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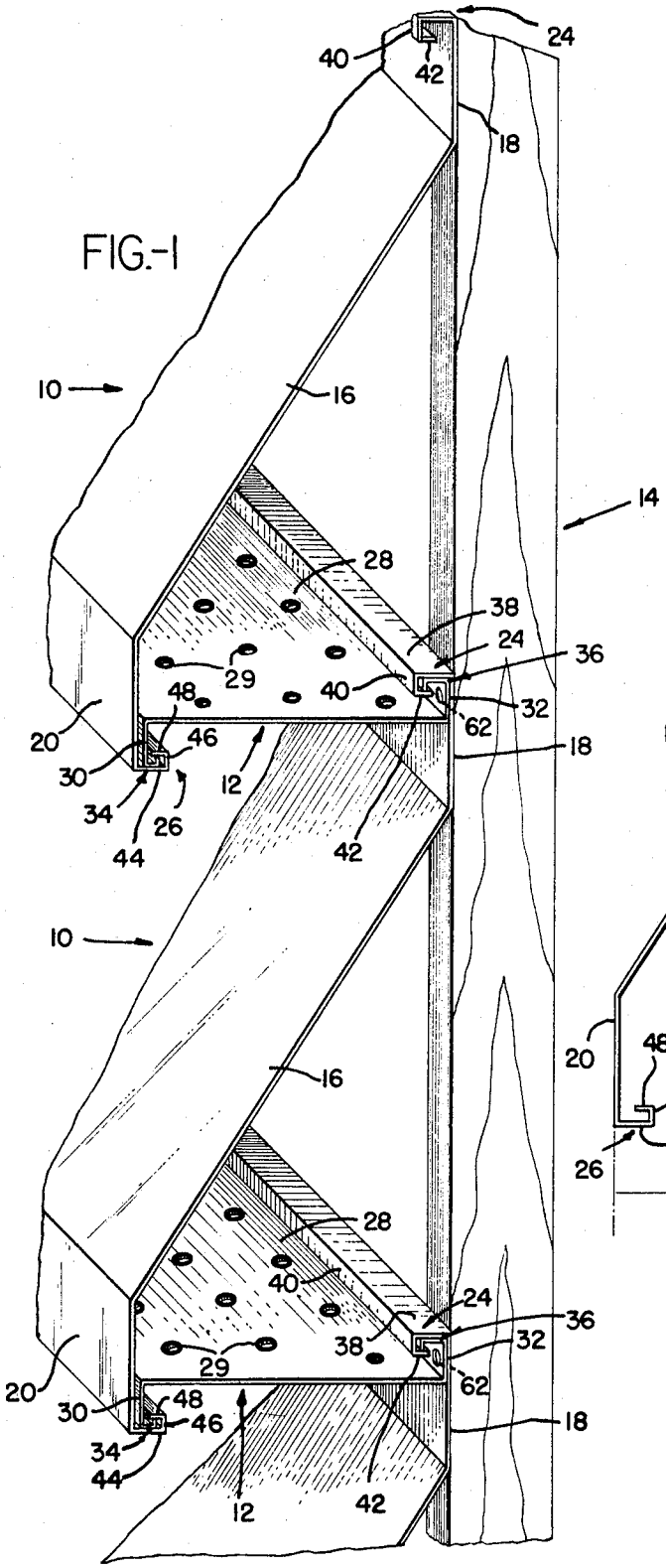

