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Fig. 1

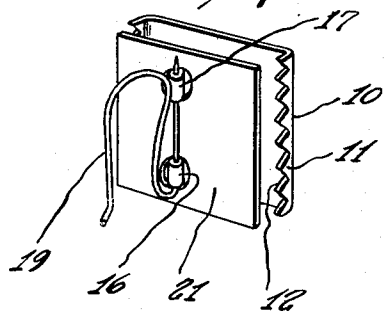


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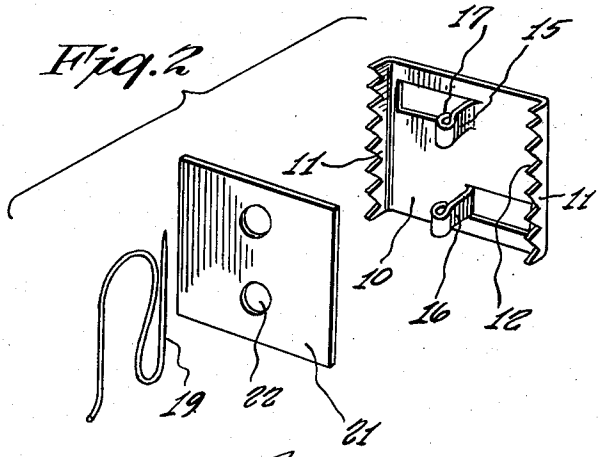


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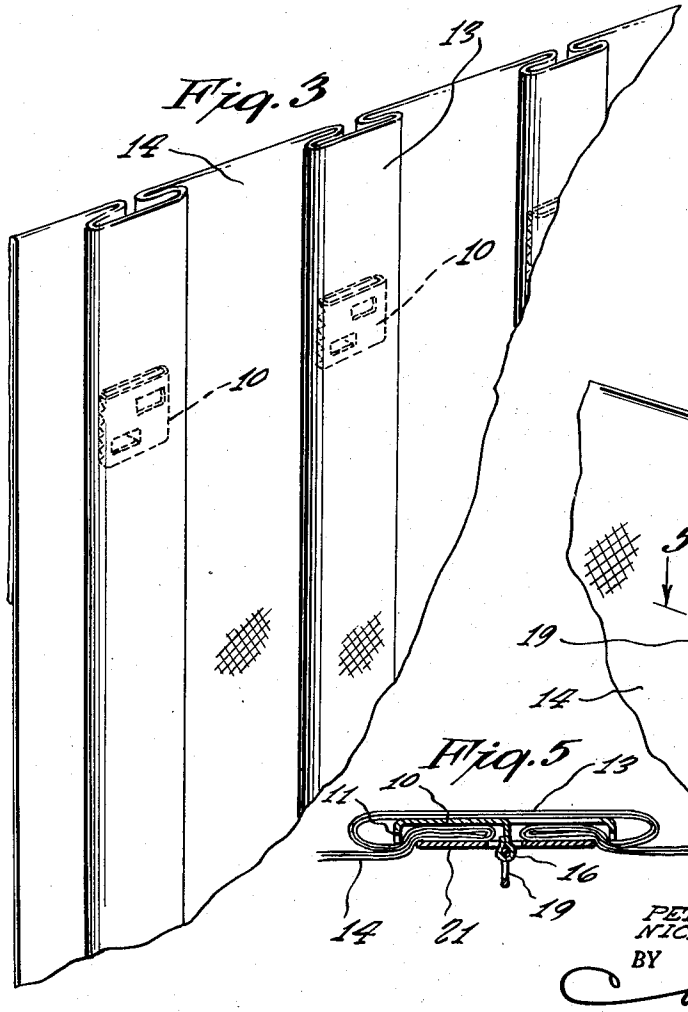


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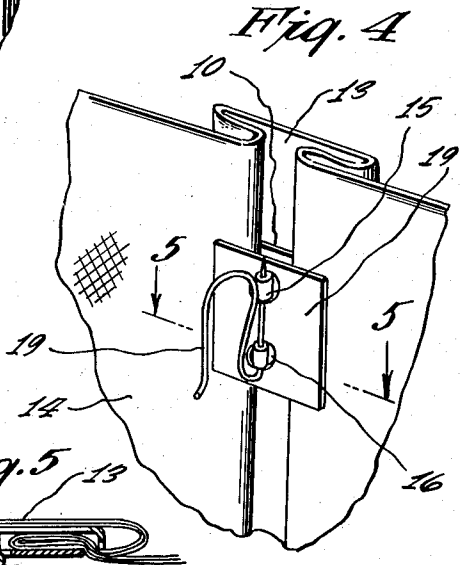


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to a pleat retainer for curtains and draperies.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple pleat retainer which can be easily put into place in the curtain or drapery material whereby to hold the pleat and wherein the necessity for sewing and pinching of pleats on curtains or draperies is eliminated and wherein the pin is easily detachable from the drapery so as to permit the drapery material to be easily washed or cleaned and pressed without being hampered with sewn-in pleats.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a pleat pin or retainer for draperies or curtains which is of simple construction, invisible from the front when drapery is hung on a rod, easy to apply, inexpensive to manufacture, adapted for use on different thickness of material, and in case of shrinkage of the drapery or curtain material, the heading need not be folded down as much, thus lengthening the curtain or drapery.

For other objects and for a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the pleat pin or retainer of the present invention assembled but unattached to the drapery.

Fig. 2 is a perspective and collective view of the retainer parts.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a curtain having pleats with the pleat pins of the present invention shown fixed thereupon.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a pleat pin and of the rear of a drapery or curtain to which the pleat pin or retainer is connected.

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4 and looking in the direction of the arrows thereof.

Referring now to the figures, 10 represents a front plate which has rearwardly bent side portions 11 with teeth 12 thereon for engagement with drapery material 14. The drapery material is folded over the front plate 10, thereby forming pleat 13. This plate has rearwardly struck portions 15 and 16 with vertically extending holes 17 for receiving a drapery pin 19. A rear plate 21 having holes 22 therein is extended over the rear

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of the pleat so that the projections 15 and 16 are passed rearwardly through the holes 22 so that the rear plate can be held in place by the pin 19.

Regardless of the thickness of the materials used, the rear plate can be slightly bent to conform with each varying material. If the material used is exceptionally heavy, the plate can be bent rearwards and if the material is light, the plate sides can be bent forward. The plates can be made of any different type of material, preferably of metal. The teeth 12 on each end of the front plate help to keep the material from releasing both horizontally and vertically.

The rear plate may be corrugated in such a way that each of the grooves would coincide with the prongs fashioned in the front plate.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claim.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of our invention, what is claimed is:

A pleat retainer for curtains or draperies comprising a front plate having rearwardly extending side portions, the latter terminating into teethed edges, two elongated strips cut out horizontally from said front plate and being bent perpendicularly to the latter thereby forming two integral, rearwardly extending and vertically spaced projections, the rear end of each of said projections being bent to form an eye and the eyes of said projections being vertically aligned, a rear plate having two openings for receiving the projections and a curtain carrying hook extendable through said eyes of the projections.

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