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METALLIC FENCE-CAPS.

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Fig. 1.

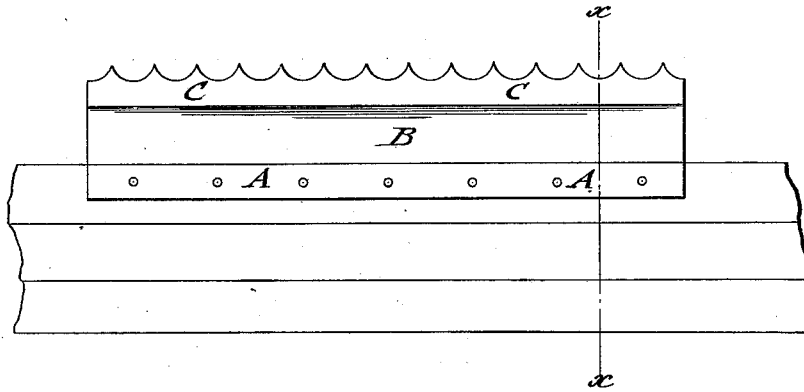


Fig. 2.

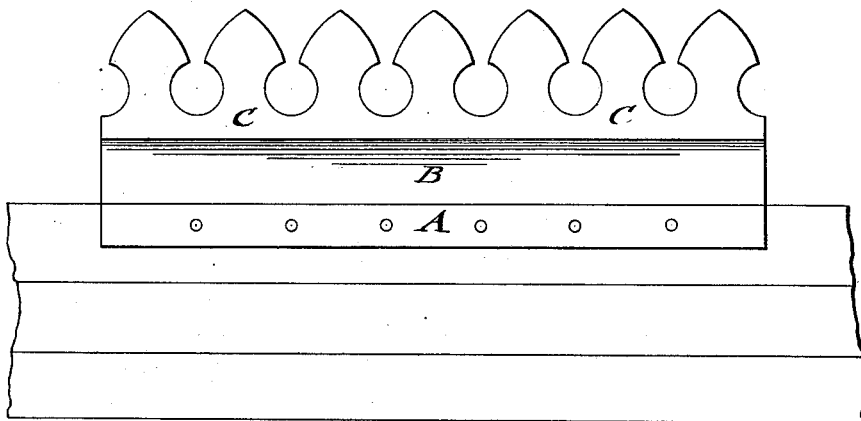


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN METALLIC FENCE-CAPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN D. W. LAUCKHARDT, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fence-Cap, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 are side elevations of my improved fence-cap; and Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section of the same on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide for the board fences of lots or other plots of ground an improved fence-cap, that serves the threefold purpose of a weather-protector, an ornamental covering, and of a guard against the inroads of cats and boys; and the invention consists of a sheet or cast metal cap with tapering sides and spurred top.

In the drawing, A represents a fence cap or top, which is made either of sheet, cast, or wrought metal, and fastened to the top or sides of board fences by rails, screws, or rivets, or clamped thereto by their own spring action. The fence caps or tops are sold in certain lengths to suit, and are provided with a tapering top part, B, and spurred upper edge C, of plain or ornamental style, the spurs being made either of nails driven through the top edge, or cast with the cap, or set into the cast-metal cap in any suitable manner.

If desired, the spurs may be dispensed with, as by a proper taper of the sides nearly the same object, but with less ornamental appearance, is obtained.

When made of sheet metal it may be either bent out of one piece, or made of two or more pieces riveted, soldered, or clasped together, as found most convenient.

The cap may be placed directly on the top edge of the board fence, without using a top rail, or on the top rail, as desired. It gives an ornamental appearance to the fence, especially when painted in the same color, while the tapering sides and spurred top shed readily the water and protect the upper edge against the influence of the weather, preventing also cats from walking thereon and getting into the lots.

The fence-caps may be made in different styles, plain and low-priced, or elaborate and more expensive, so as to be within reach of every one who is desirous of adorning and protecting his fence and lot.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A fence-cap made of a base part with tapering sides and spurred top edge, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. A fence-cap made with a base part and a tapering or oblique top part, forming a pointed central ridge, substantially in the manner specified.

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