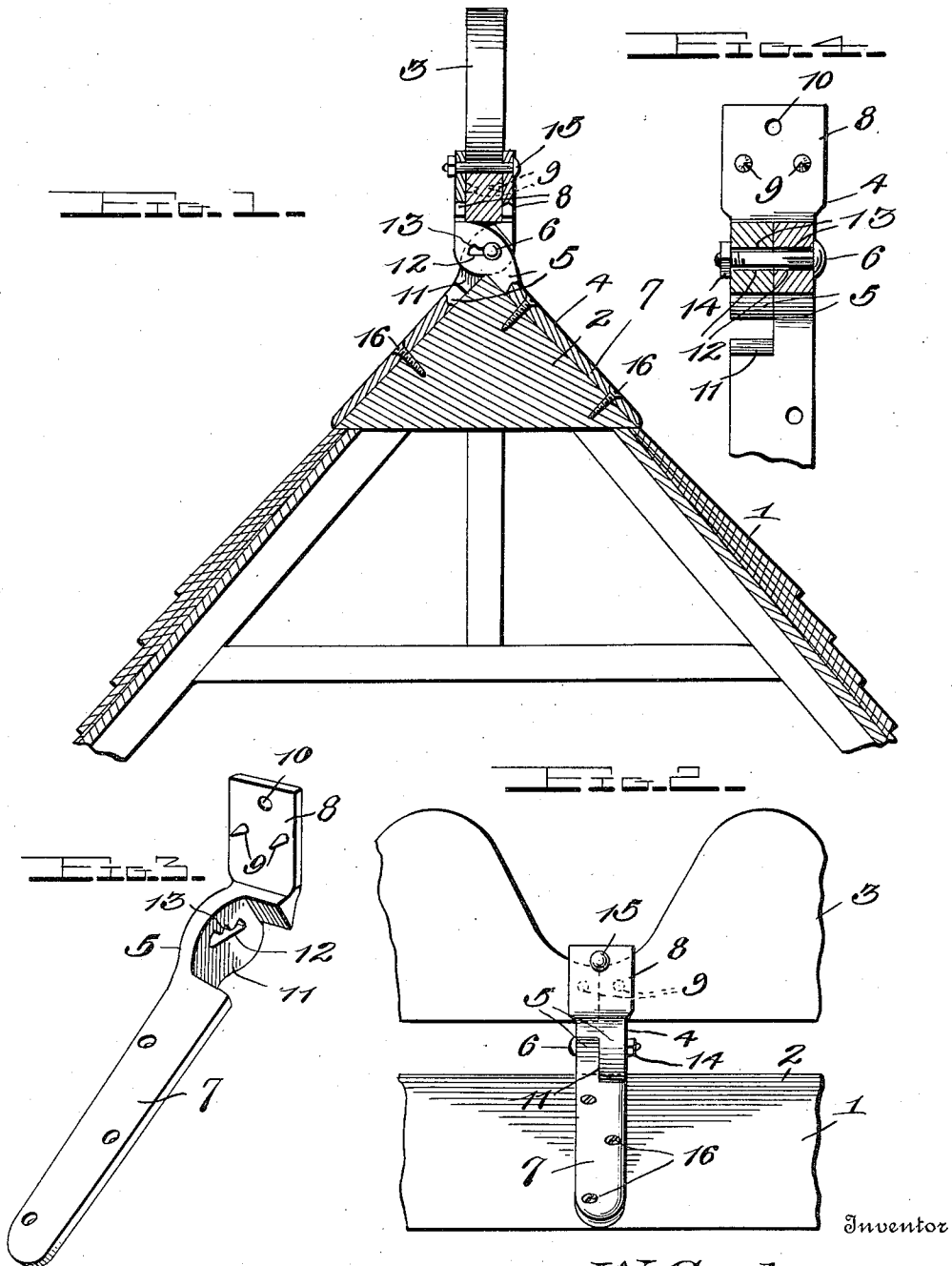


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM CONLAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Grant and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cresting-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention comprehends certain new and useful improvements in crestring holders and relates more particularly to devices of this nature designed especially for holding crestring on pitched roofs.