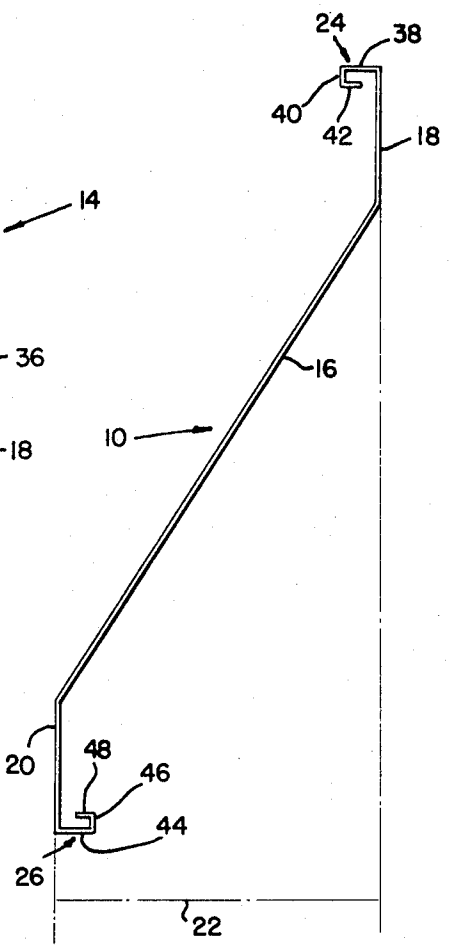

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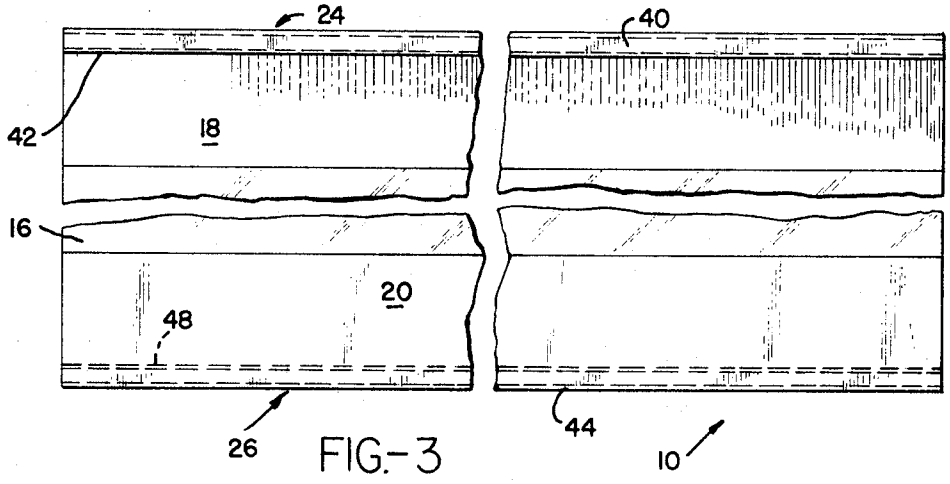

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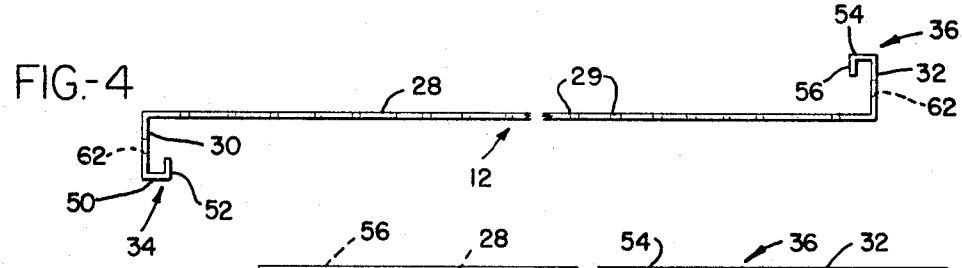

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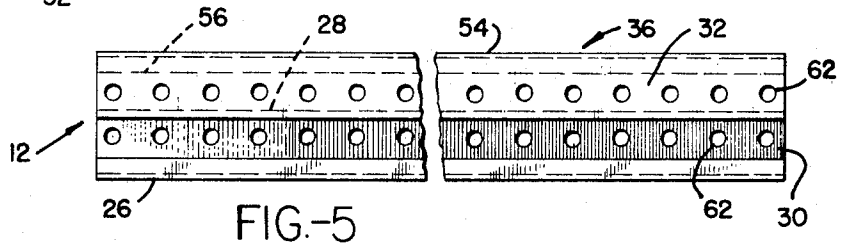

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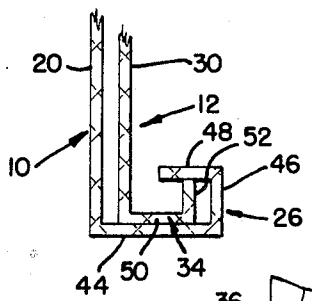

