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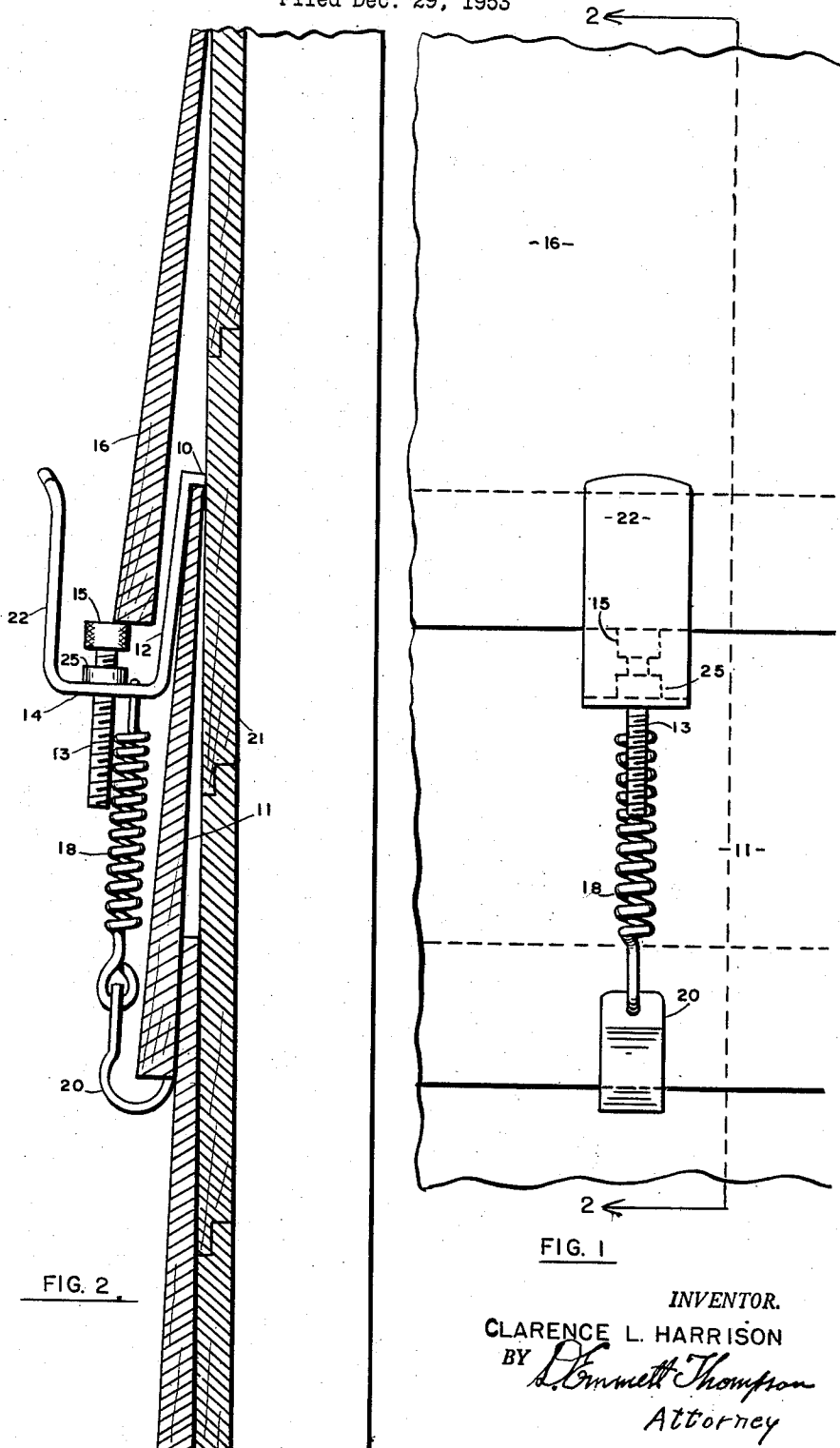


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This invention relates to a device for temporarily supporting one end of a clapboard.

Clapboards used in siding a building are usually of considerable length, ranging from 16 to 20 feet. Accordingly, they are difficult for one person to position and hold in place until nailed. Heretofore, various types of devices have been proposed for supporting one end of a clapboard until the board is partially nailed in place. However, these devices have employed a structural arrangement for mounting the supporting device on the previously erected clapboard in such a manner as to require considerable time to attach and detach the device, and such prior devices have been provided with barbs or prongs for securing them in place whereby, upon removal of the device from the previously erected clapboard, the surface thereof is marred.

This invention has as an object a device for temporarily supporting one end of a clapboard and embodying a structural arrangement which is particularly economical to manufacture and which may be substantially instantaneously attached to the previous erected clapboard and removed therefrom without in any way defacing the previously erected clapboard.

The invention consists in the novel features and in the combinations and constructions hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In describing this invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawings in which like characters designate corresponding parts in all the views.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a clapboard supporting device embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 2—2, Figure 1.

The device consists of a member having, or formed with, a flange 10 adapted to be positioned on the upper edge of a previously erected clapboard 11. As shown in the drawings, the flange 10 is formed on the inner leg portion 12 of a U-shaped member. A clapboard supporting member 13 is provided and may consist of a screw threaded into the bottom wall 14 of the U-shaped member, whereby the head portion 15 of the screw is adjustable toward and from the flange 10. This arrangement provides for the spacing between the bottom edge of the clapboard being erected and the top edge of the erected clapboard to establish the proper overlap of the clapboard 16 in relation to the previously erected clapboard 11. A spring 18 is secured at one end to the U-shaped member and depends therefrom, and is pro-

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vided at its lower end with a clip or hook shaped member 20 for engagement with the lower edge of the previously erected clapboard 11, the spring 18 and the clip 20 serving to yieldingly clamp the flange 10 against the top edge of the erected clapboard 11.

With the device thus positioned on the clapboard 11, in proximity to one end thereof, one end of the clapboard 16 may be positioned in the U-shaped member and supported by the head 15 of screw 13. The opposite end of the clapboard 16 may be correctly positioned and nailed by the workman, and the board then nailed to the siding 21 intermediate its ends. The supporting device may then conveniently be removed from the clapboard 11, and the end portion of the clapboard supported by the device nailed to the siding.

The inner leg 11 and the outer leg 22 of the U-shaped member provide for the convenient guidance of the free end of the clapboard 16 onto the supporting member 13. The device is quickly and conveniently attached to the clapboard 11 by means of the spring actuated clip and due to the fact that the device engages only the upper and lower edges of the previously erected clapboard, there is no disfiguration of the clapboard. The spring 18 permits the device to be used with various conventional widths of clapboards and, as will be apparent, the device is particularly economical to manufacture and convenient to use. The screw 13 may be retained in adjusted position by a jam nut 25.

What I claim is:

1. A device for temporarily supporting one end of a clapboard during the erection thereof comprising a U-shaped body member, one leg of said member being formed on its outer surface with a projection extending laterally from said surface and adapted to overlie the upper edge of a previously erected clapboard with the open end of said U-shaped member facing upwardly, a clapboard supporting member mounted in said U-shaped body between the legs thereof and being adjustable vertically relative to the body member toward and from the open end thereof, a tension spring secured at one end to said body member and depending therefrom, a clip member attached to the lower end of said spring for engaging the bottom edge of the erected clapboard when said spring is expanded whereby to detachably secure said body member to the erected clapboard.

2. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said projection is provided by an outwardly bent end portion on one leg of said body member.

3. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said clapboard supporting member consists of a screw threaded into the bottom wall of said body member.

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