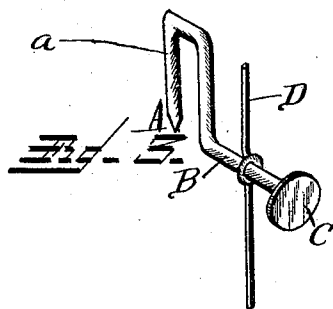
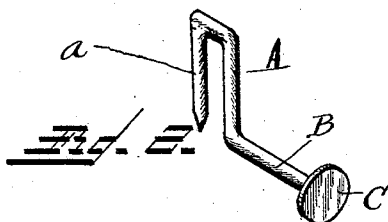
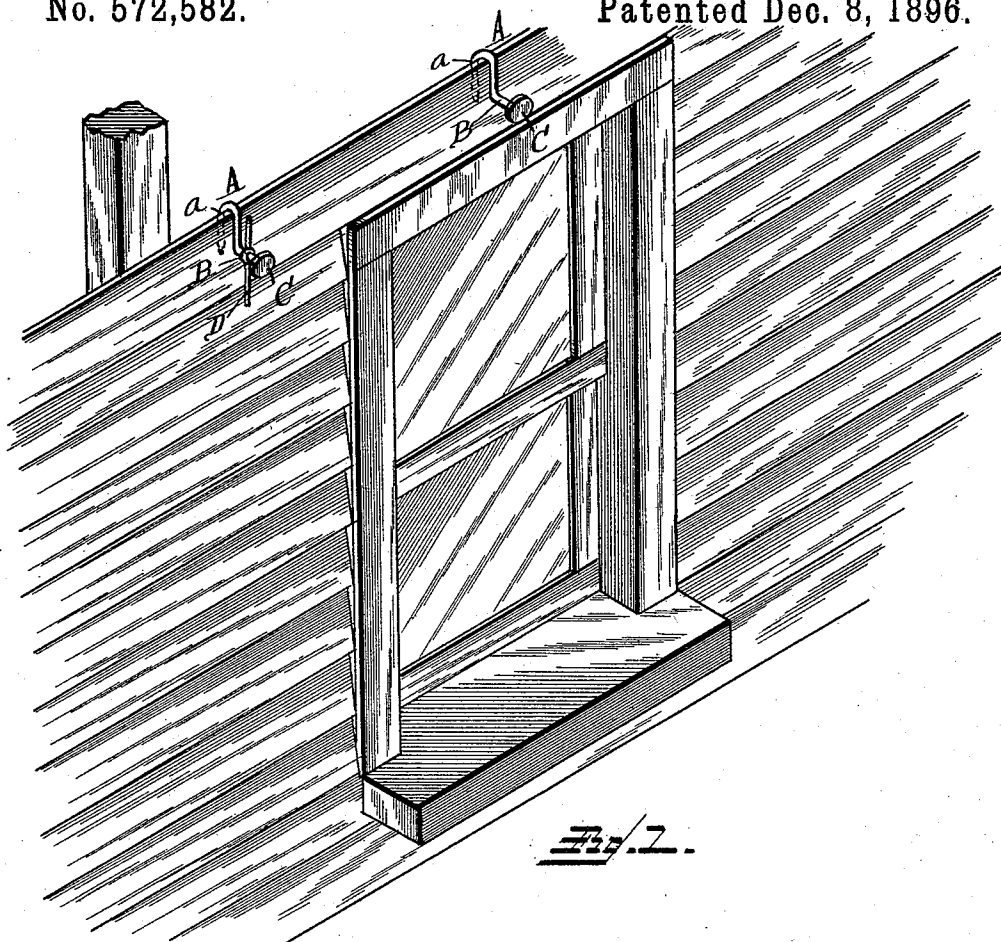


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM STEVENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Weather-Board Gages and Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in weather-board gages and supports; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple and cheap device for the purpose of holding the board and forming a gage therefor, and it is further provided with means for drawing up the boards in case they are twisted.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the combined gage and holder on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a view of the same with the attachment thereon.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the device, which is formed of a single piece of metal bent, as shown, to form the hook portion *a*, having substantially parallel sides and of a distance between them to easily receive the edge of a board. The parallel portions of this hook may be of greater or less length, and from one extends the horizontal arm B, having preferably at its end the head or collar or flange C, as shown. In practice it is proposed

to make these hooks with the vertical portions of different lengths, so as to provide for use where the boards are to lap more or less.

In use the first board is placed in position and nailed, and then the hook is placed over the top edge thereof, where it will be held with its arm extending horizontally, and on this horizontal portion the next board may rest while being nailed, the vertical portion determining the amount of lap. The hook is removed before the board is nailed its entire length by sliding the same in the direction of the length of the board, and in case of long boards two or more of the gages may be employed.

In Fig. 3 I have shown upon the horizontal portion a wire D, which is adapted for use only where the weather-boards are twisted and which serves to press in upon the said boards and hold them straight while being nailed. It is rotatably mounted on the horizontal portion of the gage, so that it can be turned to take the warp out of the weather-board. This wire while frictionally held upon the horizontal portion or arm B when said wire is placed in position to bear against the board and hold it straight can be adjusted on the horizontal arm to accommodate it to various thicknesses of the butt of the board, where it will serve its function equally as well.

What is claimed as new is—

A combined weather-board gage and holder consisting of a hook to engage over the top of a board, and a horizontal portion, to gage the board and to support the same, and a wire rotatably mounted on the said arm to press upon the boards, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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