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Fig. 1.

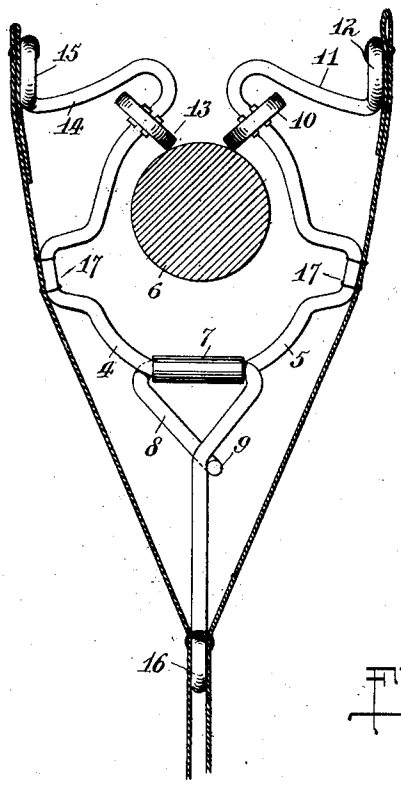


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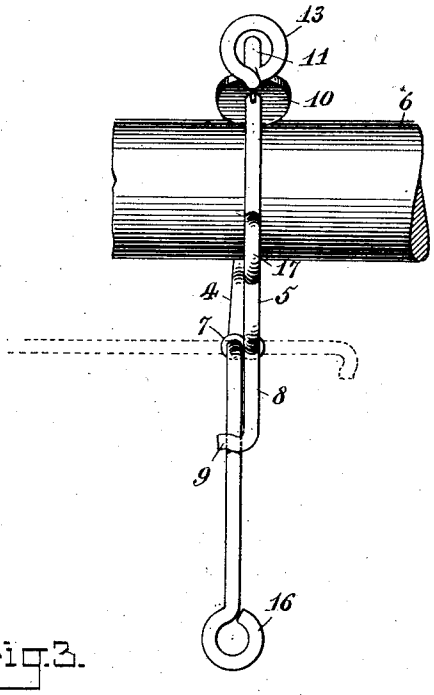
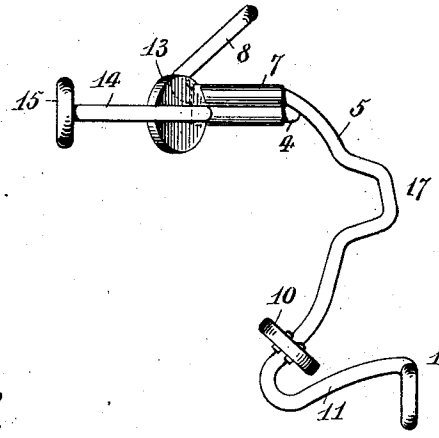


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN F. LAUN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Waterville, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a curtain carrier, support, or hanger, and of a type or form adapted to carry or support what is usually known and referred to as a "French heading," that is, to so carry or support the curtain or drapery that the upper end thereof will extend above and conceal the curtain pole from sight. Devices to accomplish this object have heretofore been made; one style thereof has been constructed of metal either in the form of a casting, or stamped from comparatively heavy sheet metal, or metal plate. This form of carrier, however, is comparatively expensive to manufacture, and to overcome the objection of cost it has also been proposed to construct the carrier in the form of a curtain ring in such way that the upper end of the curtain will be supported above the pole and made of wire. This ring, however, has the disadvantage that in order to place it upon the pole, the latter must be taken down or at least one end thereof, so that the ring may be slipped thereon or thereover.

The object of my invention is to provide a carrier or support which will overcome all of the above objections, which may be easily and economically manufactured and which may be easily and readily engaged with, or removed from, the curtain pole without the necessity of removing the latter from its supporting brackets.

With these and other ends in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing wherein the preferred embodiment of my invention is shown: Figure 1 is a view showing my improved curtain support or hanger as seen from a plane transverse to the curtain pole upon which it travels, the pole being shown in section; Fig. 2 is a view of the same as seen from a position at right angles to the position assumed in Fig. 1; and, Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view illustrating certain features of my improved support or hanger hereinafter more specifically referred to.