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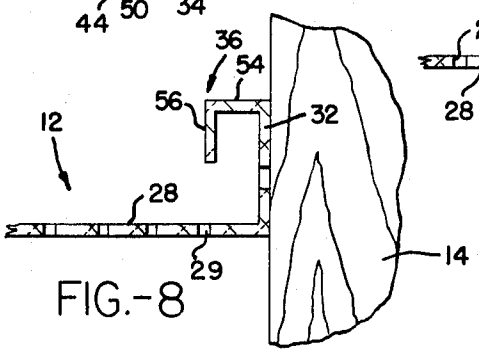

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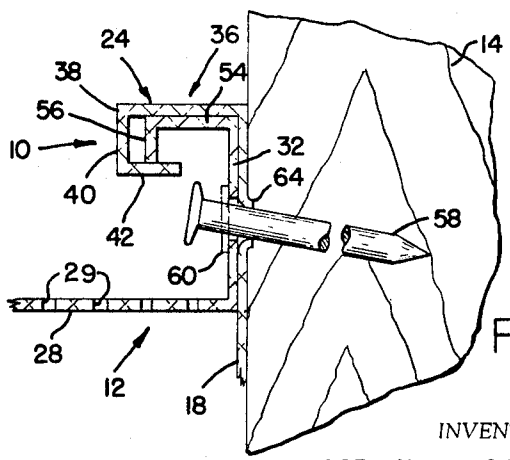

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This invention relates to a ventilating system which may be used on gable ends and the like.

The ventilating system or combination includes one ore more similar louver sheet members and one or more ventilator sheet members which may be efficiently secured together at any desired place, such as at the gable end of a building and the like, to provide an efficient and attractive louver construction.

The louver sheet members and the ventilator sheet members may be made in standard or special lengths, and other dimensions, so they may be assembled and secured to the framing construction of the building by simple fastening operations which produce a firm, durable and attractive louver construction.

Other features and advantages are apparent from this description, the appended claimed subject matter and/or the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a diagrammatic perspective view of a ventilating combination embodying this invention.

FIGURE 2 is an end view of a louver sheet member of said combination.

FIGURE 3 is a side view of FIGURE 2 with parts broken away.

FIGURE 4 is an end view of a ventilator sheet member of said combination, on an enlarged scale.

FIGURE 5 is a side view of FIGURE 4 with parts broken away.

FIGURE 6 is a typical outer joint of said combination.

FIGURE 7 is a typical intermediate inner joint of said combination.

FIGURE 8 is a typical starting inner attachment joint of said combination.

Certain words indicating direction, relative position, and the like, are used herein for convenience and brevity of description. However, it is to be understood that such description applies only to the drawings, and that in actual use the parts so described may have entirely different direction, relative position, etc. Examples of such words are "upper," "lower," "vertical," "horizontal," etc.

The word "outward" is used herein, at times, to describe a position outward or away from the building. The word "inward" is often used herein to imply the converse meaning.

A ventilating combination according to this invention may include one or more louver sheet members **10** and one or more ventilator sheet members **12** which may be assembled and secured to any framing construction **14**, vertical or otherwise, of a building, or the like.

The louver and ventilating sheets **10** and **12** may be formed or extruded from any suitable material, such as any suitable aluminum alloy and the like, and can be attractively coated and/or colored as desired. They may be made with symmetrical edge constructions and of standard or special lengths, and other dimensions, so they may be quickly and efficiently assembled on the building and the like.

The louver sheet member **10** may have an upwardly and inwardly slanting central louver portion **16** with an inner vertical upper edge louver extension **18** to be secured to the vertical framing construction **14** in a manner to be described. The sheet member **10** may also have an outer vertical lower edge louver extension **20**, which has a main horizontal louver offset with respect to the upper edge louver extension **18**, as indicated by the dotted dimension line **22** in FIGURE 2.

The upper edge louver extension **18** may have a horizontally outward upper louver hook **24** of less horizontal extent than the offset **22**. The lower edge louver extension **20** may have a horizontally inward lower louver hook **26** of less horizontal extent than said offset **22**.

The ventilator sheet member **12** may have a central apertured horizontal main ventilator portion **28** having apertures **29**. The member **12** may also have an outer vertical downward edge extension **30** and an inner vertical upward edge ventilator extension **32** to be secured to the framing construction **14**.

The apertures **29** may be sufficiently large to provide the desired ventilation into and out of the building. However, such apertures **29** may also be small enough to prevent entrance of bugs, insects, etc. For example, such apertures may be holes .093 inch in diameter and may be spaced .188 inch on centers.

