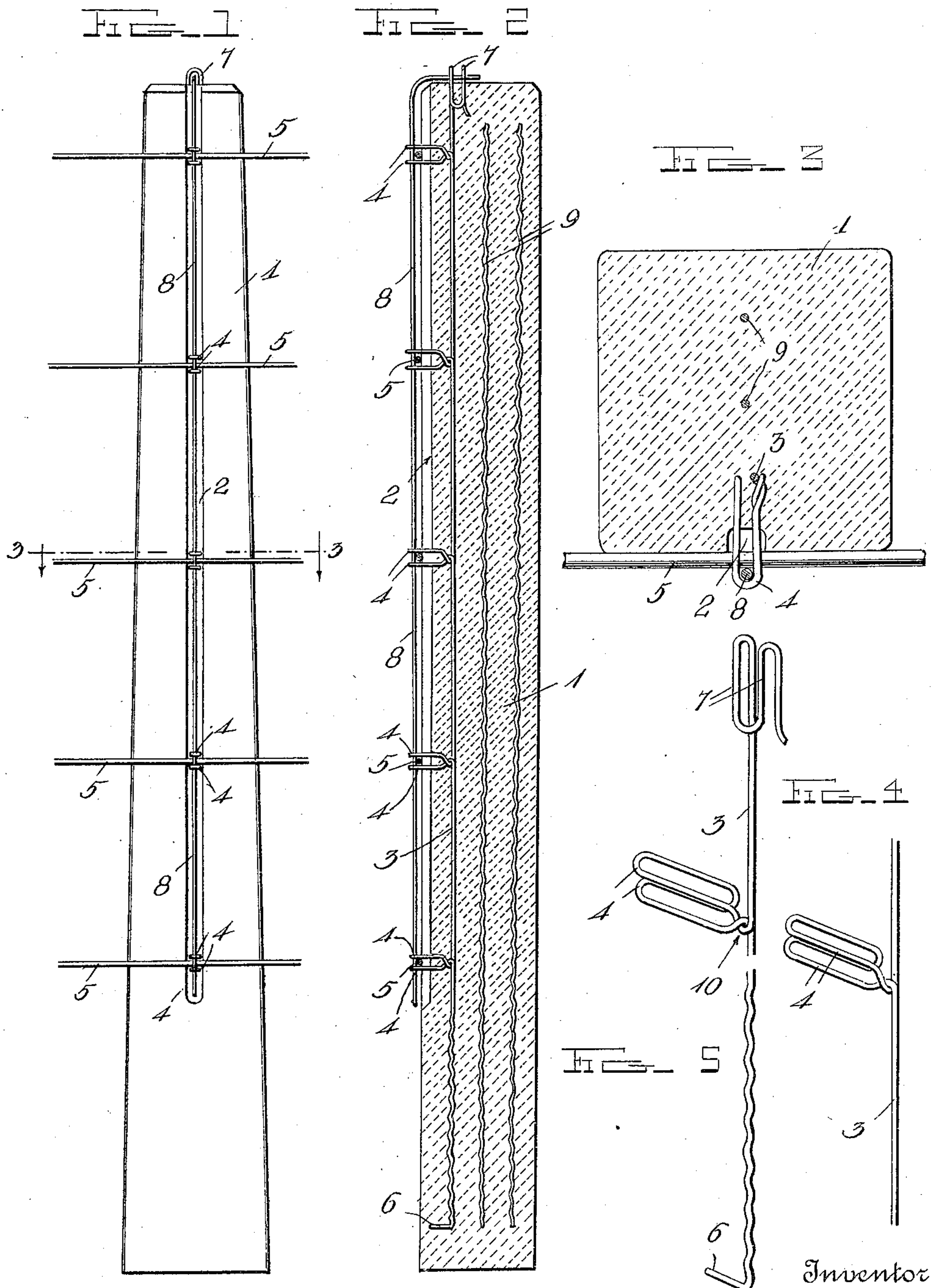


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE EUGENE SELLON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rudd, in the county of Floyd and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Post and Fence-Wire Fastening Device; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in combined fence posts and fence wire fastening devices, and has for its object the production of simple and economical means of this kind which may be readily applied to a plastic post and be readily engaged with portions of the fence wires to hold the latter securely in position.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention as applied to a plastic post; Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a detail fragmentary perspective view of one of the wire fastening members detached from position; and Fig. 5 is a broken perspective view illustrating a slightly modified form of the invention.

In carrying out the invention the front face of the post 1, which is of concrete or other suitable plastic material is formed with a central longitudinally extending groove 2, which extends from a point near the extreme upper end of the post to the base line.

The numeral 3 indicates the wire supporting member, which is made from one continuous piece of wire bent at suitable points to form pairs of vertically spaced supporting loops 4, which are preferably spaced at the desired distances apart to receive the horizontal fence wires 5.

In carrying out the invention the lower end of the fastening member is extended outwardly at right angles, as at 6, to more securely engage with the post, and is also bent at its extreme upper end to form a depending loop 7, the side pieces of which are

spaced at right angles to those of the supporting loops 4 and project a suitable distance into the top of the post.

In practice, the fastening member is arranged in position with its supporting loops extending through the grooved portion thereof; the loops being of sufficient length to project beyond the face of the post. A connecting wire 8 is inserted through the several loops of the supporting member, the upper end of the connecting wire terminating in a rearwardly extending portion 8 which extends under the loop 7 of the supporting member. In practice the fence wires are inserted under the connecting wire, one between each pair of supporting loops. Two or more vertically extending laterally spaced strengthening rods or wires 9 extend throughout the length of the post in the rear of the fastening member to add greater strength to the post. These wires are uniformly bent throughout their lengths, as clearly indicated to provide an extended surface for the particles of the material from which the post is made to adhere to. In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 5, the fastening member may be bent in a slightly different manner as indicated at 10 in forming the wire engaging loops.

At the time of making the posts the supporting loops are bent inwardly to lie in the groove thereof and for this reason are protected during transportation. These loops are not bent outwardly in parallel relation, until the fence wires are inserted in position.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

In combination with a plastic post formed in one face and from its top the greater portion of its length with a central longitudinal groove, a supporting member made from a single piece of straight wire

bent to form vertically spaced pairs of horizontally projecting supporting loops which project through and beyond the grooved portion of the post and also bent at its upper end to provide a depending loop with laterally spaced side pieces which extend into the top of the post, portions of the side pieces of said depending loop projecting above the top of the post and forming eyes, the lower end of the supporting member terminating in a forwardly extending portion, a connecting wire insertible through the supporting loops and having a laterally

bent portion at its upper end to extend through the eyes formed by the side pieces of the depending loop and a pair of reinforcing wires extending longitudinally throughout the approximate length of the post.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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