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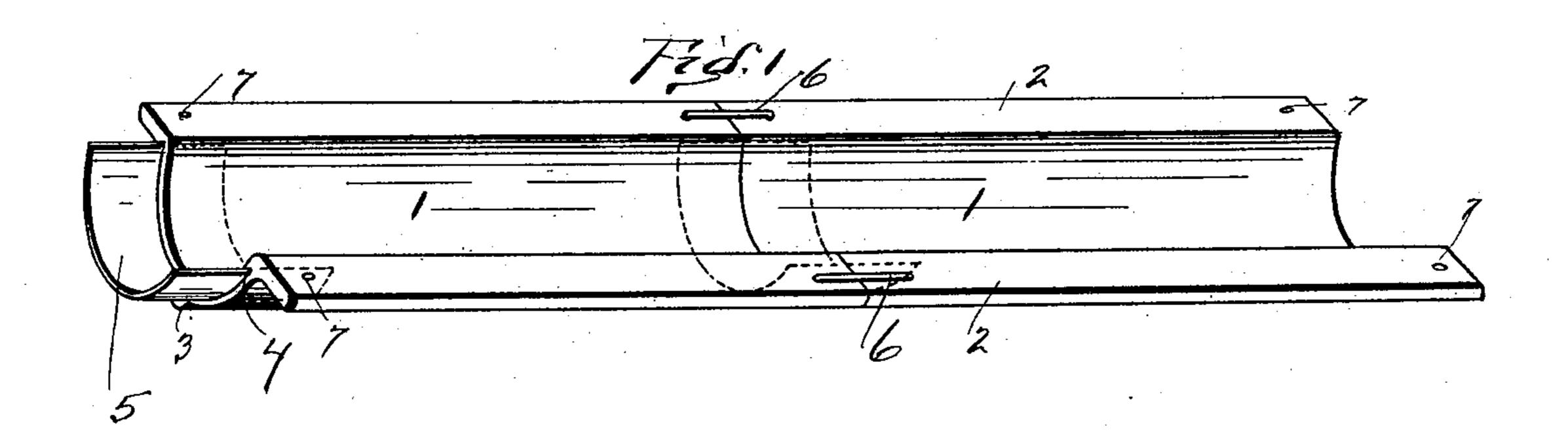


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## EAVES-TROUGH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM STRIPE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Aultman, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eaves-Troughs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing two sections of eaves-trough connected together. Fig. 2 is a view of an eaves-trough section, showing the connecting-wires attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a detached view of the connecting-plate. Fig. 4 is a transverse section through line X X, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a detached view of one of the wire connecting-clamps.

The present invention has relation to eavestroughs; and it consists in the different parts and combination of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Similar numbers of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 represents 30 an eaves-trough section, which may be of any desired length, reference being had to convenience in manufacturing and connecting the sections together. The sections 1 are originally formed of plastic clay, after which 35 they are properly burned in a kiln. The upper sides or edges of the eaves-trough 1 are provided with the flanges 2, which flanges are located substantially at right angles to the trough 1, as illustrated in Fig. 4, said flanges 40 being formed integral with the eaves-trough and are for the purpose of giving strength and at the same time providing a means for connecting the sections together, as hereinafter described. For the purpose of adding strength 45 to the eaves-trough sections the bottom or under sides of the sections are each provided with the rib or bead 3, said bead being pref-

erably located midway between the flanges 2, as illustrated in Fig. 4. The ends of the sections 1 are provided with the grooves 4, which 50 grooves are formed of any desired depth, preferably about one inch, but may be varied without departing from the nature of my invention. The connecting-plate 5 is preferably formed of sheet metal and of such a size 55 that it will be received into the grooves when the ends of two sections 1 are joined together, or, in other words, one half of the plate resting in one section and the other half in the opposite adjacent section.

For the purpose of uniting the sections together the wire clamps 6 are provided and are passed through apertures, such as 7, formed in the flanges and ribs, as illustrated in the drawings, and the wires composing the clamps 65 twisted or otherwise connected, so that the ends forming the eaves-trough joint will be securely connected together.

It will be understood that if desired cement or solder may be used to fill the grooves, 70 thereby making a water-tight joint. It will be understood that a sufficient number of sections, such as 1, are to be joined together to produce an eaves-trough of the desired length and that hangers are to be employed 75 to hold the eaves-trough in proper position.

Having fully described myinvention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described eaves-trough sections 80 provided with the flanges 2, the ribs 3, and the grooves 4, formed in the ends of the sections, the connecting-plate 5, located in the grooves of adjacent sections, and the wire clamps, all arranged substantially as and for 85 the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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