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Fig. 1.

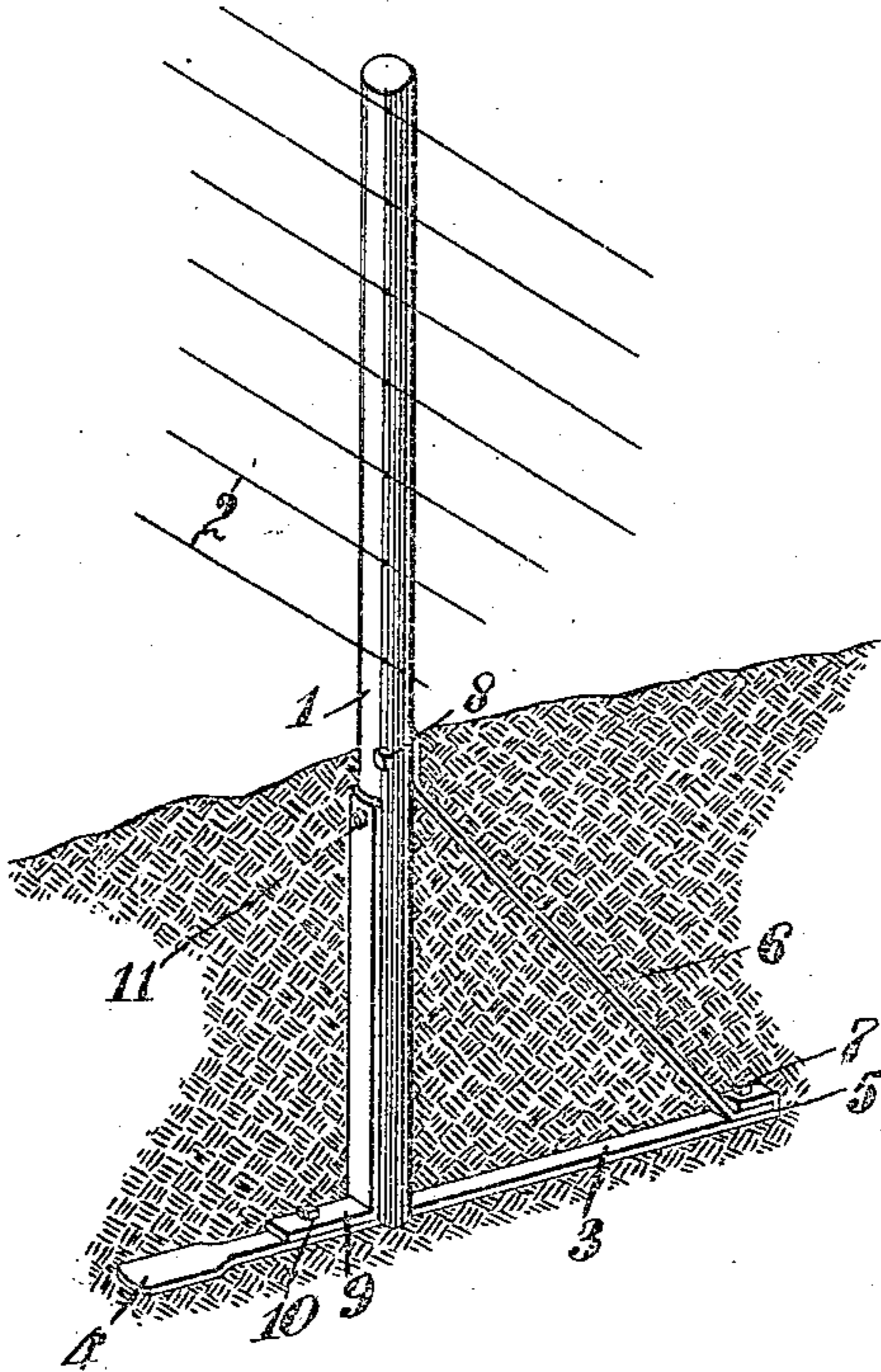


Fig. 2.

