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Fig: 1.

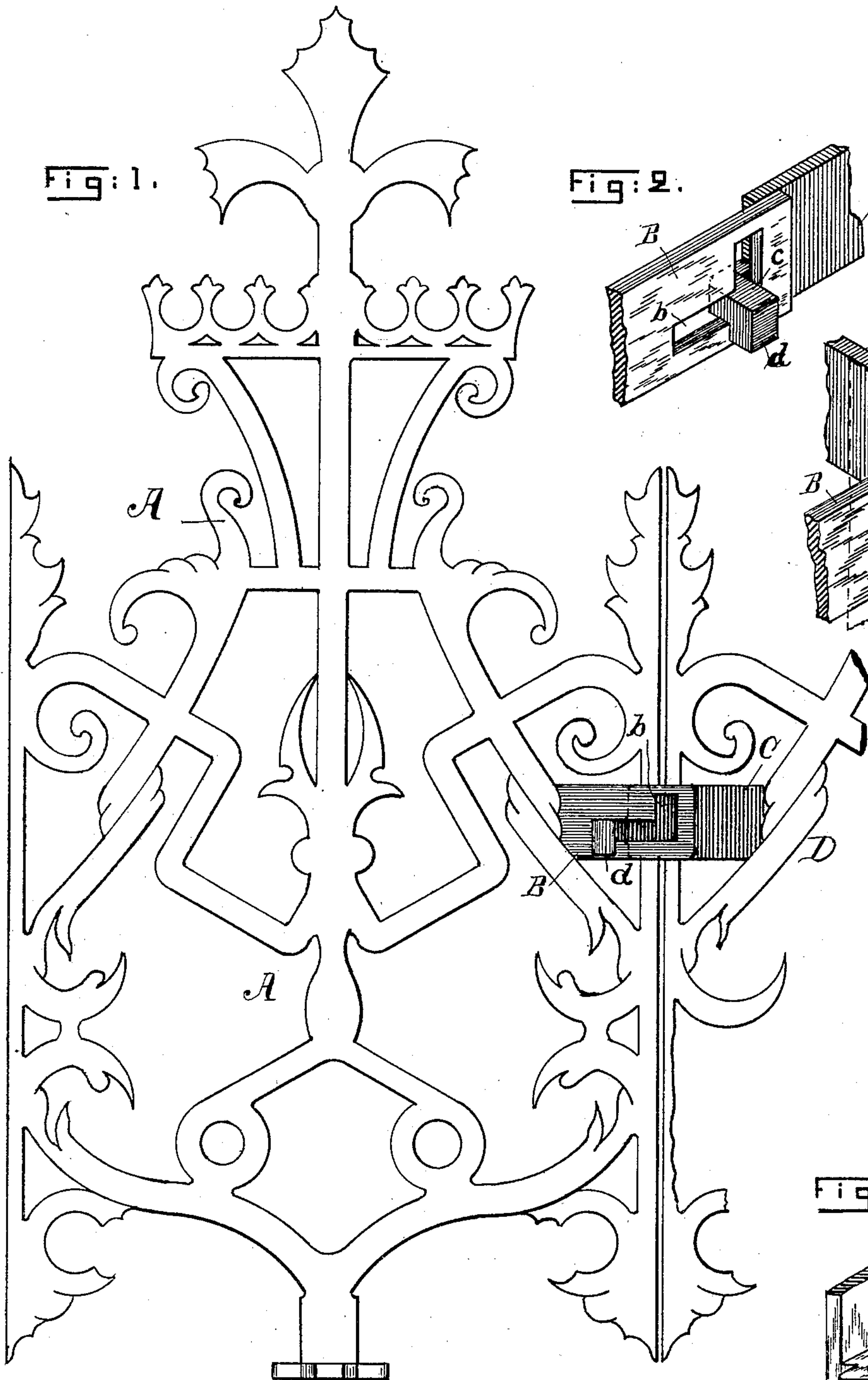


Fig: 2.

