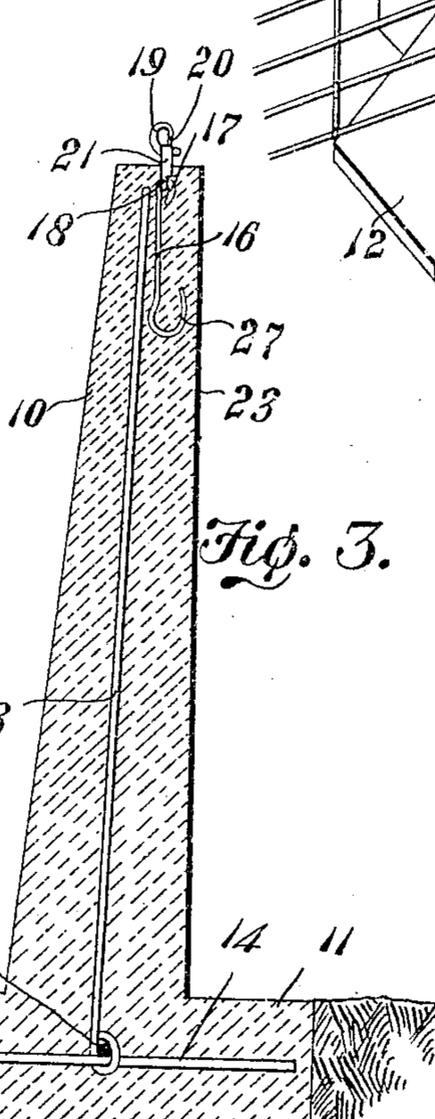
PATENTED NOV. 13, 1906.

J. W. WESTLAKE.  
FENCE POST.

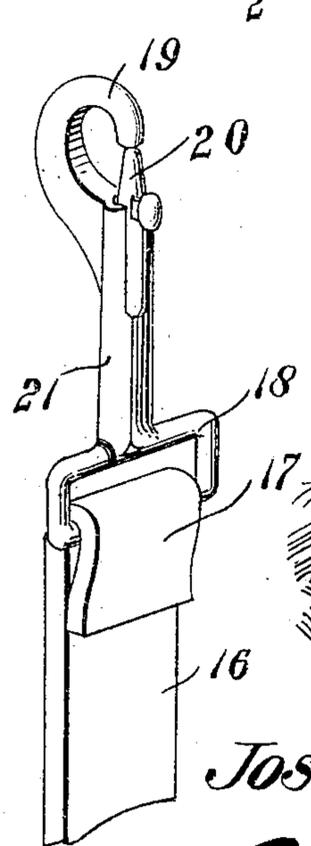
APPLICATION FILED NOV. 18, 1905.



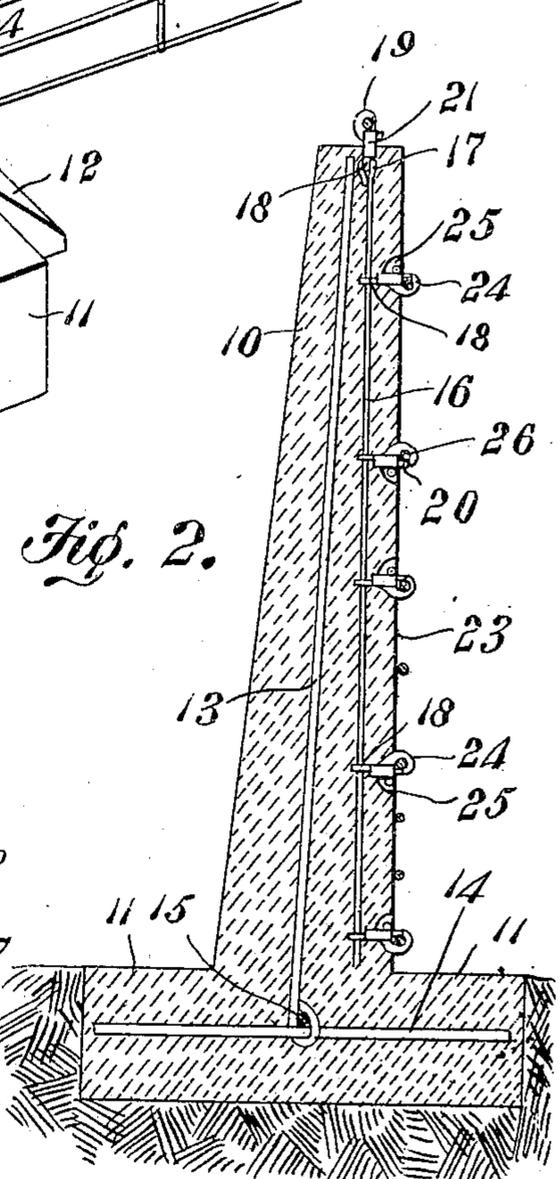
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 2.*

Witnesses  
*E. H. Stewart*  
*L. J. Merrill*

*Joseph W. Westlake,*  
 Inventor

by *C. A. Snow & Co.*  
 Attorneys

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOSEPH W. WESTLAKE, OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO.

