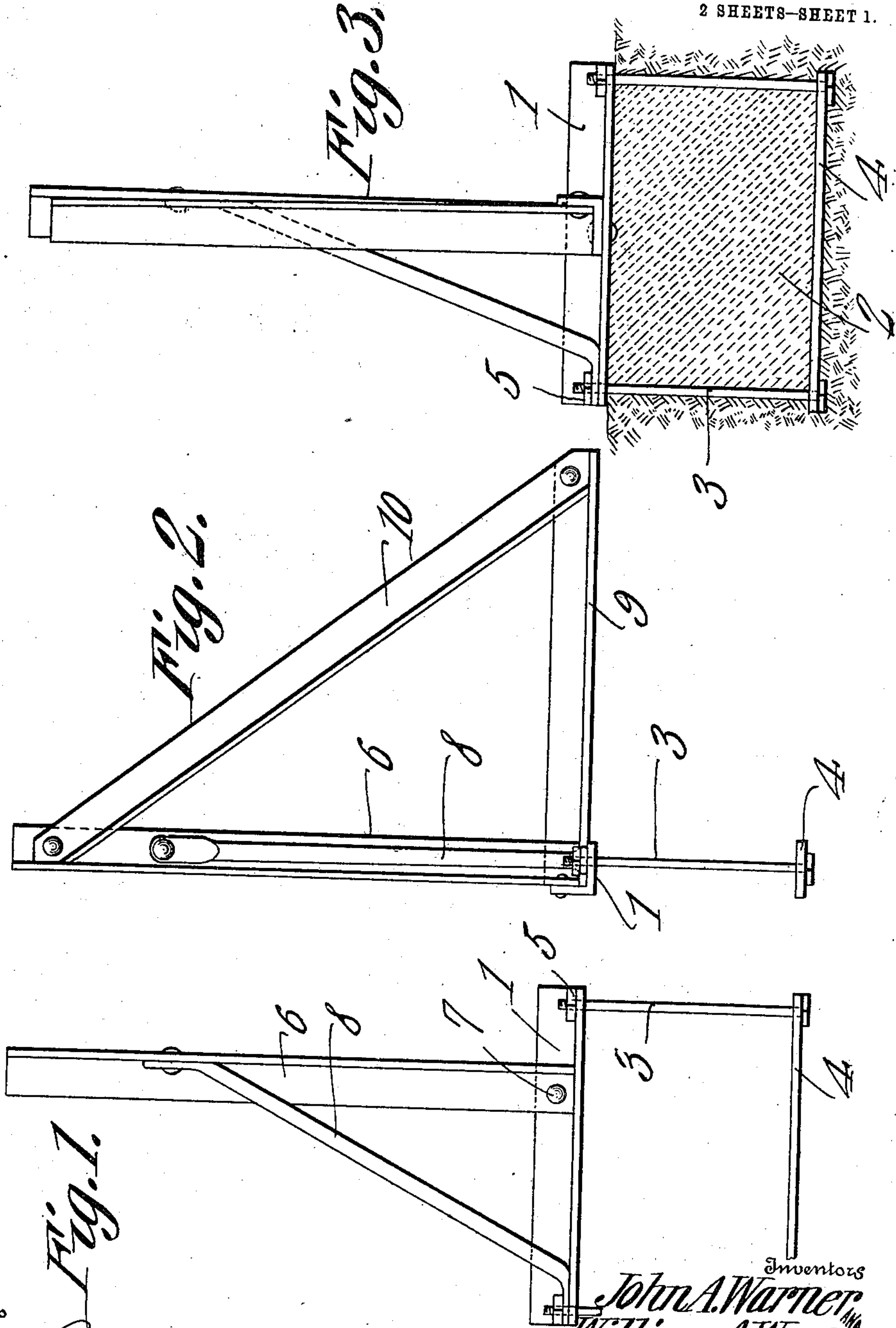


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