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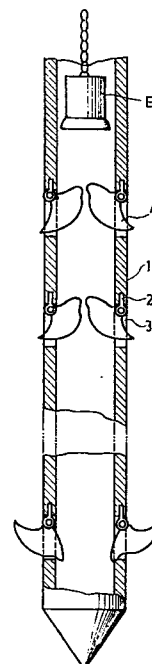
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⑤④ **Piles.**

⑤⑦ Piles for acting as supports or strengthening members comprise hollow, rigid tubular members (1) including a pointed end and a plurality of holes (3) in which are mounted pivotable sharp members (4). The pile is inserted into a pre-formed hole in the ground (A) with the sharp members (4) retracted and a heavy tool (E) is passed through the pile to force the sharp members (4) outwardly into the ground. The piles have much improved bearing load capacity.



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