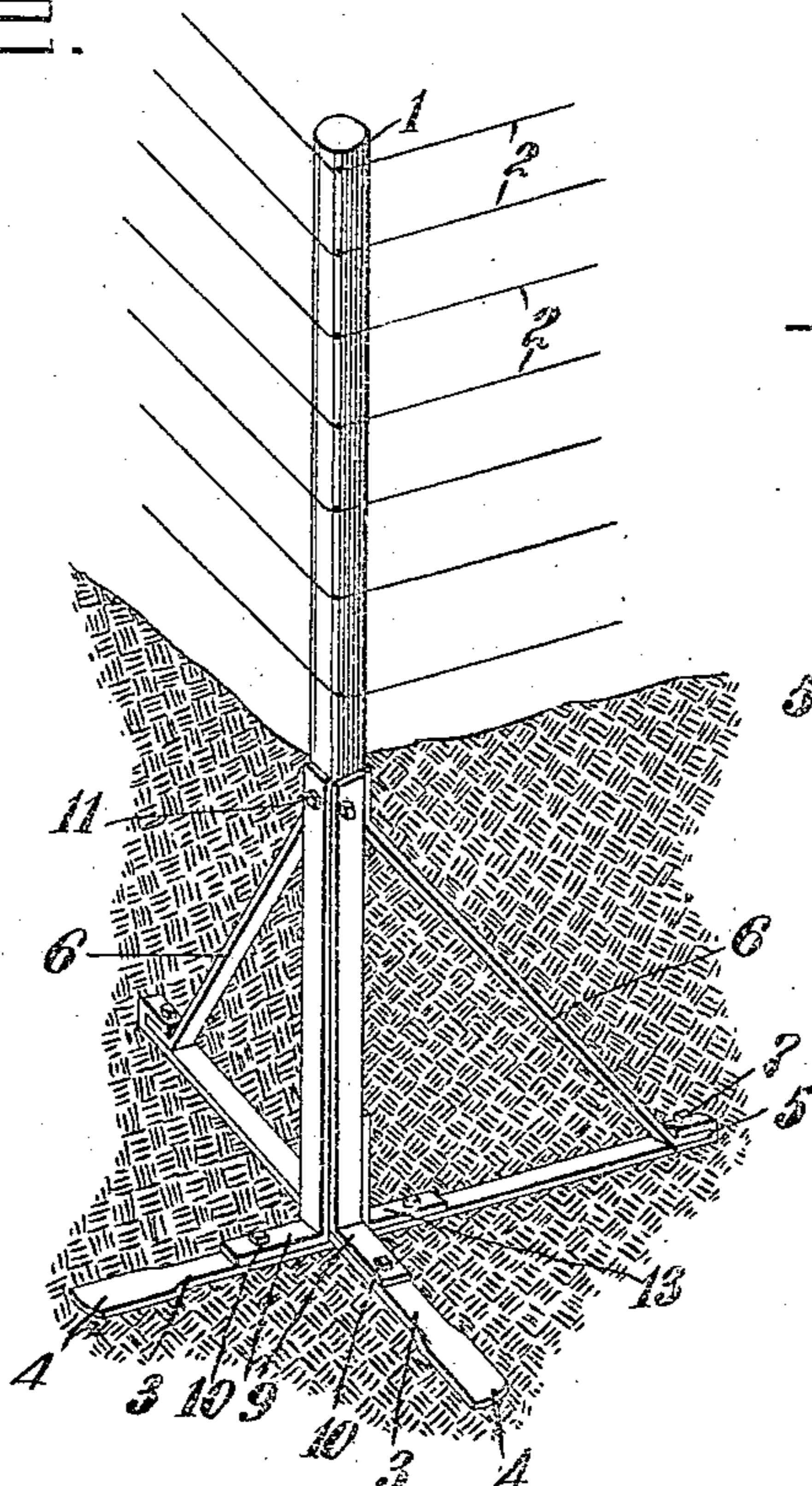


Fig. 3.

