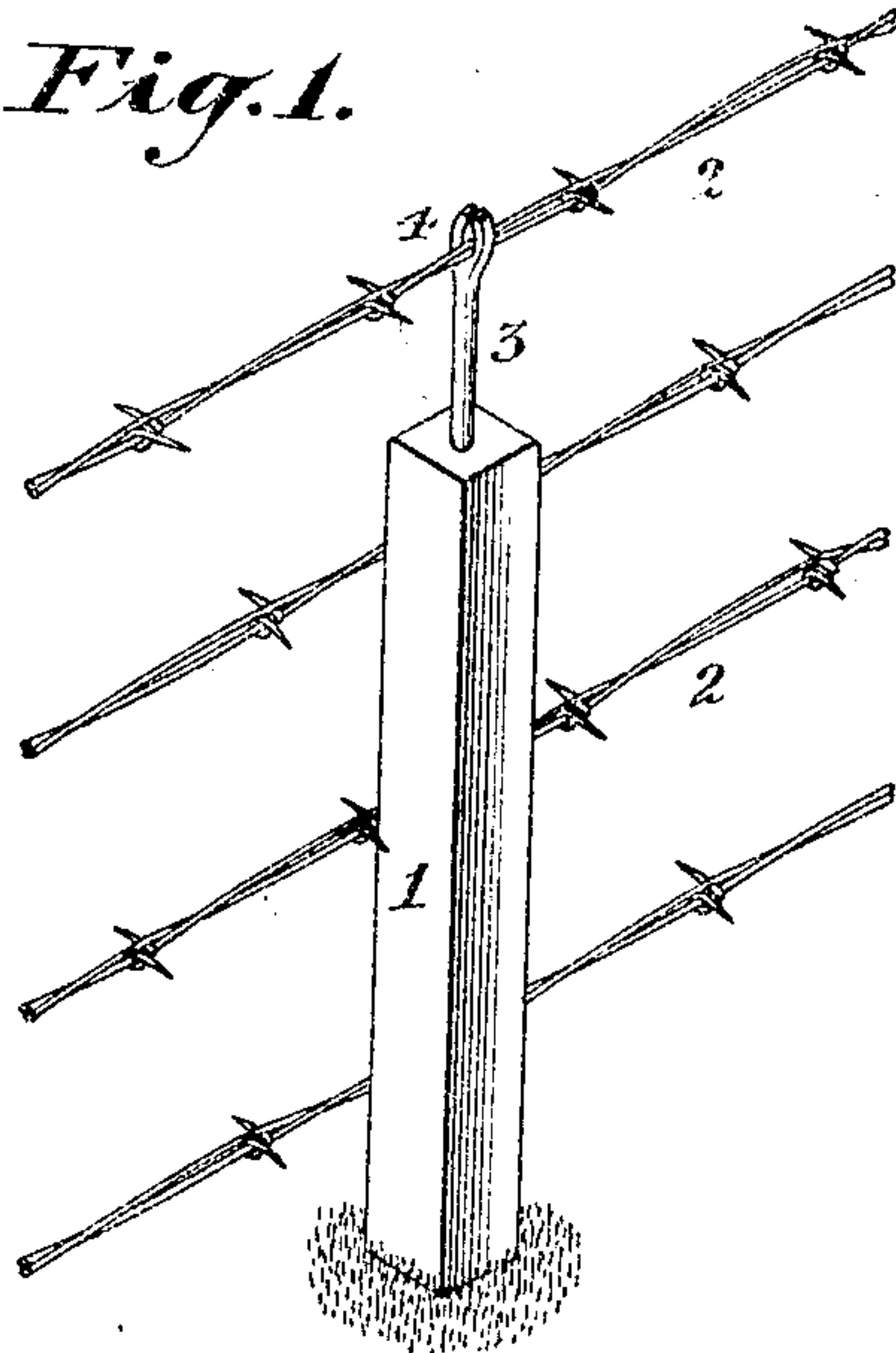


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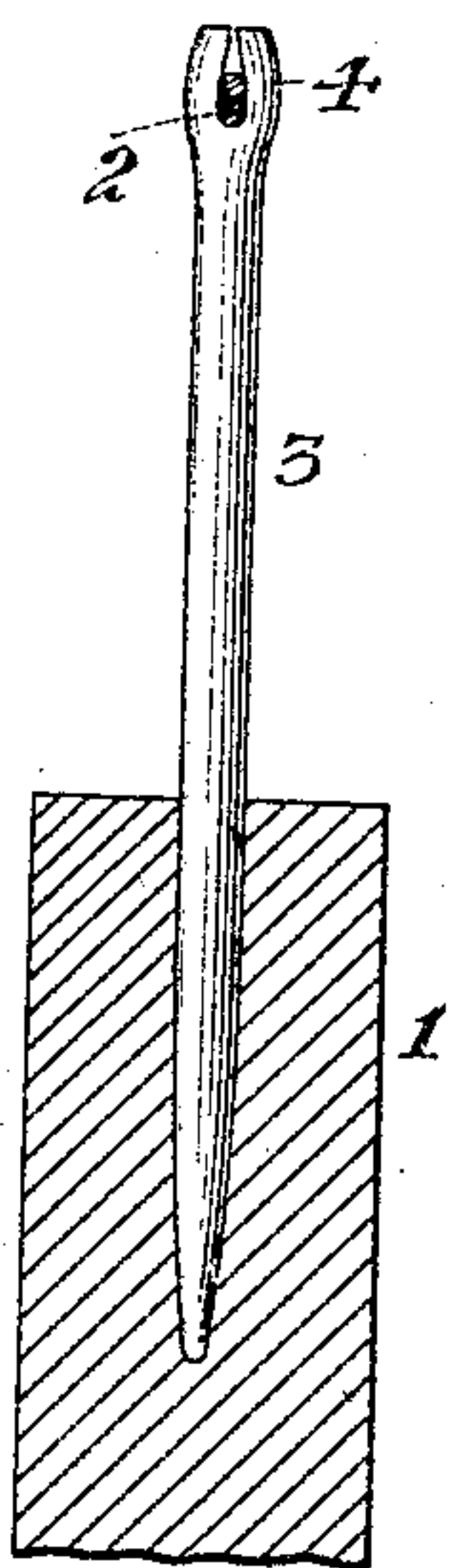
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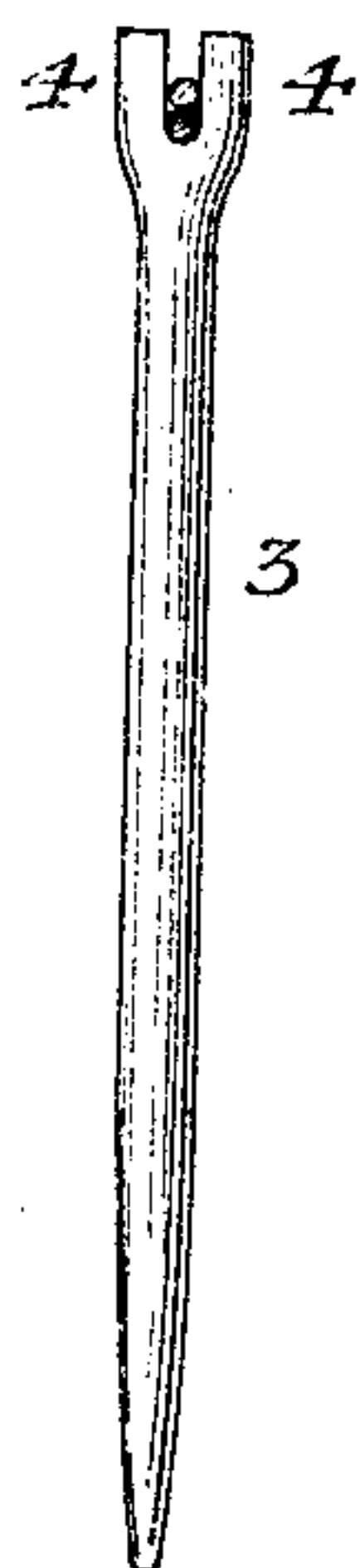
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES ROLLO PETERS, citizen of the United States, residing at Monterey, in the county of Monterey and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wire Fences, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fences, and more particularly to special means for preventing intrusion and trespass within the same.

When all the strands of a barbed or other wire fence are secured directly to the posts, as is the common practice, it is comparatively easy to cross the fence by using the posts as aids in climbing, because none of the wire strands are above the level of the top of the post. An embodiment of my invention requires the use of a wire or wires at a higher level than that of the posts; such wires being considered either as the upper strand or strands of a wire fence, or as extra strands applied to a wire fence or to a fence of any other construction, such as an ordinary post-and-rail fence.

In the embodiment shown in the accompanying drawing, I have illustrated a barbed wire fence in connection with my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of such a fence. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the pointed pin for supporting upper fence wires in an elevated position, after the fork which receives said wires has been closed. Fig. 3 is a similar view of said pin before the fork has been closed.

At 1 is shown a fence post, and at 2 wire strands secured thereto in the usual, or any suitable manner, and here shown as provided with barbs. Instead of barbed wire, plain wire can be used if desired, and for this part of the fence ordinary rails can be substituted for wire.

