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Fig. 1.

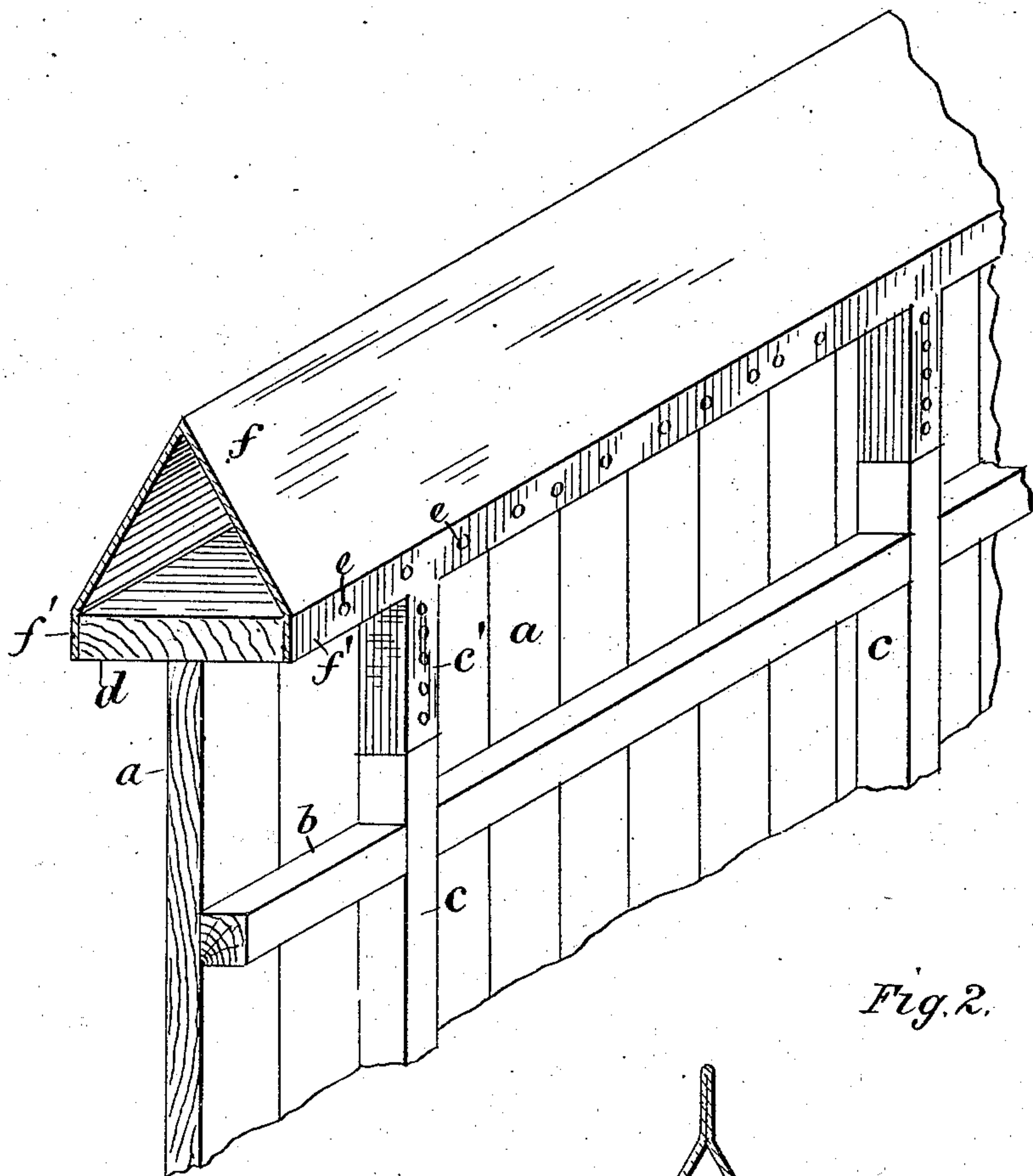
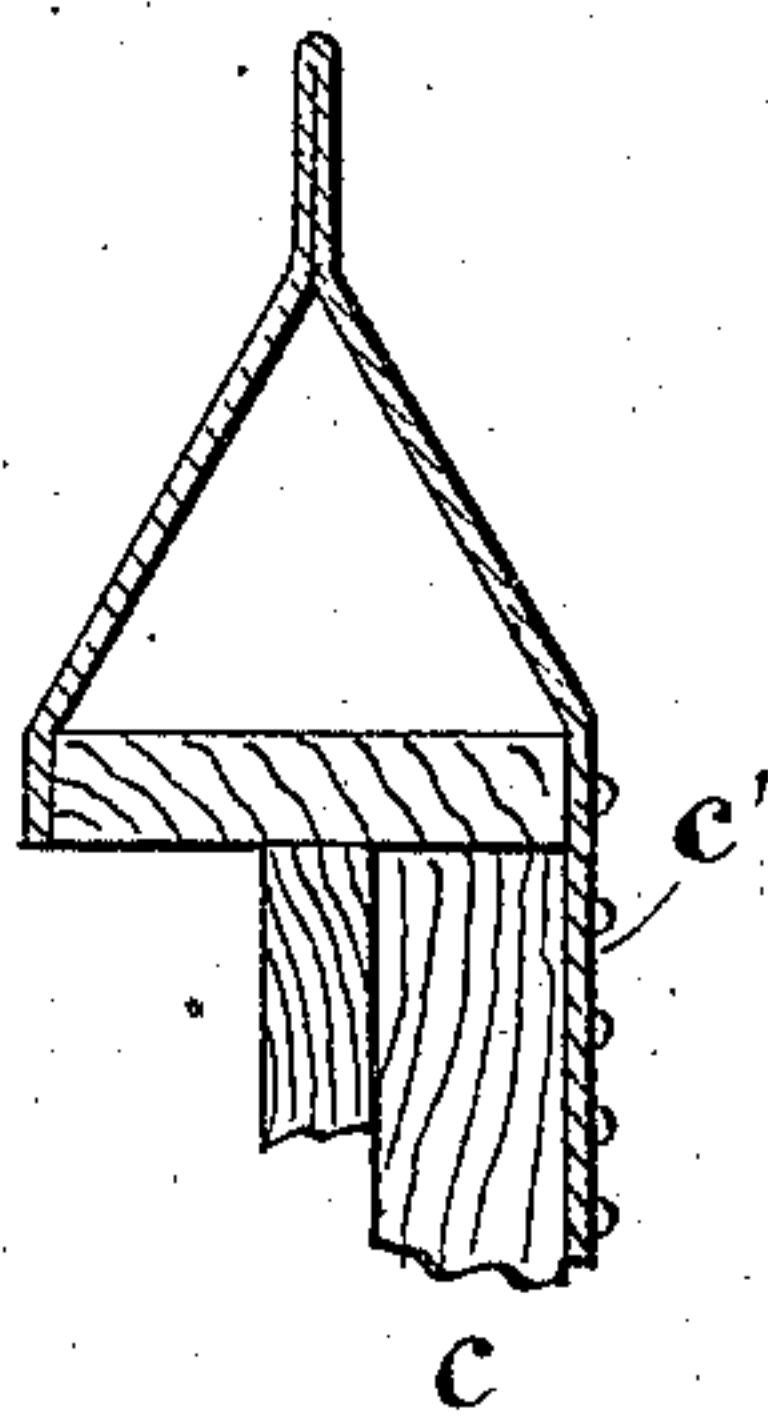