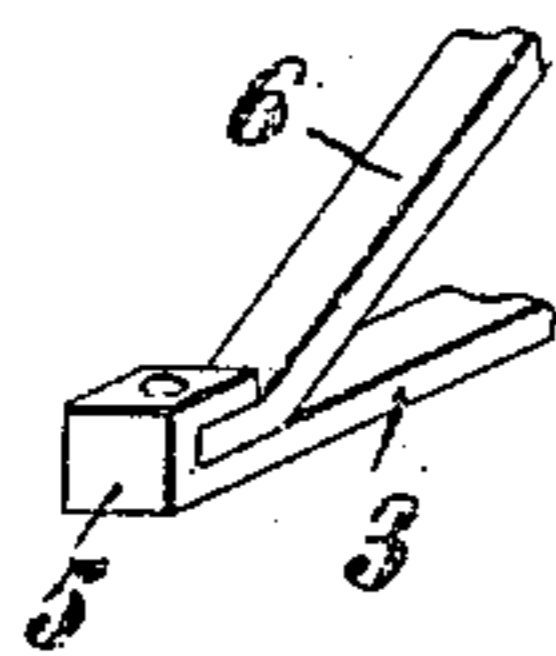
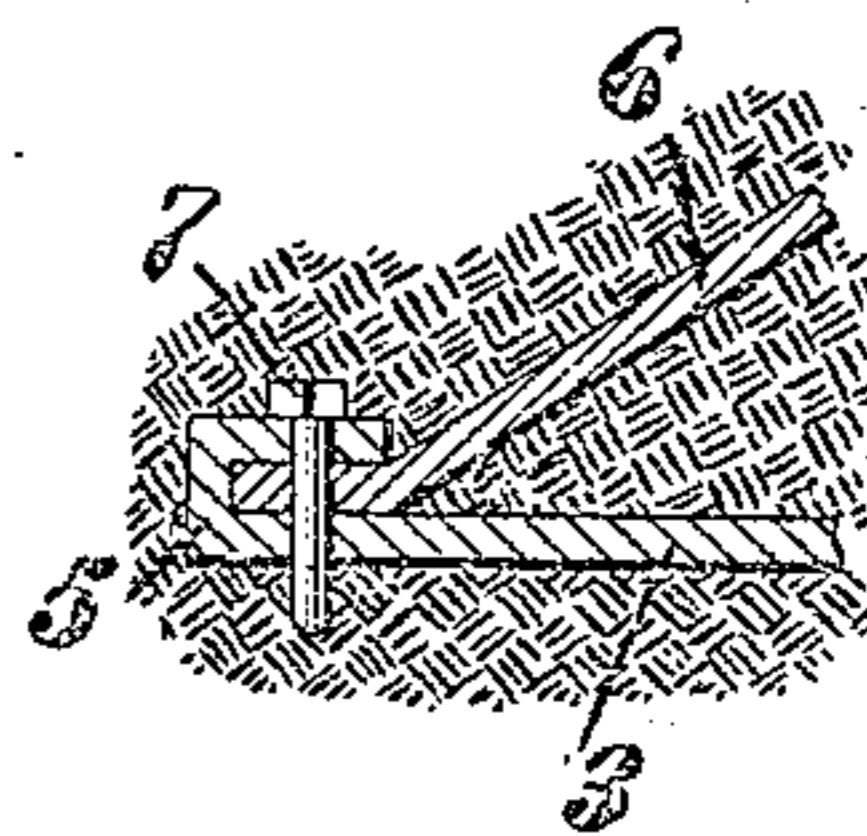


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIUS LAUX, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Flatonia, in the county of Fayette and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Post-Anchor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an anchor for a post to be used in supporting a gate, wire fence or the like, and is particularly adapted to be used in connection with corner posts, where there is an excessive strain.

