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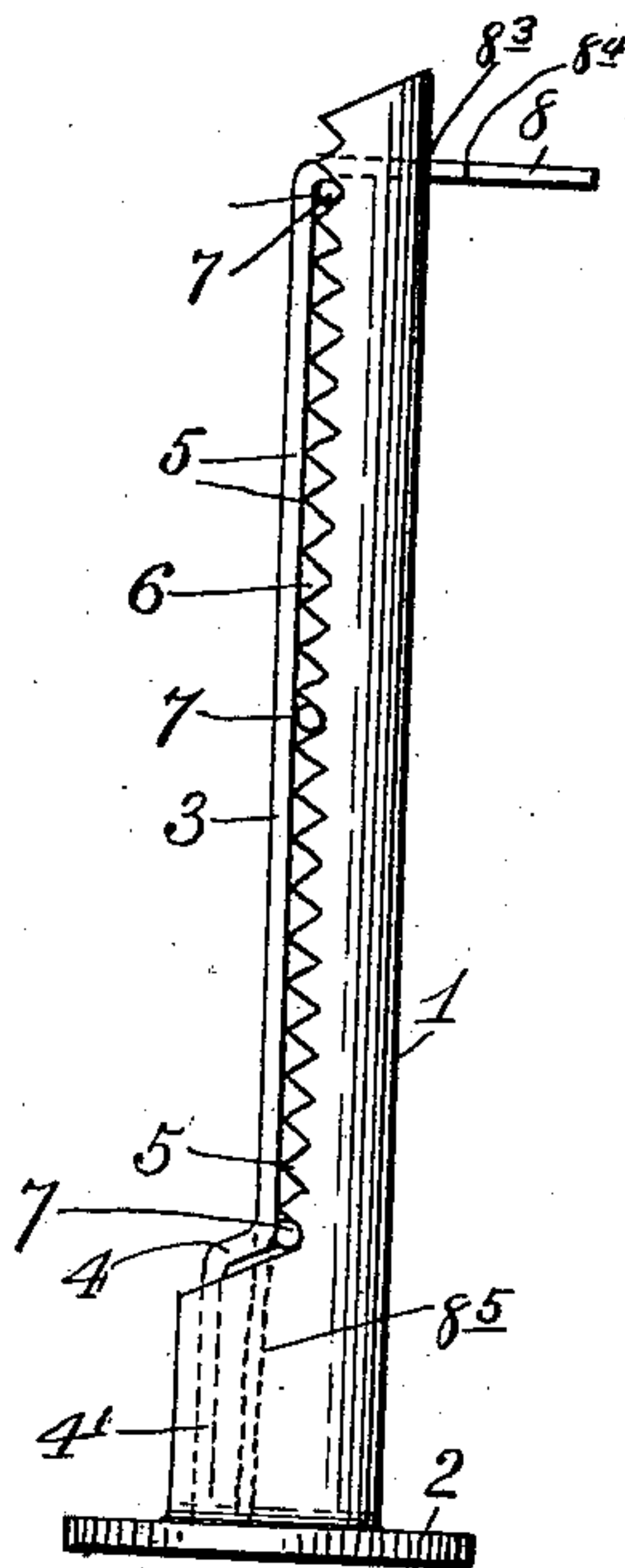


