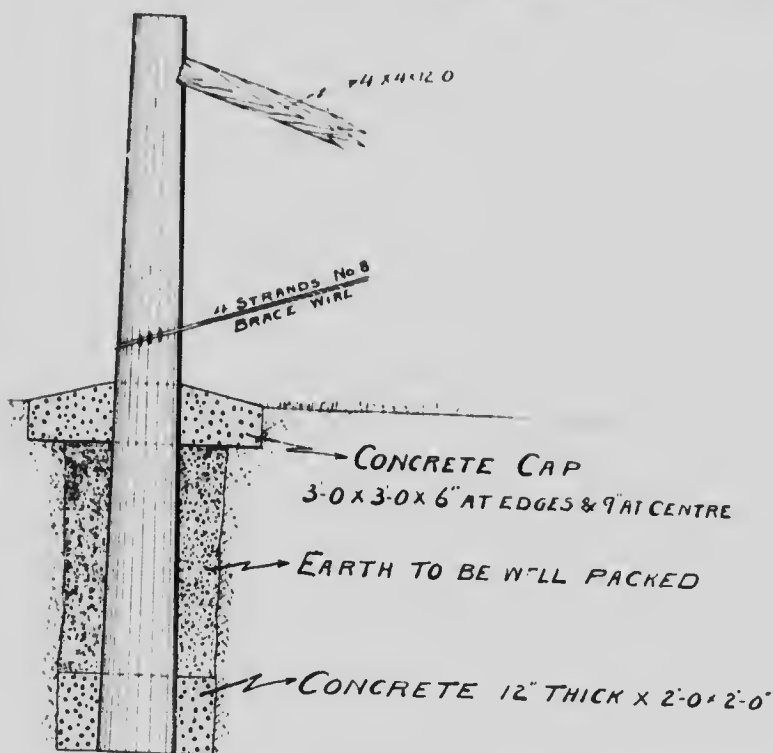


The wire is attached to the posts by clips on the posts themselves so there are no staples to buy or drive. Repairs are slight. Steel posts make a tidy, attractive, durable fence, easily erected and easily maintained in a good state of repair.

Now whatever kind of post is decided upon one must remember this fact that the life and usefulness of any wire fence, barbed or woven, depends almost entirely upon the corner and brace posts and these should always be selected and set with due care or the fence when up will be of little use and practically a waste of time and money. If one does not wish to go to the expense of getting all good posts at first he must by all means have the corner, end, brace and gate posts right.

CORNER, END AND GATE POSTS.

A wooden corner, end, or gate post should be at least 8 inches in diameter at the top and should be set not less than 4½ feet in the ground. It should extend about 2 inches above the last wire to give a good appearance. The hole should be dug large enough so that proper



METHOD OF ANCHORING CORNER POSTS WITH CONCRETE

bracing may be made as shown in the diagram. The post is set squarely against the solid ground. The corner may be set in solid concrete with large stones at the bottom. This will insure a much longer life as decay will not take place, as it usually does, within a few inches from the surface of the ground.