The object of the invention is to provide a device which will be simple in construction, inexpensive, readily attached to a post, and also readily inserted in the ground, and which at the same time will be strong and durable.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing one form of my device attached to a post and inserted in the ground; Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing two anchors, one laid on top of the other; Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective fragmentary view, showing the method of attaching the brace member to the base; and Fig. 4 is a vertical fragmentary section, showing the connection of the brace member to the base.

In the form shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the device is illustrated as being attached to a post 1, which is used for supporting fence wires 2. Secured in a groove in the bottom of the post 1, there is provided a base member 3, which consists preferably of a flat iron bar having a sharpened spur 4 at one end, and being bent back parallel to itself at the other end to form a locking joint 5. The post is connected to the base by an angle brace member 6, which has a bend therein at one end which is inserted in the joint 5 and secured thereto by a suitable bolt 7 passing through aligned perforations in the joint 5 and the brace 6. At the other end, the brace 6 is bent to conform to the surface of the post 1, and is secured thereto by any suitable means, such as a bolt 8. The bolt 7, previously mentioned, pref-

erably extends somewhat below the bottom of the base 3, and is adapted to be driven into the ground, to form an additional resistance to any side strain that may be applied to the device. The post 1 is further secured to the base 3 by means of an angle member 9, which is secured in any well known manner to the base and post, as by means of bolts 10 and 11.

In Fig. 2, a pair of anchors are used in connection with a corner post, one placed on top of the other at right angles to each other. These anchors differ from the form illustrated in Fig. 1, in having an additional angle brace 13 secured to the base 3 on the opposite side to the angle member 9.

The method of using the anchor consists in digging a trench the full length of the base 3, then inserting the detached brace into the trench and driving the spur 4 into the undisturbed end wall of the trench, until the angle brace member 9 comes in contact with the wall of the trench. The post is then inserted, and by removing a little of the top earth, the bolt 11 may be readily inserted, securing the post to the anchor, and then the brace 6 placed in position and the bolts 7 and 8 inserted. In the form shown in Fig. 2, it is necessary to dig two trenches at right angles to each other; the rest of the operation, however, is the same.

While I have shown my device in connection with a wire fence, it may be used in any other relation, such as with a gate, a clothes line or the like.

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

1. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base member having a spur at one end and a locking joint at the other end, and a brace member adapted to be secured to said post at one end, and also adapted to engage said locking joint at the other end.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said post, a spur on one end of said base, a locking joint on the other end of said base, a brace member secured to said post at one end and engaging said locking joint at the other end, and a bolt for securing said brace member to said base.

3. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said post, a spur on one end of said base, a lock-

ing joint on the other end of said base, a brace member, being bent at its ends to engage said post and said base, means for securing said brace to said post, and means for  
5 securing said brace to said base.

4. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said post, a spur on one end of said base, a locking joint on the other end of said base, a  
10 brace engaging said locking joint and secured to said post, and an angle-brace secured to said base and said post.

5. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said  
15 post, a spur on one end of said base, a locking joint on the other end of said base, a brace secured to said post and engaging said locking joint, and a plurality of angle-braces engaging said post at the foot thereof and  
20 secured to said brace.

6. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said post, a spur on one end of said base, a locking joint at the other end of said base and integral therewith, a brace having its ends bent  
25 to engage said post and said locking joint, means for securing said brace to said post,

means for securing said brace to said base, an angle-brace secured to said base on one side of said post, means for securing said  
30 angle-brace to said post, and an angle-brace secured to said base on the opposite side of said post and engaging said post.

7. In a device of the class described, the combination with a post, of a base for said  
35 post, having one of its ends bent back parallel to itself to form a locking joint, a sharp spur on the other end of said base, a brace member having its ends bent to engage said post and said locking joint, means for se-  
40 curing said brace to said post, means for securing said brace to said base, an angular brace secured to said base at one side of said post, and an angle-brace secured to said base  
45 and engaging said post at the other side of said post.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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