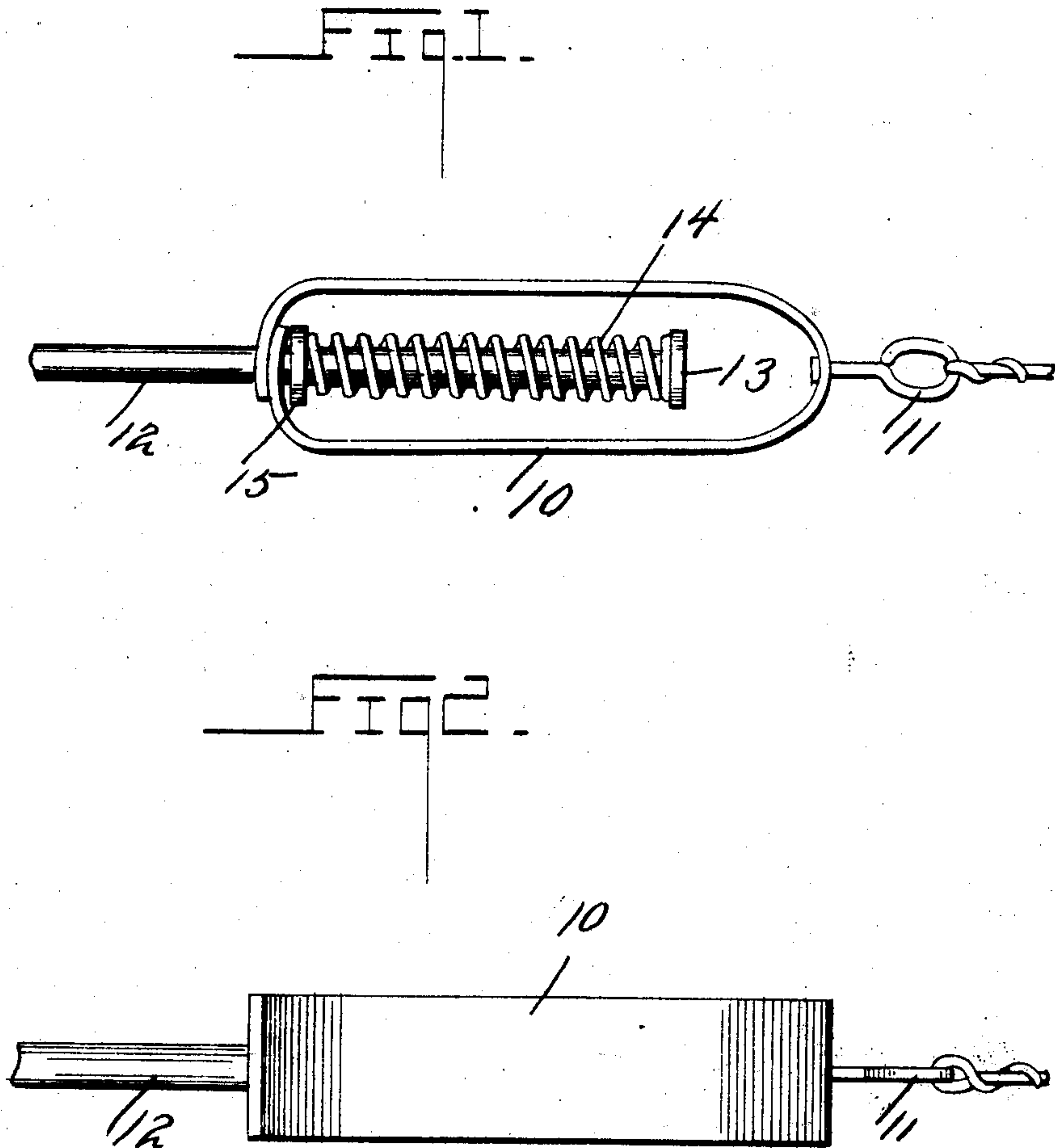


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID L. MULLINIX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greencastle, in the county of Putnam and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wire-Fence Compensators, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wire fences, and has special reference to an attachment therefor.

An object of this invention is to provide a device which can be applied to the wires of a fence of this nature for the purpose of allowing the stretching of the same without breaking the wires.

Another object of this invention is the provision of such a device that will be simple in construction, durable and easy of application.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this nature which can be manufactured from sheet metal thereby producing a device which will be easy to manufacture and that can be put out to the public at a nominal cost.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims, and that any suitable materials may be used without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the device, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, 10 designates a strip of sheet material which is bent U shaped and which is apertured at its upper intermediate portion for the reception of a swivel eye 11 which is adapted to be engaged by the end of a strand of wire. The extremities of the metal strip 10 are apertured and are bent inwardly to overlap one another, causing the apertures to register, through which is passed a rod 12

which extends centrally to the upper end of the strip 10. A collar or flange 13 is rigidly secured upon the inner extremity of the rod 12 against which is impinged one extremity of a coil spring 14 which is disposed above the rod 12. The opposite end of the spring 14 is held against a collar 15 which is loosely mounted upon the rod 12 and which abuts against the inner overlapping end of the metal strip 10. The rod 12 is adapted to be connected to a post or other suitable supporting means for the end of a fence.

When any strain is placed upon a wire strand the spring 14 is caused to be compressed and the rod 12 is allowed to slide outwardly through the overlapping edges for the purpose of lengthening the strand and prevent the same from snapping.

In applying this device it can be mounted intermediately of the edges of the post thereby causing the strain of the wire to be at the center of the post instead of at the edge thereof, thus avoiding the disadvantage of having the post twist or turn in time causing a slack in the entire fence.

A device of this structure is especially adapted for this application and it is found that it is a very important feature of the same.

What is claimed is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a strip of metal bent U shaped having apertures formed in its intermediate portion and in its extremities, the ends of said strip being bent inwardly and overlapped, a swivel eye mounted in the intermediate portion of said strip, a rod slidably positioned through said overlapped ends, a flange on the inner extremity of said rod, a collar loosely mounted on the rod, and a spring disposed upon said rod between said flange and said collar.

2. As an article of manufacture a metal strip bent U shaped, having its ends bent inwardly and overlapped, a swivel eye mounted at the intermediate portion of said strip, and a spring actuated rod slidably mounted in the ends of said strip.

3. As an article of manufacture a metal strip bent U shaped and having apertures

formed intermediately and at the ends thereof, said ends being bent inwardly and overlapped, a rod slidably mounted in said ends, a flange disposed upon the inner end of  
5 said rod, a collar loosely carried upon said rod, a spring disposed about said rod between said flange and said collar to hold said rod yieldably against outward movement, and a

swivel eye mounted intermediate of said strip extending outwardly. 10

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

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