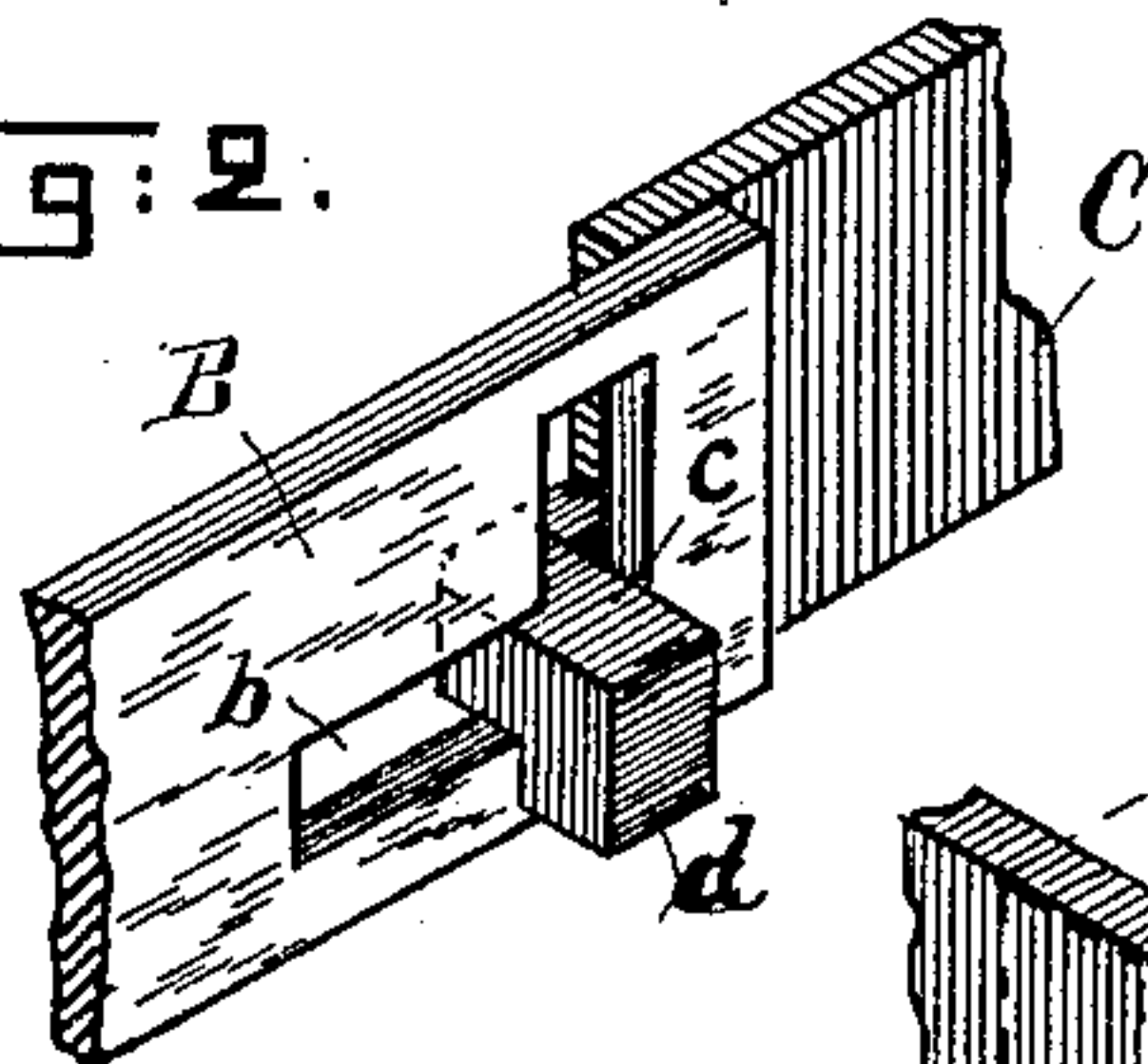


Fig: 3.