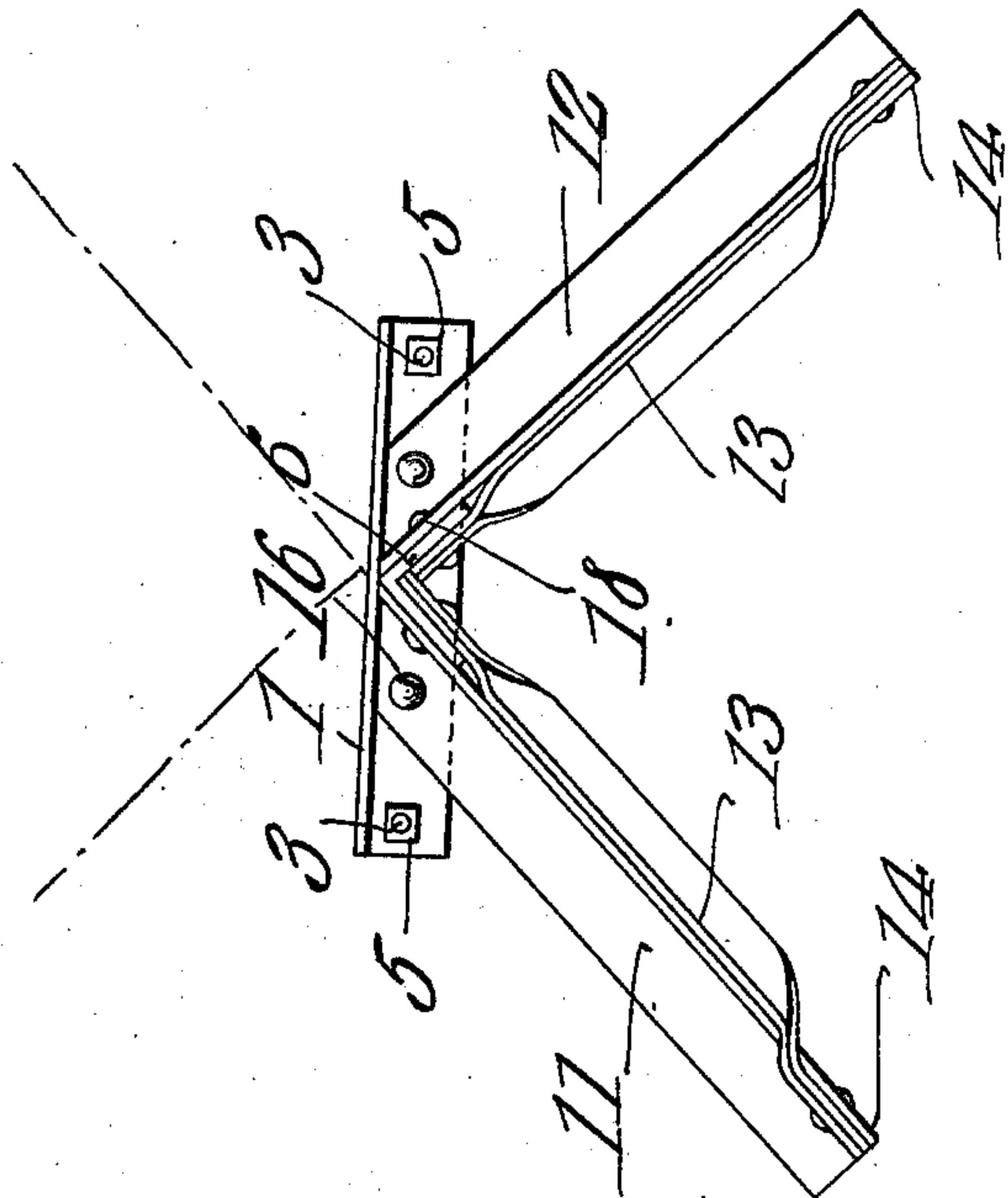


