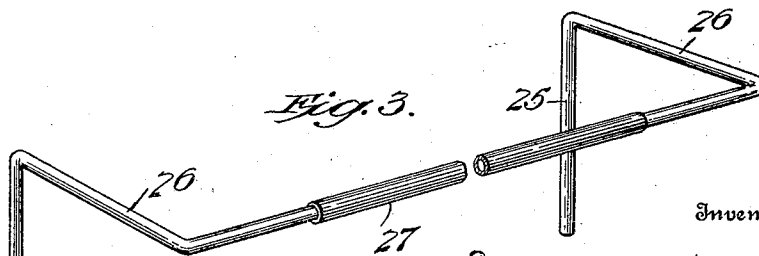
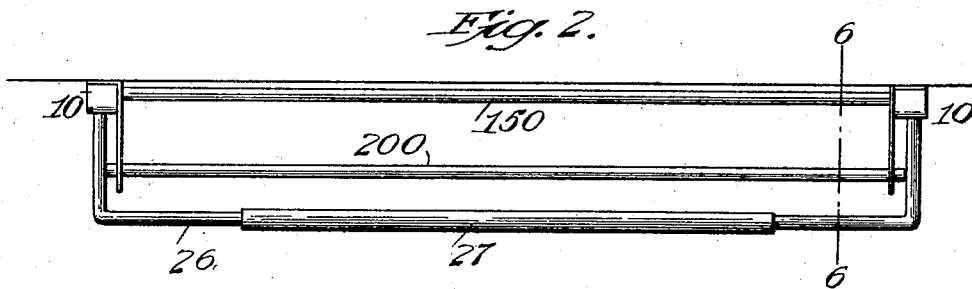
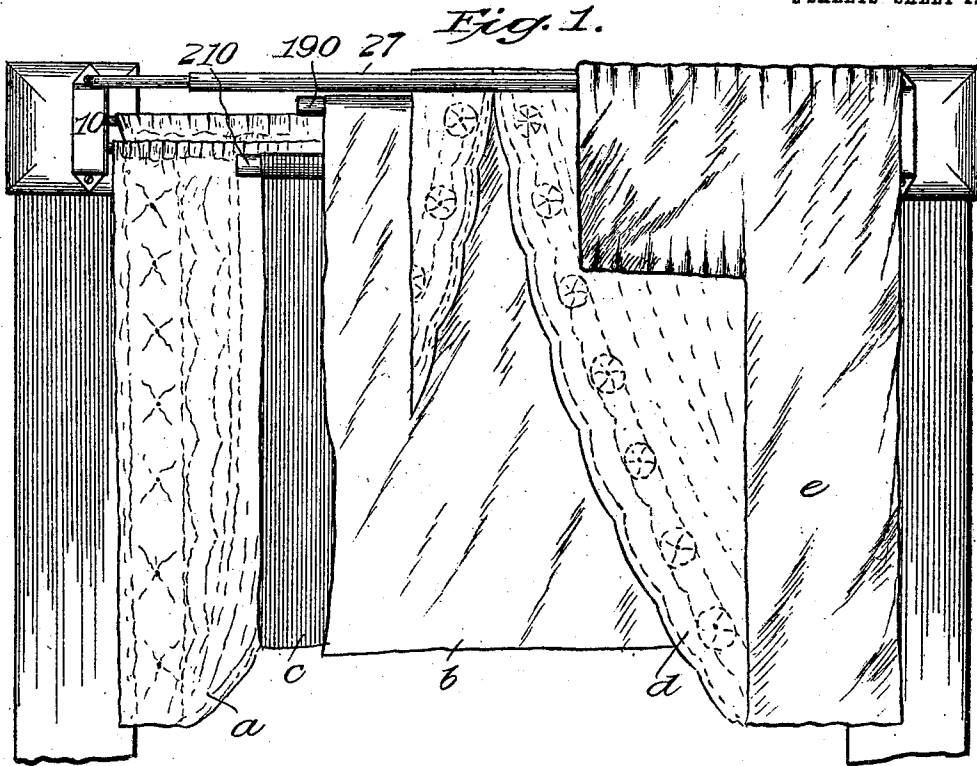