Fig. 1

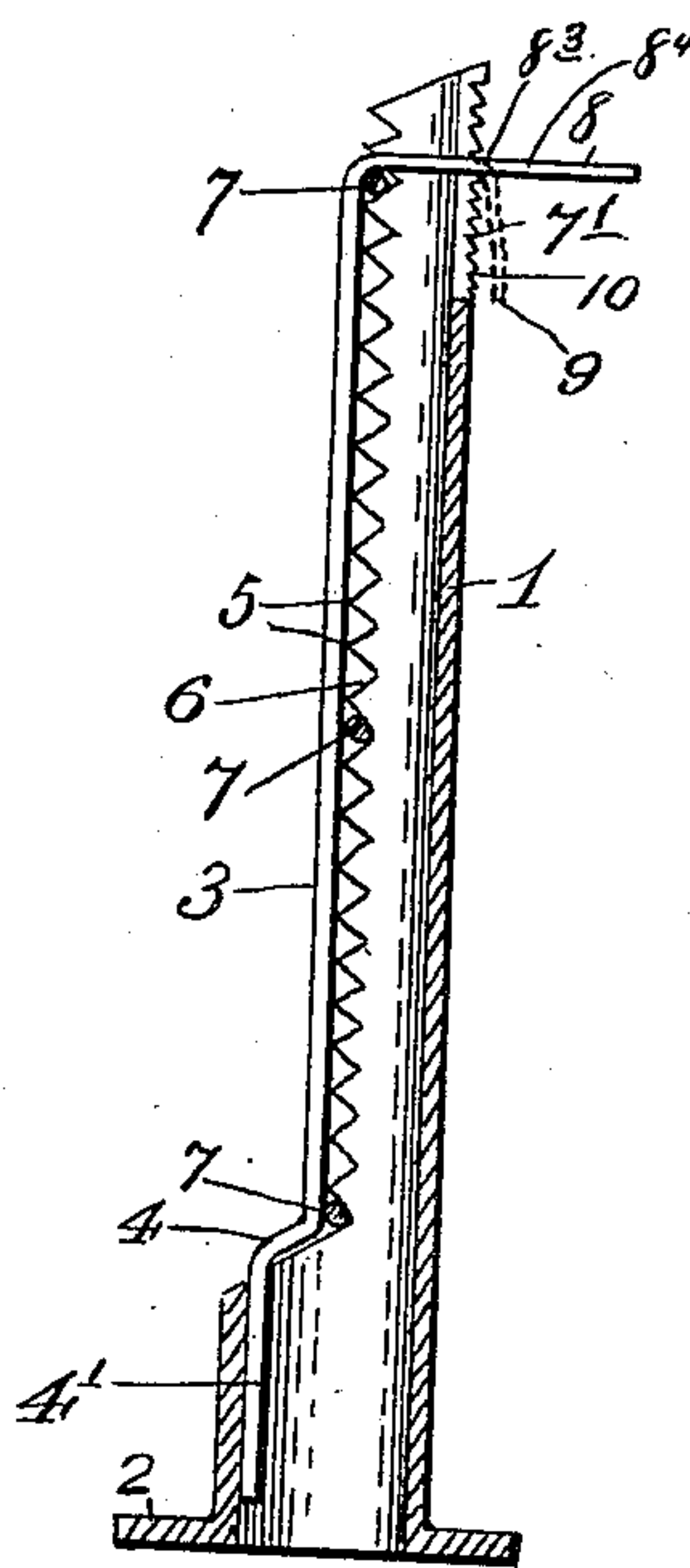


Fig. 2

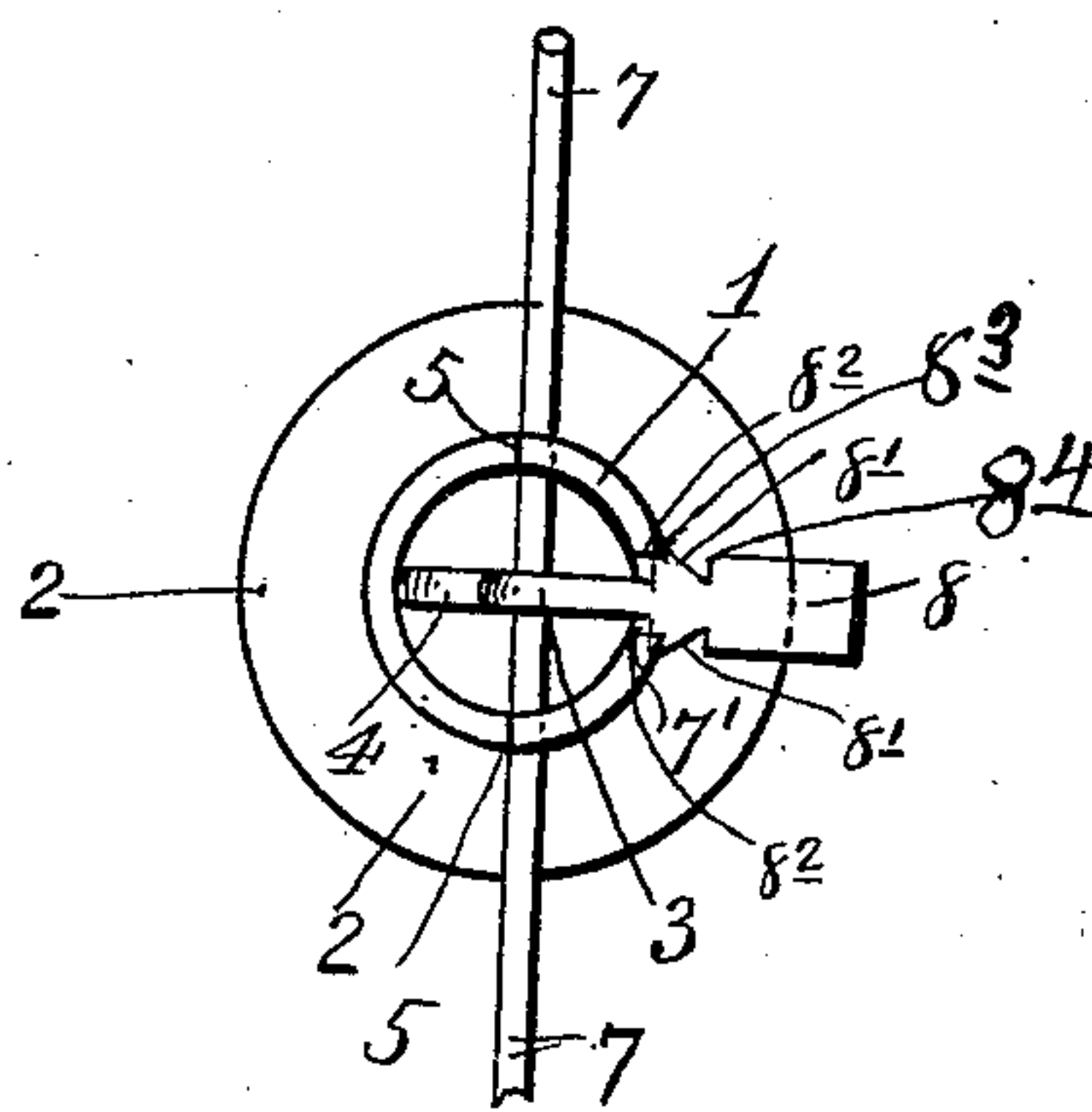


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE McINNIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Castor, in the parish of Bienville and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a fence post, and consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its several parts hereinafter set out in this specification and the claims hereunto attached.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is an elevation of my post. Fig. 2, is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3, is a top plan view.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The numeral 1, represents the post. This post is provided with a horizontal flange 2, at its bottom. The flange is for the purpose of holding the post a predetermined distance in the ground, and to keep it steady and in a vertical position. This post is a cylinder, and the portion of it which is above the ground has one half of it cut away on a vertical line, and the edges of the remaining part is provided with teeth 5, in the recesses 6, of which are fitted the strands 7, of the fencing. The fencing is of wire of any of the ordinary patterns that may be purchased at hardware stores.

The upper end of the post is provided with a vertical slot 7¹. A rod 3, runs from the bottom of the post to the top thereof. The top end of the rod is flattened out, forming a small plate 8. This plate is provided on each edge with recesses 8¹ and 8², leaving shoulders 8³ and 8⁴. The upper end of the rod is turned back at right angles to its body, and is pressed down in the slot 7¹, and the inner shoulders 8³, catch in the notches 10 formed on the outer edges of the walls of the slot 7¹, and thus prevent the rod from rising, and also keep it from moving laterally.

Where the strands of the fencing are quite large, the outer shoulders 8⁴, catch the said notches 10.

Ordinarily the rod 3, may be run down straight into the ground, as shown by the dotted lines 8⁵, but I purpose to use different grades and sizes of wire fencing in connection with my post, and also different sizes of rods, and therefore, in case it becomes necessary, I purpose to let the lower end of the rod 4¹, rest against the inner face of the wall of the cylinder, and make a bend 4, in it just where

it comes up out of the ground, turning it in solidly against the wire fencing.

I claim the right to do away with the shoulders, 8³ and 8⁴ above described and simply turn the upper end of the rod down to hold it in place, as shown by the dotted lines 9.