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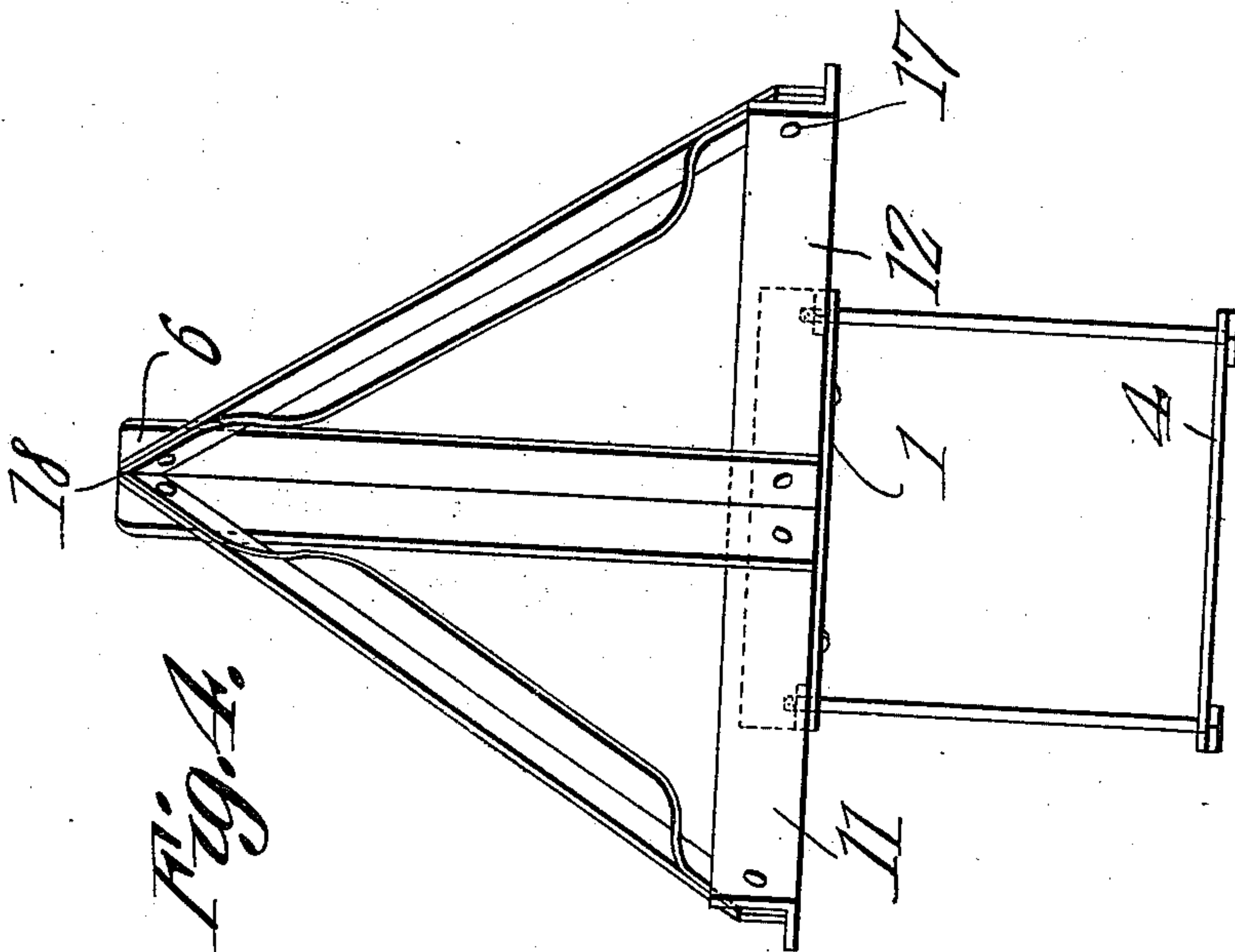


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. WARNER and WILLIAM A. WARNER, citizens of the United States, residing at Bronson, in the 5 county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Fence-Post, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in fence posts and has for its object the pro- 10 vision of a fence post of maximum strength which may be manufactured at a low cost and which when set up for use will possess great strength and durability and may be readily adjusted so as to compensate for any 15 unevenness in settling.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fence post which will be firmly anchored in place without being buried in the ground.

20 The foregoing, and such other incidental objects as will hereinafter appear, are attained in the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and the invention consists in certain novel features of the same 25 which will be hereinafter first fully described and then more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the annexed drawings,—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a line post embodying 30 our invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of an end post. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the end post looking at right angles to the position shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an elevation of a corner post. Fig. 5 is a plan view 35 of a corner post.