The downward extension **30** may have an inward ventilator hook **34** of a dimension to be engaged in the lower hook **26**, as shown in FIGURE 6.

The upward ventilator extension **32** may have an outward ventilator hook **36** which may be of a dimension to be engaged with an upper louver hook **24** of another similar ventilating combination below the outward ventilator hook **36**, as shown in FIGURE 7.

The upper edge louver extension **18** and upper louver hook **24** may be symmetrical with the lower louver extension **20** and the lower louver hook **26**. The downward edge ventilator extension **30** and the inward ventilator hook **34** may be symmetrical with the upward edge ventilator extension **32** and the outward ventilator hook **36**.

The outward upper louver hook **24** may have an outward horizontal extension **38**, a downward vertical extension **40** and an inward horizontal extension **42**. The inward lower louver hook **26** may have an inward horizontal extension **44**, an upward vertical extension **46** and an outward horizontal extension **48**.

The inward ventilator hook **34** may have an inward horizontal extension **50** and an upward vertical extension **52**. The outward ventilator hook **36** may have an outward horizontal extension **54** and a downward vertical extension **56**.

The constructions of the louver sheet members **10** and the ventilator sheet members **12** are such that a first combination of a louver sheet member **10** and ventilator sheet member **12**, such as shown in the intermediate part of FIGURE 1, may be combined and engaged with a second and lower similar combination of a louver member **10** and ventilator member **12** (only partially shown) immediately below such intermediate combination as partially shown in the lower part of FIGURE 1 and/or with a second and upper combination of a louver member **10** and ventilator member **12**, as shown in the upper part of FIGURE 1.

Any number of combinations may be combined and engaged together and with the framing construction **14** as indicated diagrammatically in FIGURE 1.

These combinations may be easily and efficiently installed where desired, such as by being attached to the typical framing construction **14**, which may include vertical support side members at the sides of the louver construction and/or intermediate vertical support members.

These combinations may be erected in the following manner.

The lowermost horizontal ventilator sheet member **12** of FIGURE 8 may have its upward edge extension **32** secured directly to the framing construction **14** by means of a suitable number of fasteners which may be the same as fasteners **58** of FIGURE 7, with or without washers **60**, FIGURE 7. The fasteners **58** may be aluminum alloy nails or screws which may be inserted through any of the preformed perforations **62** of extension **32** and may be driven into the framing construction **14**.

This first lowermost horizontal ventilator sheet member **12**, as shown in FIGURE 8 may be the first member to be readily fastened directly to the framing construction **14** independently of any upper edge lower extension and without interference from any upper louver member **10**, since no such upper louver member has yet been attached. The upward edge extension **32**, FIGURE 8, may have nails or screws easily hammered or driven into the framing construction **14**. At that time there is no upper louver member **10** to interfere with the hammering or driving of the nails or screws. Also, the downward edge extension **30** of the ventilator member **12** does not interfere with such hammering or screw driving operation, since the extension **30** is downwardly directed and does not extend above the horizontal main portion **28** of the ventilator **12**. Therefore, this first ventilator member **12** of FIGURE 8 is quickly, easily and efficiently secured to the frame construction **14**.

After the first and lowermost ventilating sheet **12** has been directly connected to the framing construction **14**, a louver sheet member **10** may have its outer lower edge extension **20** connected to the outer downward edge extension **30** of such lowermost ventilating sheet **12**, in the same manner as is shown in FIGURES 1 and 6. The hooks **26** and **34** may be interlocked as shown in FIGURE 6. Then the upper edge louver extension **18** of such louver sheet member **10** may be the next member to be secured to the framing construction **14** with or without engaging and interlocking an upward edge extension **32** of the lower ventilating member **12** shown in FIGURE 1. If a second ventilating member is used, then the attachment may be as shown in FIGURES 1 and 7, wherein the fasteners **58** pass through the preformed openings in the upward edge extension **32** and through punctures **64** pierced by the fasteners **58**, or by a suitable tool, so the fasteners **58** can pass into the framing construction **14**. The nail or screw **58** of FIGURE 7 is quickly, easily and efficiently hammered or driven into the frame construction **14** without interference from any upper louver member **10**. At that time there is no upper louver member installed to interfere with such hammering or driving operation. Again, as previously described in connection with the installation in FIGURE 8, the hammering or screw driving operation can be performed without interference from any upper louver **10**. If desired a second upper combination of members **10** and **12** may be added above the first or intermediate combination of members **10** and **12**, as shown in FIGURE 1. Any number of additional combinations of members **10** and **12** may be superimposed on the combinations of members **10** and **12** shown in FIGURE 1.