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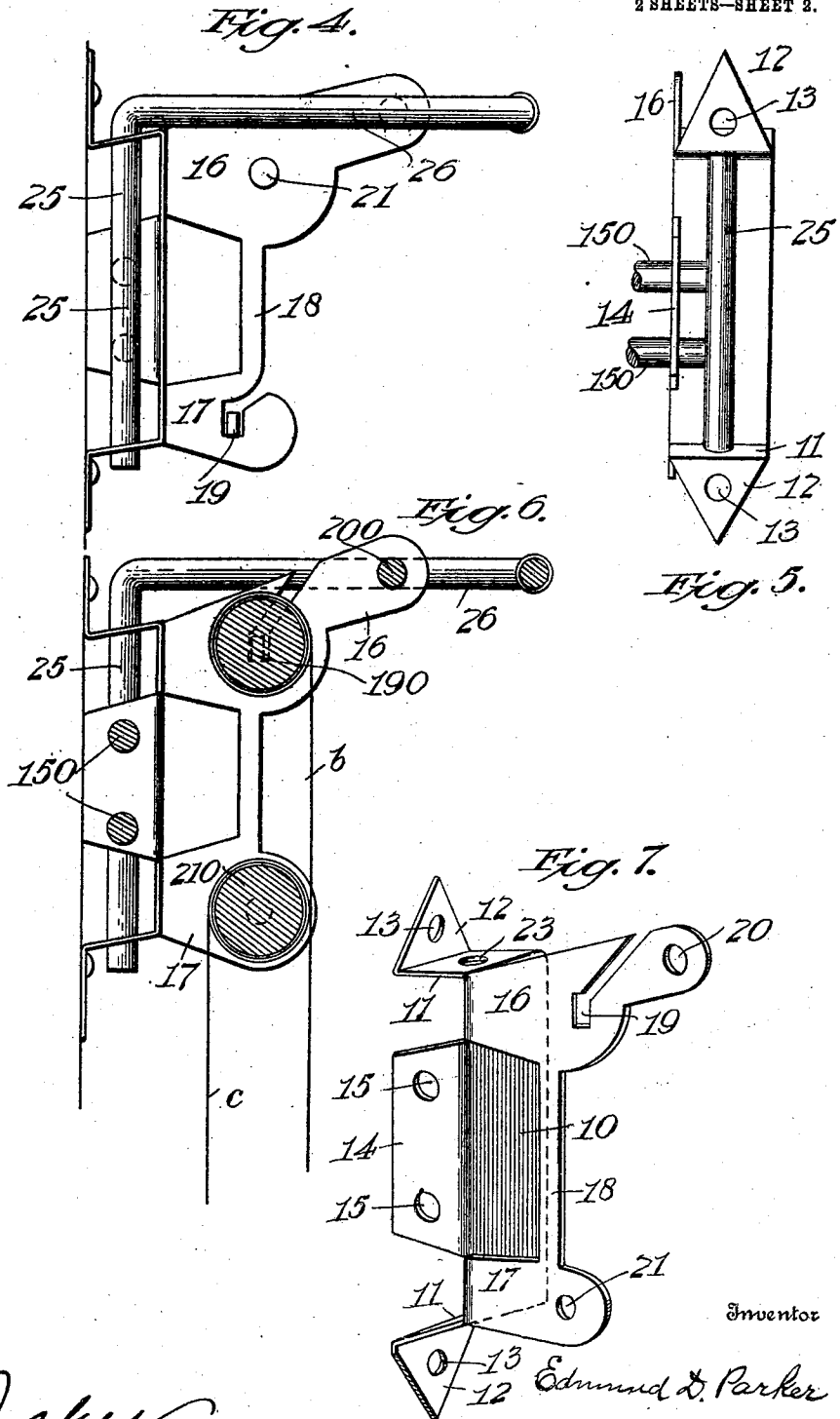
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND D. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Combination Curtain-Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to brackets for supporting window shades and curtains, and has particular reference to brackets of this type which are known as combination brackets because they serve to support both curtains and shades.