My improved curtain support or hanger is made up of two principal parts or members 4, 5, constituting supporting arms and each formed preferably from wire, which arms or members lie upon opposite sides of the curtain supporting pole 6, as shown when the carrier or support is in use, and which parts are pivotally connected with one another, so that the carrier may be opened, as it were, and placed upon the pole from the bottom or side thereof, as distinguished from being placed upon the pole at one end and moved along the same as is usually required in locating curtain rings in place upon a supporting pole. The pivotal connection above referred to is shown as comprising a block 7 carried by the arm 4, and having a comparatively long bearing extending parallel with the plane of the support or hanger as a whole, and through which the arm 5 extends, the end 8 of said arm being bent to provide a hook 9 at the extremity thereof adapted to engage the lower end of the arm 4, as shown. The preferred form of pivotal connection above described permits the arm or member 5 to move to one side or laterally with reference to the member 4 in opening the hanger, and the block 7 and long bearing referred to prevent the upper ends of the two members from spreading. It will be understood, however, that the pivotal connection between the parts may be of any form, so long as it permits the hanger to be opened and placed upon the supporting pole from the bottom or side, as distinguished from the end.

The upper end of the member 5 carries a roller 10, and is bent to provide an outwardly extending arm 11 and an eye 12 or equivalent element at its extremity, whereby the support may be secured to a curtain. The upper end of the member 4 carries a like roller 13, and is bent to provide a similar arm 14 and attaching element or eye 15. The lower end of said member extends downward and is engaged by the hook 9 to hold the hanger closed as above explained, and

is provided with an attaching element or eye 16 at its lower extremity. The members are also preferably bent to provide loops 17 to which also the curtain may be secured if desired.

My improved curtain hanger is designed to support two curtains as shown, or a curtain the upper end of which is bifurcated, the two parts of the upper end of the curtain being secured to the eyes 12, 15 and 16, and to the loops 17 if desired, by sewing as will be understood.

In view of the premises, it will be obvious that after a number of carriers or hangers have been properly secured to a curtain, they may be opened, and the curtain hung or suspended without removing the pole from the brackets whereby it is supported, the hangers being closed after they have been placed over the pole, as will be understood. The curtain may subsequently be taken down and replaced as may be necessary without disturbing the pole; the upper end or head thereof will be held in an upright position above the supports and pole, so that they will be hidden or concealed from view when the curtain is in place.

What I claim is:

1. A curtain support comprising two members movably connected with one another and having an attaching element at its upper end through which it may be secured to a curtain whereby the upper end of the curtain carried by the support will conceal the curtain pole.

2. A curtain support comprising two members movably connected with one another and having attaching elements at its upper and lower ends through which it may be secured to a curtain, whereby the upper end of the curtain carried by the support will conceal the curtain pole.

3. A curtain support comprising a member having an attaching element at its upper and lower ends through which a curtain may be secured thereto; a block carried by said member intermediate its ends; a second member movably connected with said block, and means for connecting said members.

4. A curtain support comprising a member having an attaching element at its upper and lower ends through which a curtain may be secured thereto; a block secured to said element intermediate its ends and having a bearing; and a second member supported in said bearing and having a hook adapted to engage said first mentioned member.

5. A curtain support comprising a member having an attaching element at its upper and lower ends through which a curtain may be secured thereto; a block secured to said element intermediate its ends and having a bearing extending parallel with the plane of the support; and a second member extending beyond the same, and bent to provide a hook adapted to engage said first mentioned member.

6. A curtain support comprising two members pivotally connected with one another and each of which is provided with an attaching element the location of which is at the upper portion of the support, so that the upper end of a curtain carried by said support will conceal the same.

7. A curtain support comprising two members pivotally connected with one another and each of which is provided with an attaching element at the upper portion of the support, one of said members having a third attaching element at its lower end and from the intermediate portion of which member the other of said members is pivotally supported as aforesaid, whereby the upper end of a curtain carried by the support will conceal the same.

Signed at Waterville, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1912.

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