Although I have specifically described the combination, construction and arrangement of the several parts of my invention I do not confine myself particularly to such specific combination, construction and arrangement, as I claim the right to make such changes and modification therein as may clearly fall within the scope of my invention, and which may be resorted to without departing from the spirit, or sacrificing any of my patentable rights therein.

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

1. A fence post, consisting of a cylinder 1, provided at its bottom with a horizontal flange 2, one half of that portion of the cylinder above ground being cut away on a vertical line, the edges of the remaining half being formed into teeth 5, leaving recesses 6; a vertical slot 7¹, in the upper end of said cylinder, the outer edges of the slot provided with notches 10, in combination with a rod 3, its lower end passing down into the cylindrical part of said cylinder, and then upwardly along the line of said teeth, its upper end flattened out, forming a plate 8, said plate provided with notches 8¹ and 8², leaving shoulders 8³ and 8⁴, the upper end of said rod turned at right angles to its body, over the top strand of the fencing, with one pair of its shoulders catching in said notches 10, the vertical part of said rod resting against the strands of the said fencing, holding them in place, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A fence post, consisting of a cylinder 1, its upper part being cut away the depth of one half its diameter, the edges of said cut-away part provided with teeth, leaving recesses 6, a vertical slot 7¹, in the upper end of said cylinder; rod 3, its lower end passing down into the cylindrical part of said cylinder, and then upwardly along the line of said teeth, its extreme upper end turned back and down, holding the upper end of said rod securely in place, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

3. A fence post, consisting of a cylinder 1,

its upper part above ground cut-away, the edges of said cut-away part provided with teeth, leaving a recess between adjacent teeth; a vertical slot 7¹, in the upper end of
5 said cylinder, and a rod 3, its lower end resting in the lower part of said cylinder, its upper part running upwardly on a line with the points of said teeth, its extreme upper end held to the upper end of said cylinder,

substantially as shown and described and for 10 the purposes set forth.

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

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