If desired, the hook **24** of the uppermost louver member **10** may be allowed to remain for attachment of outer wall siding members, not shown, or such hook **24** may be sheared off, so the remaining part of the upward extension **18** can be flashed under suitable framing or siding of the building construction.

The sheets **10** and **12** may be of any suitable material, such as of any suitable aluminum alloy which may be coated or colored in any desired manner. The sheets may be, for example, .020 inch thick.

The sheet **10** may be 5.77 inches in vertical extent, and may have a main offset **20** of 2½ inches. The vertical extensions **18** and **20** may be 1 inch. The horizontal extensions **38** and **44** may be ¼ inch. The upward and downward vertical extensions **40** and **46** may be ⅛ inch and the horizontal extensions **42** and **48** may be ⅛ inch.

The sheet **12** may be of a length to fit into the upper hook **24** and the lower hook **26**. The downward and upward edge extensions **30** and **32** may be ⅜ inch. The horizontal extensions **50** and **54** may be .156 inch. The vertical extensions **52** and **56** may be .078 inch.

It is thus to be seen that a new, efficient and useful ventilating system has been provided, which can be prefabricated and/or tailored for installation and use at any desired location.

While the form of the invention now preferred has been disclosed as required by statute, other forms may be used, all coming within the scope of the claimed subject matter which follows.

What is claimed is:

1. A ventilating combination comprising: a louver sheet member having a main upward and inwardly slanting central louver portion with an inner vertical upper edge louver extension to be secured to a vertical framing construction and with an outer vertical lower edge louver extension with a main horizontal louver offset with respect to said upper edge louver extension, said upper edge louver extension having a horizontally outward upper louver hook of less horizontal extent than said main horizontal louver offset, and said lower edge louver extension having a horizontally inward lower louver hook of less horizontal extent than said main horizontal offset; and a ventilator sheet member having a central apertured horizontal main ventilator portion with an outer vertical downward edge ventilator extension and with an inner vertical upward edge ventilator extension to be secured to said framing construction, said downward edge ventilator extension having an inward ventilator hook to be engaged in said lower louver hook, and said upward edge ventilator extension having an outward ventilator hook and with said upward edge ventilator extension to be secured to said vertical framing construction before said upper edge louver extension is secured to said framing construction.

2. A combination according to claim **1**, and with said outward upper louver hook having an outward horizontal extension, a downward vertical extension and an inward horizontal extension and with said inward lower louver hook having an inward horizontal extension, an upward vertical extension and an outward horizontal extension and with said inward ventilator hook having an inward horizontal extension and an upward vertical extension and with said outward ventilator hook having an outward horizontal extension and a downward vertical extension and in which various ones of said extensions are engaged to each other to join said louver sheet member and said ventilator sheet member together.

3. A louver sheet member having a main upward and inwardly slanting central louver portion with an inner vertical upper edge louver extension to be secured to a vertical framing construction and with an outer vertical lower edge louver extension with a main horizontal louver offset with respect to said upper edge louver extension, said upper edge louver extension having a horizontally outward upper louver hook of less horizontal extent than said main horizontal louver offset, and said lower edge louver extension having a horizontally inward lower louver hook of less horizontal extent than said main horizontal offset and with said outward upper louver hook having an outward horizontal extension, a downward vertical extension and an inward horizontal extension.

4. A louver sheet member according to claim **3** with said inward lower louver hook having an inward horizontal extension, an upward vertical extension and an outward horizontal extension.

5. A ventilator sheet member having a central horizontal apertured main ventilator portion with an outer vertical downward edge ventilator extension and with an inner vertical upward edge ventilator extension to be se-

cured to a vertical framing construction, said downward edge ventilator extension having an inward ventilator hook, and said upward edge ventilator extension having an outward ventilator hook said downward edge ventilator extension and said inward ventilator hook being symmetrical with said upward edge ventilator extension and said outward ventilator hook, with said inward ventilator hook having an inward horizontal extension and an upward vertical extension, and with said outward ventilatoh hook having an outward horizontal extension and a downward vertical extension.

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