## FENCE-POST.

No. 835,719.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Nov. 13, 1906.

Application filed November 18, 1905. Serial No. 287,998.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. WESTLAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marysville, in the county of Union and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fence-posts, and has for an object to provide a post embodying new and improved features of simplicity, convenience, economy, and efficiency.

A further object of the invention is to provide a post having snap-hooks embedded in and extending from the face of the post to engage the fence fabric.

A further object of the invention is to provide a post embodying a snap-hook embedded in and extending from the top of the post to engage a barbed wire or other object.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved post with a fence fabric applied to the side hooks and a barbed wire engaged by the top hook. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the post with the side hooks omitted and adapted for use as a hitching-post. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the snap-hooks and the securing-strip.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

In its preferred embodiment the improved post forming the subject-matter of this application comprises a molded upright section 10, with laterally-extending integral molded base sections 11 and 12, disposed perpendicular to each other in the form of a cross and with their lower surfaces in a plane substantially perpendicular to the length of the post. The base-sections 12 have their upper surfaces inclined, and as set in the ground the inclined surfaces are covered with earth, which comes substantially level with the top surfaces of the sections 11, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. The post is provided throughout its length

with a reinforcing-bar 13, and reinforcing-bars 14 and 15 are embedded in the base-sections and substantially perpendicular to each other and to the bar 13.

Adjacent to the face of the post is embedded a strip 16, having a bend 17 at its upper end engaging the loop 18 of a hook 19, which is provided with a spring-actuated closure 20. The hook is substantially in the form of an ordinary snap-hook, and the shank 21 is embedded in the post structure and the hook extending above to engage a barbed wire 22 or other object. The strip 16 extends downwardly adjacent to and parallel with the face 23 of the post and engages within the loops of a plurality of snap-hooks 24, similar to the hook 19 and with similar closures. As the post is molded the hooks 24 are spaced upon the strip at approved intervals, and cavities 25 are formed in the face of the post to facilitate the operation of the closures.

It will be noticed that the snap-hooks are oppositely disposed alternately, so that while engaging the wires of a fence one half of the hooks will hold the wires against downward movement, while the closures of the same hooks, together with the remaining hooks of the fence, will hold the wires against upward movement. By arranging the hooks alternately in this manner both upward and downward pressure thereon by the wires is equalized upon the hooks and their closures, and it is not easier to detach the wires either by raising or by lowering them.

The hooks 24 are arranged to engage wires or a wire fabric 26 and are preferably alternately disposed with the open sides of the hooks opposite. If the side hooks 24 are omitted, the strip 16 may be provided with bend or loop 27 or other means to prevent its dislocation from the post.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that as the fence fabric may be easily and quickly disengaged from the post and the post easily lifted from the ground a portable fence is produced the use, operation, and advantages of which will be fully and clearly understood and appreciated.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. An artificial-stone post having an integral base, reinforcing-bars disposed horizontally within the base, a reinforcing-bar engaging the first-mentioned bars, and disposed longitudinally within the post, a bar within

said post and spaced from the reinforcing-bar, a hook engaged thereby and partly embedded within the post.

2. An artificial-stone post having alining  
5 rectangular base-sections and alining tapered  
base-sections, said sections radiating from  
the post, crossed reinforcing-bars disposed  
longitudinally within the base-sections, and a  
reinforcing-bar disposed longitudinally with-  
10 in the post and having a hook engaging the  
base-reinforcing bars at their point of inter-  
section.

3. An artificial-stone post having base-sec-

tions radiating therefrom, engaging reinforc-  
ing-bars within the post and its base-sections, 15  
a flat metal strip embedded within the post  
and hooked at its ends, and a hook partly  
embedded within the post and engaged by  
one of the hooks of the metal strip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 20  
my own I have hereto affixed my signature  
in the presence of two witnesses.

JOSEPH W. WESTLAKE.

Witnesses:

S. N. McCloud,

LOUIS LINZINMEIRE.