The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of performing it known to us:

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THE INVENTION relates to a gutter-fascia construction.

The object of the invention is to provide a gutter fascia construction which is relatively simple and economical and in which the need for straps to hold the outer edge of the gutter is eliminated.

In one form the invention resides in a gutter fascia construction wherein a trough shaped gutter is supported on the upper face of roof rafters at the ends thereof, the inner edge of the gutter being engaged by a hold-down clip which is fixed to the rafter in such a manner that a downward pressure is applied on the inner edge of the gutter to keep the gutter firmly in position on the rafter, the upper end of a fascia member is provided with a lip to engage the upper outer edge of the gutter and the lower end having a lip to engage clip members fastened to the rafters, such that said fascia member is tensioned in a direction parallel to its transverse axis.

The invention will be better understood by reference to the following description of one specific embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing which is a sectional elevation. As shown in the drawing the gutter 11 is of more or less conventional trough shape and is supported on a cut away portion 12 formed in the upper face of the lower end of each rafter 13. The inner edge 14 of the gutter is engaged by a downturned flange 15 on one end of a hold down clip 16, the other end of the clip being nailed to the upper face of the rafter by...
nails 17. Preferably the clip is so shaped that by using a third nail 18 it is possible to apply slight downward pressure to keep the gutter firmly in position. A fascia member 19 is provided along its upper edge with a lip or flange 21 shaped to engage the outer edge 22 of the gutter whilst the lower edge of the fascia member is provided with a flange or lip 23 which engages a corresponding flange on a clip 24 nailed to a side face of the rafter. Preferably the upper edge of the fascia is placed in position and then the lower edge engaged with the clip 24 which is nailed in position with one nail. The clip 24 is then rotated about the one nail to bring the fascia into contact with the end of the rafter and to apply slight tension in a direction parallel to the transverse axis of the fascia member, to the fascia member. This tension increases the strength of the outer edge of the gutter so that it will retain its shape without the need for transverse straps.
The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A gutter fascia construction wherein a trough shaped gutter is supported on the upper face of roof rafters at the ends thereof, the inner edge of the gutter being engaged by a hold down clip which is fixed to the rafter in such a manner that a downward pressure is applied on the inner edge of the gutter to keep the gutter firmly in position on the rafter, the upper end of a fascia member is provided with a lip to engage the upper outer edge of the gutter and the lower end having a lip to engage clip members fastened to the rafters, such that said fascia member is tensioned in a direction parallel to its transverse axis.

2. A gutter fascia as claimed in claim 1 wherein said gutter is supported on a cut away portion formed in the upper face at the ends of the roof rafters.

3. A gutter fascia construction as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the lower edge of the fascia member is provided with an inwardly directed lip or flange adapted to be engaged by said clip members which are fastened in position with one fastening member and then rotated to apply tension to the fascia in a direction parallel to its transverse axis, before being fixed in position with a second fastening member.

4. A gutter fascia construction substantially as herein
described and as shown in the accompanying drawing.

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