



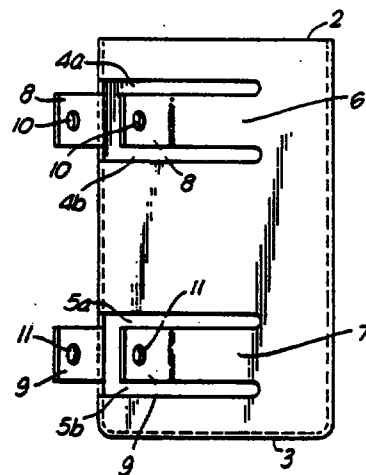
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(57) Abstract

A post support includes a rectangular box section (1) which is open at at least one end (2) to receive a post, wherein the material of the box section (1) at a corner location of the box section is slit by spaced horizontal cuts (4a, 4b, 5a, 5b) in a plurality of axially spaced locations to provide either at least two spaced pairs of tabs or flaps (6, 7) of wall material, or a single pair of tabs or flaps (6, 7) positioned at a substantially central location axially of the box section, the free ends (8, 9) of which tabs or flaps (6, 7) are bent outwardly away from the wall of the box section to form fixing flanges such that bringing together of a pair of flanges by a fixing means, for example, a bolt (12) passing through holes (10) in said pair of flanges (8, 9), compresses the tabs or flaps (6, 7) inwardly of the wall of the box section (1) thus decreasing the cross-sectional dimensions of the box section (1) in at least two spaced locations or at a single substantially centrally positioned location, the material of the box section in said corner location being continuous except in the region of said tabs or flaps (6, 7). By means of the invention, an undersized post can be securely held within the box section (1). In the event of failure of the fixing means (10), the integrity of the box section (1) is maintained because the material of the corner of the box either is continuous at least in the region between two pairs of tabs or flaps (6, 7), and optionally also above and below each pair, or is continuous in the region above and below a single pair of tabs or flaps (6, 7). The post support of the invention will also normally have means for fixing it in or to a base support, for example an elongate member that can be driven into the ground, may be attached to the box section (1).



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