In many houses it is customary to use not only two spring roller curtains for each window one of which is of light material and the other of dark material, but to also employ lace curtains in front of and behind the shades, and to also use draperies of heavier material.

Heretofore so far as I am aware it has always been necessary to employ a plurality of brackets for supporting these various curtains and shades and draperies, this being an objection not only because of the expense of the several brackets but the difficulty of securing them properly respectively to each other, and the marring of the casing.

The object of this invention is to provide a single pair of mating brackets each of which can be secured by two screws, the pair being provided with means for supporting all of the various hangings desired for the window.

To this end the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of the upper portion of a window having my improved brackets attached thereto and having the rods and curtains and hangings supported by said brackets. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the attachment shown in Fig. 1 but omitting the hangings. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the over-drapery support or bracket. Fig. 4 is an end elevation from the left of Fig. 2, on a larger scale. Fig. 5 is a rear elevation

of the parts shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 represents a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 2 but on the scale of Fig. 4. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the bracket shown in Fig. 6.

Similar reference characters indicate the same or similar parts in all of the views.

The two brackets of the pair are substantially the same excepting that they are formed as rights and lefts in order to properly support the shade rollers as will be hereinafter described. Each bracket is preferably formed of sheet metal although I do not limit myself to this material, and comprises a body portion 10 having a leg 11 and a foot 12 at each end. The feet are formed with holes 13 for attaching screws by means of which the bracket is secured to the casing. The body portion is formed with a wing 14 which extends toward the window casing, said wing having upper and lower holes 15. When the bracket is formed of sheet metal the wing 14 is cut out so as to leave an opening in the portion of the brackets which stands directly out from the window. This last mentioned portion comprises an upper arm 16 and a lower arm 17 and a connecting bar 18. As shown in Fig. 7, the upper arm 16 is formed with a notch 19 for the usual angular stud of a shade roller. The arm 16 is also formed with a hole 20 near its extremity. The lower arm 17 is formed with a hole 21 for the round spindle of another shade roller. It will be readily understood of course, that the other bracket of the pair would differ from Fig. 7 in that the upper arm would have a round hole, and the lower arm would have an angular notch. This is clearly shown in Fig. 4. By comparing Figs. 4 and 7 the difference between the two brackets of the pair will be seen.

In each of the legs 11 is formed a vertical hole 23 for the vertical portions 25 of the removable over-drapery brackets shown in Fig. 3. This bracket has horizontal arms 26 which project well into the room, and the ends of said arms are turned toward each other and connected by the central tube 27 which provides for an adjustment to vary the length of the drapery-supporting por-

tion of this bracket according to the width of the window.

When the two brackets of the pair have been secured to the casing as indicated in Fig. 1, two rods 150 are inserted in the horizontal holes 15 formed in the wings 14, these two rods serving to support the light lace curtains *a*, which are frequently crossed so as to overlap, one being strung on one rod and the other on the other rod.

An upper shade roller 190 is mounted at one end in the notch 19 of one bracket and in the corresponding hole in the other bracket, and a lower shade roller 210 is mounted at one end in the hole 21 of the bracket shown in Fig. 7 and at the other end in the corresponding notch of the other mating bracket. The upper roller 190 may be employed for a light colored shade *b* and the lower shade roller 210 may be employed for a dark shade *c*.

Mounted in the holes 20 of the upper arms of the two brackets is a rod 200 on which is supported the inner lace curtain *d*. The over-drapery *e* which is usually of a comparatively heavy material is supported on the innermost adjustable bar of the removable bracket.