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS DOCKUM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in the formation of fence guards or protectors, of which a full and clear description will be given hereinafter.

My invention consists of the V-shaped guard *f*, composed of a single piece of sheet metal provided with vertical extensions, one of which is longer than the other. The shorter one is nailed to the capping of the fence, while the longer one is nailed to the post.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a fence in which is shown the principal features of my invention. Fig. 2 represents a modification thereof.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the drawings, in which—

a represents the planks of the fence nailed to the rails *b*, supported by the posts *c*. The top of the fence is provided with a capping, *d*, to the outer edges of which is fastened with nails *e* the vertical portion *f'* of the V-shaped sheet metal *f*, forming the guard. The upper extremity of the post *c* is covered with the sheet-metal extension *c'*, thus making the structure complete. It will be obvious that the sharpness of the apex of the V-shaped guard will prevent animals of the feline kind from running upon the same, and should they accidentally fall or jump into the yard surrounded by the fence having this guard they will be compelled to remain there, from the fact that the upper portions of the posts are covered with sheet metal, the nature of which will prevent their claws from penetrating the same.

In the modification the apex, instead of con-

verging to a point, is extended vertically. This form may be used when a very high guard is needed.

I am aware that fence-guards have been made V-shaped with a central vertical strip serrated on its upper edge, and also provided with an inclined guard on the post with vertical spikes. I am also aware that a single sheet of metal made into a V shape has heretofore been made for fences. Both of these inventions, like many others of their kind, are objectionable for the following reasons: In the first instance the guard proper is very expensive from the fact that it is composed of several pieces, which enhances its expense very much. It is also objectionable from the fact that the spikes on the guard of the post lend an aid to the climbing animal, as it can easily hold on to the projecting spikes and continue onward until it shall have reached the upper or top guard, when it could spring to the ground therefrom. The same objection may be applied to the second case where there is no guard, thus giving the animal full scope to reach the apex of the upper guard and descend on the opposite side of the fence. It will be observed that my invention overcomes these objections.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the capping and posts of a fence, of the V-shaped guard *f*, composed of a single piece of sheet metal provided with vertical extensions *f'* *c'*, the former secured to the capping *d*, the latter to the posts *c*, substantially as shown and described.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1887.

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