15 The primary object of the invention is to provide novel means for securing crestring, which shall be far superior to the method now in common use. At the present time crestring is usually secured on a pitched roof by being nailed between two spaced ridge boards. This method is objectionable since it is next to impossible to prevent water leaking into the building between the sides of the crestring and the adjoining ridge boards. By using my improved crestring holder it is possible to have the ridge boards abut one another, or if desired, only one may be used, either construction being preferable to that commonly employed.

30 The invention also aims to provide a crestring holder which shall be simple in construction, cheap to manufacture and one which may be adjusted to different thicknesses of crestring and to different pitched roofs.

35 The invention also aims to generally improve devices of this nature to render them more useful and commercially desirable.

40 With these and other objects in view, as shall become apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts as I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

45 In the embodiment of my invention I provide a pair of pivoted cross-levers, the lower portions of which form legs which are securely fastened to the ridge board or boards, and the upper portions of which form gripping jaws to hold the crestring.

50 For a complete understanding of my invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which—

55 Figure 1 is an end view of a pitched roof showing a piece of crestring held by my im-

proved device; Fig. 2 is a view showing the manner of connecting the levers; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the cross-levers; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of my invention as it appears in use.

Similar parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the accompanying drawing by like reference characters.

Referring to the drawing by numerals 1 65 designates a pitched roof having a ridge board 2 which is triangular in cross-section and to which is secured the crestring 3 by means of my holder 4. The holder comprises a pair of pivoted cross-levers 5 secured intermediate the ends by the pivot pin or bolt 6.

The lower portions or legs 7 are considerably longer than the upper portions or jaws 8 and have their inner sides flattened to provide a suitable surface for engagement with the ridge board 2. The jaws 8, which are of considerable width, are bent slightly upwardly so as to bring their faces into parallel planes. Each jaw is provided with a plurality of inwardly projecting spurs 9 and a transverse opening 10 which is near the upper edge thereof. Longitudinal recesses 11 are formed in the opposed edges of the levers 5 where they cross for the purpose of bringing said levers into alinement and also for the purpose of easily connecting them. Each of the recessed portions 11 is provided with a slot 12 having its upper wall notched as at 13. The bolt 6 which pivotally connects the cross-levers 5 passes through the slots 12 and is retained in any desired position therein by the notches 13.

When using my device the first operation is to so adjust it as to have the distance between the jaws, when the legs are secured to the ridge board, equal to the width of the crestring to be used. This can be done by putting the bolt 6 in the proper notches 13 where it may be retained by the nut 14. Then a strip of crestring 3 is placed between the jaws 8 and held there while the legs 7 are secured by the fasteners 16 to the ridge board 2. The spurs 9 bite into the crestring and serve, together with the bolt 15, to hold the same firmly. As crestring usually comes in four-foot lengths, it is my intention to apply one of the holders at every joint so that it will engage the meeting ends of two strips. This arrangement is clearly shown in Fig. 4.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be seen that I have provided a cresting holder of extremely simple construction and one which may be easily and quickly applied in position.

It is to be understood that while I have shown a preferred form of my invention I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction and arrangement of parts herein shown and described, but may make such changes as fall within the scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

1. An adjustable cresting holder comprising a pair of cross levers adapted to be secured to a ridge board, the lower portions of said levers forming diverging legs and the upper portions forming spaced jaws, the levers being notched at their crossing point and provided with registering slots having their upper walls notched, and a bolt work-

ing within said slots to pivotally connect the levers.

2. The combination with a pitched roof, having a ridge board triangular in cross section, and cresting strips, of a pair of cross-levers, the lower portions forming diverging legs adapted to be secured to the ridge board and the upper portions forming parallel, spaced jaws, adapted to grip said cresting, each jaw being formed with a transverse opening near its upper edge, a bolt adapted to be secured in said openings, a plurality of inwardly projecting spurs formed on the jaws, the cross-levers being formed with registering, transverse slots having their upper walls notched, and a bolt working within said slots to pivotally connect the levers.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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