As will be seen by comparing Figs. 4, 5, and 6, the vertical portions 25 of the removable drapery bracket are in the same plane as the rods 150, and the horizontal arms 26 are in the plane of the rod 200. These rods 150 and 200 are cut of such a length as to be a trifle shorter than the space between the two portions 25 and 26 so that the latter act to lock all of the rods in place. But by lifting the removable over-drapery bracket out of the holes 23, the rods 150 and 200 may be readily removed. In other words, the apertures 15 and the vertical apertures 23 are in the same vertical plane, or substantially so, so that when the members 25 are mounted in the apertures 23, they lock against endwise movement any rods that are mounted in the horizontal apertures 15. At the same time the arms 26 of the removable bracket lock the rod 200 against endwise movement. The shade rollers do not need to be locked against endwise movement since they are held in place in the usual manner, and may be removed in the usual manner.

It will now be seen that I have provided a single pair of mating brackets which are capable of supporting, so that they may be removed, six different hangings, viz., the two lace curtains *a*, the light and dark shades *b* and *c*, an inner lace curtain *d* and the over-drapery *e*.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. The combination with a pair of mating curtain brackets having horizontal and vertical apertures in substantially the same

plane, of rods mounted in the horizontal apertures, and vertically sliding locking members mounted in the vertical apertures, said locking members being connected together and forming a drapery bracket.

2. A curtain bracket comprising a body portion having legs and attaching feet, a wing and arms, the wing and arms having horizontal openings and the legs having vertical openings.

3. A curtain bracket comprising a sheet metal body having integral legs and attaching feet, a wing bent in the same direction as the feet but in a plane transverse thereto, and arms bent outwardly in the plane of the wing, the wing and arms having horizontal openings and the legs having vertical openings.

4. A curtain bracket comprising a body portion having legs and attaching feet, a wing and arms, the wing and arms having horizontal openings and the legs having vertical openings, the openings in the wing being in substantially the same plane as the vertical openings in the legs.

5. A curtain bracket comprising a sheet metal body portion having integral legs and attaching feet, a wing bent in the same direction as the legs but in a plane transverse thereto, upper and lower arms having recesses for shade rollers, the wing having a plurality of horizontal openings, and the legs having vertical openings in the plane of the openings in the wing.

6. A curtain bracket comprising a sheet metal body portion having integral legs and attaching feet, a wing bent in the same direction as the legs but in a plane transverse thereto, upper and lower arms having recesses for shade rollers, the upper arms having also holes near their tips, the wing having a plurality of horizontal openings, and the legs having vertical openings in the plane of the openings in the wing.

7. The combination with a pair of mating curtain brackets each comprising a body portion having legs and attaching feet, a wing and arms, the wing and arms having horizontal openings and the legs having vertical openings, of rods mounted in the openings in the wings, and a removable drapery-supporting bracket having its ends mounted in the vertical openings of the legs.

8. The combination with a pair of mating curtain brackets, each comprising a body portion having legs and attaching feet, a wing and arms, the wing having a plurality of horizontal openings, the arms having shade supporting apertures and a hole for a curtain supporting rod, and the legs having vertical openings, of rods supported in the openings of the wings, shade rollers mounted in the apertures of the arms, a curtain rod mounted in the holes of the

arms, and a drapery-supporting bracket having arms mounted in the openings of the legs.

9. The combination with a pair of mating
5 curtain brackets, each comprising a body portion having legs and attaching feet, a wing and arms, the wing having a plurality of horizontal openings, the arms having shade supporting apertures and a hole for a
10 curtain supporting rod, and the legs having vertical openings, of rods supported in the openings of the wings, shade rollers mounted

in the apertures of the arms, a curtain rod mounted in the holes of the arms, and a drapery supporting bracket having arms 15 mounted in the openings of the legs, said drapery supporting bracket being variable in length.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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