

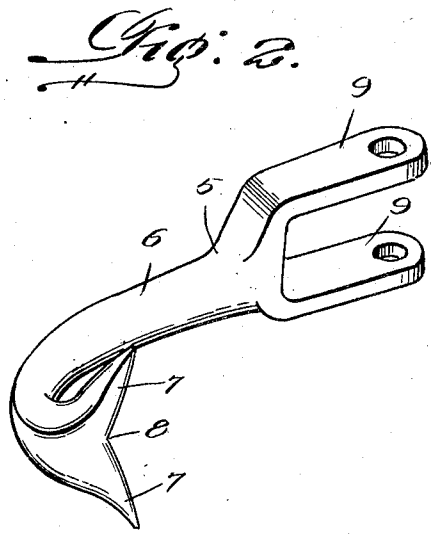
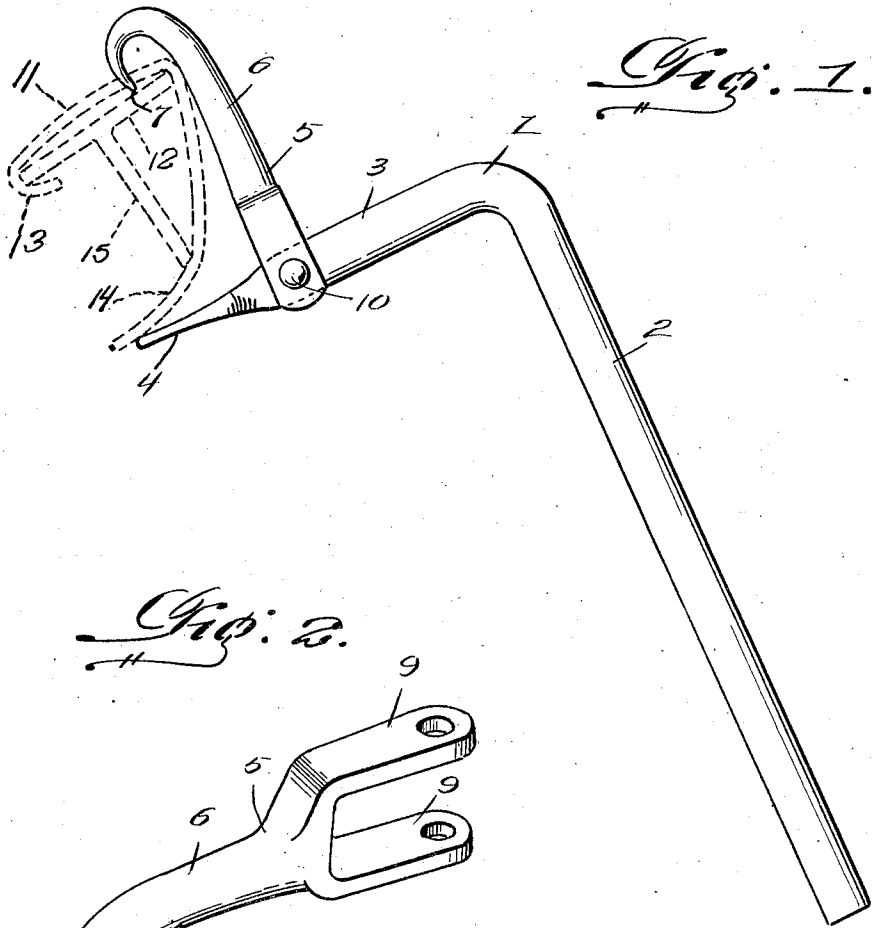
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The present invention relates to a clamping or bending tool for the staples or wire fasteners used to tie the wires of a fence to the T-fence post.

5 The invention has for its primary object a simple and durable construction of device of this character, by which a staple or wire fastener may be easily applied to engage the wire of the fence and the T-fence post and the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

10 For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

15 Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the improved tool illustrating the application thereof, and

20 Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the jaw forming a part of the tool.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that 1 designates generally the bar body, which includes the elongated handle portion 2, rectangularly disposed to the shank portion 3. The end of the shank portion 3 is flattened, as indicated at 4. A jaw 5 includes an elongated shank 6 having one end hooked over upon itself, flattened, and provided with diverging sides 7, to form a crotch 8, while the other end of the shank is bifurcated to provide a pair of spaced parallel apertured ears 9, which straddle an intermediate portion of the shank 3 and are pivoted thereto by means of a pin 10.

25 In use of the tool, the well known staple or wire fastener 11 is engaged with the cross portion 12 of the fence post with its hook end 13 engaged over one edge thereof, while the arm 14 thereof engages the free edge of the body 15. The tool is applied with the flattened end 4 of the shank 3 engaged adjacent the free edge of the staple while the

sides 7 of the jaw 6 are engaged with the cross portion 12, the crotch 8 receiving the adjacent portion of the staple, so that, as illustrated in Figure 1, when the handle 2 is swung to the left or in a clockwise direction, the arm 14 will be bent over into engagement with the hook 13. The staple is well known in the fence art, and does not form a part of this invention. Our improvement lies solely in the tool itself, which it will be seen is of a very simple construction and will prove thoroughly simple and reliable in operation, is easy to manipulate, and is strong and durable.

The present embodiment of the tool has been described in detail, merely by way of example, and it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction, in the sizes, materials, etc., may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed is:

A clamping tool for wire fence staples, comprising a bar bent intermediate its ends to form a handle and a right-angularly disposed shank provided with an opening for a pivot pin and having its extremity flattened, and a jaw including a shank having a pair of spaced ears at one end provided with openings for said pivot pin and straddling the intermediate portion of the shank of the bar and at its other end a curved hook portion having a crotch at its ends, and a pivot pin passing through the openings in the ears and the opening in the shank of the bar to pivot the jaw thereto on a side of said shank of the bar opposite to that from which extends the handle.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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