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Shingle.

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SHINGLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY T. CLAY, of Gardiner, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and
5 Improved Shingle for the Covering of Buildings; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.
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The nature of the invention consists in the peculiar shape of the shingle, it being so constructed that a portion of the shingle at the butt, (consisting of such portion as is
15 laid or exposed to the weather, which is generally about one third of the length more or less,) is made of an uniform thickness, as from *a a* to *b b*, and from the point
20 *b* on the upper side of the shingle I commence to taper the shingle, and taper it to the point *c*, thus giving it all of the taper

on the upper side, as from *b* to *c* and a perfect straight surface on the under side as from *a* to *c*. In making a shingle thus, it gives more thickness at the point *b* where
25 the layer next above begins, and thus gives a longer wear to it by the abrasion of rain, and snow, than can be had by the shingle made in the common form.

What I claim as my invention, and for
30 which I ask an exclusive right is—

1. A shingle of uniform thickness at the butt, so far as it is to be laid to the weather.

2. A shingle that commences to taper at the point on the upper side, where the next
35 layer above covers it, and tapers all on that side.

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