Into the upper end of each post of the fence is firmly driven a pointed metallic pin 3 composed of some suitable material such as malleable iron, which will bend by blows

or pressure. At its upper end each of the pins is made with arms or branches 4, forming an open fork which is sufficiently strong to allow the pin to be driven into the post by repeated blows from above, but which, from the nature of the material of which the pin is composed, can be closed and its free ends brought nearly or quite together by blows delivered sidewise. These open forks receive a strand or twisted strands of wire, preferably barbed as shown, and are closed over and upon the said wire. The result is, that the fence is provided with an elevated portion of barbed wire which makes it impossible, or at least exceedingly difficult to mount and cross the fence by using the posts as an aid to climbing.

My invention affords a simple, cheap and effective means for accomplishing the object above stated. The pins are not easily removable, nor is it possible except by the aid of special tools to open the closed forks and take out the wire.

The device is easily and quickly applied either to new fences, or to fences already constructed, and practical use has shown it to be an exceedingly effective attachment for its purpose.

What I claim as new is:

In combination with the posts of a fence, a metal pin adapted to be driven into the upper end of each post, said pin having a sharpened lower end, and an enlarged forked upper end having a longitudinal groove between the arms of the fork adapted to receive a wire, the arms of the fork being of equal size and shape and adapted to be bent over the wire to hold the same in the groove.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this second day of July 1907.

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