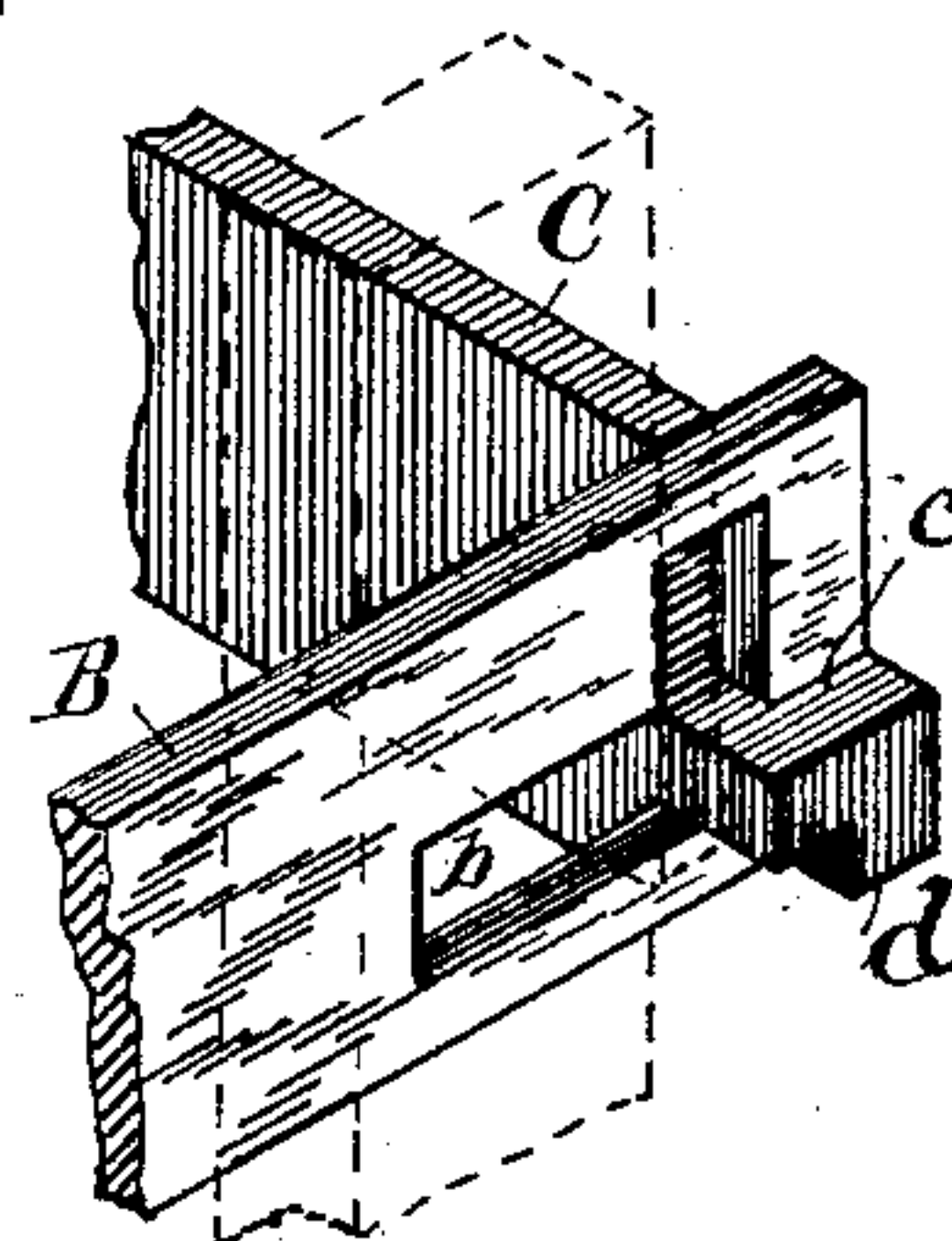
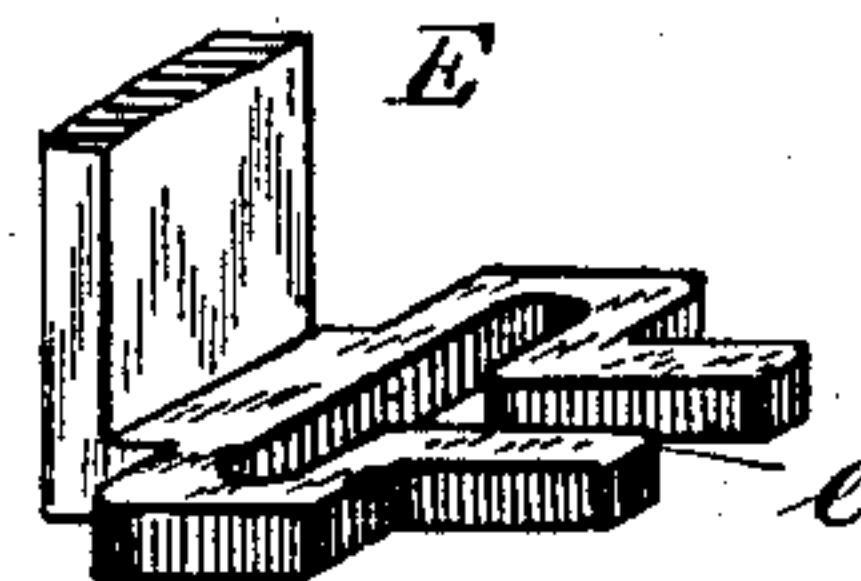


Fig: 4.



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## ADJUSTABLE CRESTING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN HANIKA, of the city of Springfield, county of Clark, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Cresting, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to adjustable cresting, the object of the invention being to provide an ornamental section with a connecting-piece having an L-shaped slot adapted to be entered by an L-shaped hook upon the section next adjacent, whereby the sections may be connected together or removed while in the same position relative to one another.

I am aware that it is not new to provide an ornament-section with a T-headed hook extending from the frame of the ornament on one side and adapted to engage with an elongated slot in a frame-bar extending from the ornament-section connecting therewith; but such construction was inconvenient, as it was necessary to tip the one ornament-section sufficiently to permit the T-head entering the slot in the frame-bar of the section to which it was to be connected; furthermore, should it at any time become necessary to detach and remove any one of the ornament-sections it could not be accomplished without removing separately each section at one side thereof.