In carrying out our present invention, we employ a base plate 1 which is constructed of angle iron and is adapted to rest upon the surface of the ground over a block 40 of cement or natural stone, as indicated at 2 in Fig. 3, and anchoring bolts 3 are secured in the ends of the said base plate, the said anchoring bolts extending upward from a buried anchor plate 4 which extends beneath the stone block 2, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. These anchoring bolts have their upper ends projecting through suitable openings at the ends of the base plate and securing nuts 5 are mounted on the said upper 45 ends of the bolts for the purpose of securing the parts firmly together, as will be understood. Should the post settle unevenly one of the nuts 5 may be turned home so as to tighten up its respective bolt and thereby 55 compensate for such uneven settling and re-

turn the post to its perpendicular position. The body of the post consists of a standard 6 also formed of angle iron and riveted or otherwise rigidly secured at its lower end to the upstanding branch of the base plate, 60 as shown at 7. A brace 8 has its upper end secured to one branch of the standard 6 and its lower end secured to the horizontal branch of the base plate by being fitted over the upper end of the adjacent anchoring 85 bolt and secured thereon by the nut on the said bolt.

At the end of the fence we employ an end post illustrated more particularly in Fig. 2 and which is provided in addition to the 70 parts heretofore described with a second base plate 9 of angle iron extending longitudinally of the line of the fence and resting on the ground and connected with the standard 6 by a brace 10 of angle iron which has 75 its opposite ends secured respectively to the upper end of the standard and to the outer end of the base plate 9, as clearly shown.

At a corner of the fence we employ the construction illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. 80 In this construction the base plate 1 is set across the corner of the fence at an angle of 45 degrees to each of the meeting lines of the fence as shown in the drawing, and the standard 6 is so disposed on the base plate 85 that it rises therefrom with each of its branches or sides forming an angle of 45 degrees with the vertical branch of the base plate. Secured to and extending from the base plate 1 are supplemental base plates 90 11 and 12 which are also constructed of angle iron and have their vertical branches bearing against the sides of the standard 6 at the lower end of the same and rigidly secured thereto, the said supplemental 95 base plates being also rigidly secured at 16 to the horizontal branch of the main base plate 1, as clearly shown. Braces 13, constructed of angle iron, are rigidly secured at 17 at their lower ends to the outer ends 100 of the supplemental base plates and have their upper ends rigidly secured at 18 to the upper end of the standard, as shown in the drawings, and as will be readily understood, the said braces having their webs 105 twisted adjacent their ends so as to provide flat portions 14 of double thickness through which the fastening bolts or rivets 17 and 18 may be inserted to secure the said braces 110 firmly and rigidly to the ends of the base

plates and the upper ends of the standard. It is to be understood that in this description of the corner post the angle of 45 degrees is merely typical and that the several parts will be so disposed as to conform to the angle of the meeting lines of any fence, whatever that angle may be.

It will be readily seen from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, that we have provided a fence post which will possess all the advantages enumerated as desirable and which may be readily set up along the line of the fence by any one.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is:

1. In a fence post, the combination of a base plate, an anchoring plate, anchoring bolts connecting the anchoring plate and the base plate, a standard rising from the base plate, a supplemental base plate secured to the standard and the base plate, and braces connecting the base plates with the standard.

2. The combination of a base plate, an anchoring plate, anchoring bolts connecting the anchoring plate and the base plate, supplemental base plates secured to and diverging from the base plate, a standard rising from the base plate and secured to the supplemental base plates, and braces connect-

ing the supplemental base plates and the standard.

3. A fence post for use at an angle between two meeting lines of fence, the same comprising a base plate set across the angle, a standard rising from said base plate, supplemental base plates secured at their inner ends to said standard and main base plate and diverging thence from each other, and braces connecting the standard with remote points on the supplemental base plates.

4. A fence post for use at an angle between two meeting lines of fence, the same comprising a base plate set across the angle, a buried anchor plate, bolts connecting it with said base plate, a standard rising from said base plate, supplemental base plates secured at their inner ends to said standard and main base plate and diverging thence from each other, and braces connecting the standard with remote points on the supplemental base plates.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own, we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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