My invention consists in an adjustable cresting, each ornament-section of which is provided at one side with a T-shaped hook extending from the frame thereof, and adapted to engage with an L-shaped slot formed in the connection-piece extending from the frame of the ornament-section next adjacent, substantially as hereinafter described.

It also consists in an ornament-section for cresting having a frame-bar provided with a right-angle hook projecting therefrom, the said hook having a downwardly-projecting end and being adapted to engage with a slot in the frame-bar of the ornament-section next adjoining, the slot in the frame-bar of the ornament-section being of a shape to permit the entrance of the hook without tipping the ornament-sections at an angle to one another, substantially as hereinafter described.

It also consists in ornament-sections, one of which is provided with a frame-bar having a right-angle slot, and the other of which is pro-

vided with a frame-bar having a right-angle hook so constructed as to engage with the right-angle slot of the ornament next adjoining, and to permit the ornaments to be placed at right angles to one another, as when turning a corner, and securely held against side movement, substantially as hereinafter described.

It also consists in an ornament-section for cresting having a foot or base piece provided with a T-shaped slot, for the purpose substantially as hereinafter described.

Figure 1 represents in front elevation a portion of two ornament-sections for cresting as constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 represents in perspective a portion of the two frame-bars or connecting-pieces, the said bars being on a parallel line with one another, one of which is provided with an angle-hook and the other with a right-angle slot engaged by said hook; Fig. 3, a view of the same, representing the frame-bars as at right angles to one another; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the foot of the ornament-section, partially in section.

The ornament-section A, of any usual construction and design, is provided at one side of its frame with a frame-bar, B, provided with a right-angle or L-shaped slot, *b*, said slot being adapted to receive a right angle or L-shaped hook, *c*, extending out from the frame-bar C on the ornament-section D, and allow the said ornament-sections to be adjusted in a line with one another, or permit expansion or contraction. Each ornament-section will preferably be provided with a slotted bar, B, on one side, and a frame-bar, C, provided with a hook at its opposite side. The hook *c*, as will be noticed by reference to Fig. 2, extends outward a short distance in the direction of the length of the frame-bar C, where it is turned at right angles thereto, thereby forming an L, and is provided with a downward projection, *d*, which engages the side of the frame-bar B when in place to prevent lateral displacement. The foot or base piece E of the ornament-section is provided with a T-shaped slot, *e*, open at one end preferably, the said slot permitting the ornament-section to be adjusted when desired after it is connected with the roof of a building or other place. The



foot-piece E will preferably be of a shape corresponding to the shape of the slot; it may, however, be of various shapes.

The operation of my improved cresting is as follows: The ornament-section A will first be secured to the roof or other place by means of a screw extended through the slot *e* of the foot-piece E, the ornament-section D is then engaged with the one, A, by slightly raising it until its right-angle hook *c* comes opposite the vertical part of the slot *b* in the frame-bar of section A, through which it is extended and allowed to drop until resting upon the base of the said slot, and the depending part of said hook *c* engages the side of the frame-bar B of section A, thus bringing the two sections A and D on a line with one another, when the section D may be adjusted more or less side-wise and fastened to the roof by means of a screw through its foot-piece. By this construction it will be readily seen that I may readily remove any one of a series of ornament-sections and put in another one without disturbing any of the ornament-sections at either side thereof.

When desired to place the ornament-sections at right angles to one another, as shown in Fig. 3, a finial post will preferably be used at the crotch or inside angle, and be bolted to one of the sections by a bolt extending through the slot *b* of the frame-bar B. This post may, however, be dispensed with, if desired, as it is simply necessary to turn the sections at the desired angle to one another and secure them to the roof by its fastening screw or bolt.

It is obvious that one ornament-section might be provided with slotted bars at both sides, and be engaged by hooks on both sides of the next adjacent ornament-section, or vice versa.

I claim—

1. In an adjustable cresting, an ornament-section provided at one side with an L-shaped or right-angle hook adapted to engage with an L-shaped or right-angle slot formed in a frame-bar extending from the frame of the ornament-section next adjoining, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. An ornament-section for adjustable cresting, having a frame-bar extending from one side thereof, provided with a projecting right-angled hook having a downwardly-projecting end, said hook being adapted to engage with an angular slot in the frame-bar extending from the side of the ornament-section next adjacent, the slot and hook being so shaped as to permit the connecting of ornament-sections without tipping them at an angle to one another, substantially as described.

3. The ornament-section A, provided at one side with the frame-bar B, provided with the slot *b*, of a shape substantially as shown, and at the other side with the frame-bar C, provided with a projecting right-angle hook, *c*, having the downwardly-projecting end *d*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. An ornament-section for cresting, the foot piece or base E of which is provided with a T-shaped slot, whereby the ornament-section may be adjusted, if desired, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Springfield, Ohio, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1885.

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In presence of—

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