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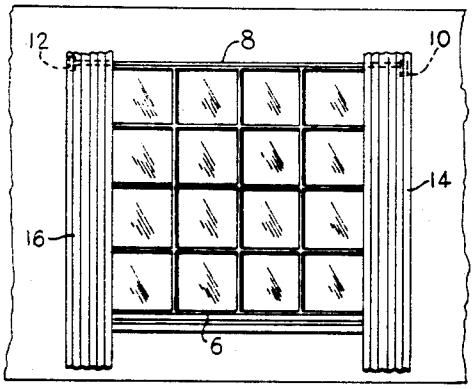


FIG. 1

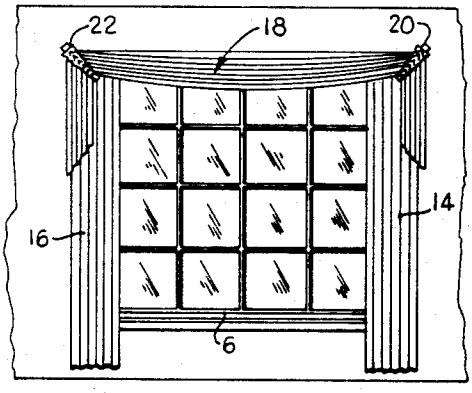


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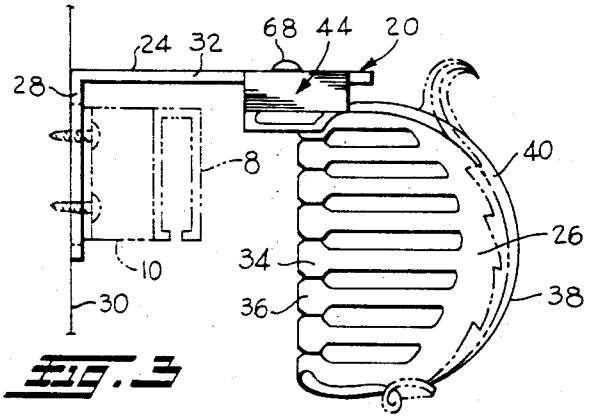


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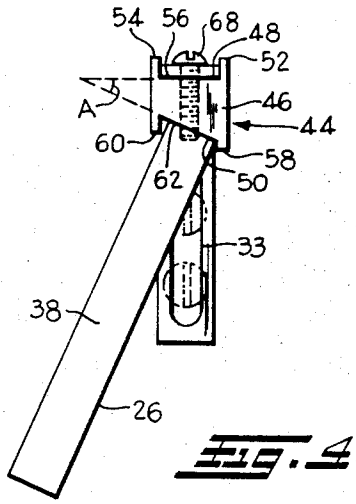


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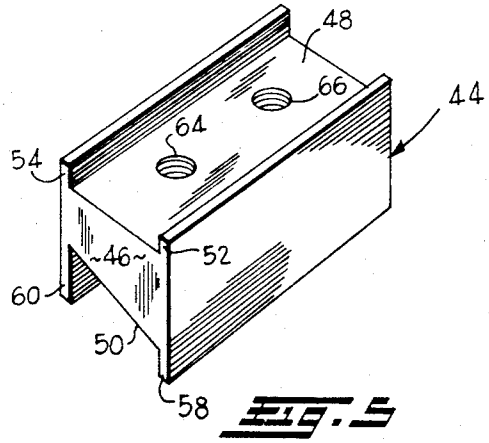


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A drapery holder and bracket used for holding draperies in pleated fashion around a window or door opening. An adapter is provided intermediate the bracket and holder for maintaining the holder in a position which is angularly disposed to the plane of the bracket. This particular structure permits mounting the bracket in a normally vertical position rather than in an angularly disposed one.

This invention is particularly useful, and will be described in relation to a drapery holder having a plurality of slots for receiving folds of drapery material, and a bracket on which the holder is mounted. Such a drapery holder and bracket are described in U.S. Patent No. 3,203,469 issued Aug. 31, 1965, and are used in conjunction with conventionally-designed brackets and traverse rods on which are hung draw drapes or curtains.

A drapery holder of this type is used for forming a drapery swag, i.e. draped folds of material spanning, for example, a window and extending at least partially down the sides of the window. The drapery swag is mounted in front of the traverse drapes and covers the traverse rod. The effect created is very pleasing, and a touch of elegance is added to the opening. To correctly form the drapery swag, the holders must be angularly disposed, rather than vertically mounted. This can be accomplished by angularly mounting a conventional drapery bracket. However, the angularly mounted drapery brackets interfere with the vertically mounted brackets holding the traverse rod. This invention is directed to overcoming this problem by providing a means which enables both brackets to be mounted in unison and yet does not detract from the utility of each bracket.

Briefly stated, this invention is in an adapter which is interposed between opposing portions of the drapery bracket and holder and holds the drapery holder in an angular position while allowing the bracket to be mounted in unison with the traverse rod bracket.

The following description of the invention will be better understood by having reference to the annexed drawing, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front elevation of a window using conventional draw draperies;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation of the same window showing a drapery swag superimposed over the draw draperies;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged side view of a drapery holder and bracket in combination with an embodiment of the adapter for holding the drapery holder in angularly disposed relation relative to the bracket;

FIG. 4 is an end view of the drapery holder, bracket and adapter; and

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the adapter.

Referring generally to the drawing, and more particularly to FIGS. 1 and 2, there is shown a window indicated at **6**. A conventionally-designed traverse rod **8** extends across the head of the window **6**. The traverse rod **8** extends between, and is detachably mounted on a pair of conventionally designed brackets **10** and **12** mounted on either side of the window **6**, and secured to either the wall or window casing. Drapery material forming a conventionally designed pair of pleated draw drapes **14** and **16** is slidably mounted on the traverse rod **8**.

The appearance of the draped window **6** is enhanced by providing a commonly called drapery swag, generally indicated at **18**. The drapery swag **18** is formed by folding drapery material over and between a pair of spaced drapery supports **20** and **22** mounted on either side of the window **6**.

The following description of the drapery supports will be in relation to support **20** as both supports are similar. The drapery support **20** comprises a bracket **24** and a drapery holder **26** for holding the drapery material in pleated fashion.

The drapery bracket **24** is L-shaped having a leg **28** which is mounted on the window casing, or wall adjacent the window casing, e.g. wall **30**, and an outstanding leg **32** on which is mounted the drapery holder **26**. The drapery bracket legs **28** and **32** are provided with elongated slots, e.g. slot **33**, in order to adapt the drapery bracket **24** to the screw spacing of any conventionally-designed traverse rod bracket or drapery holder.

The drapery holder **26** essentially comprises a plurality of spaced fingers, e.g. fingers **34** and **36**, between which drapery material is placed and held in folded or pleated fashion. The exposed edge **38** of the drapery holder **26** can be covered with any suitable decorative design, e.g. feather **40**, to enhance the appearance of the holder **26**. As previously indicated, it is desirable to have the drapery holder **26** angularly disposed. A method for accomplishing this is illustrated in U.S. Patent No. 3,203,469. However, this application is not possible when a swag is used in combination with traverse drapes as the drapery brackets will interfere with the brackets for holding the traverse rod **8**.

This invention solves this particular problem by providing an adapter **44** which is interposed between the drapery bracket **24** and holder **26**, and holds the drapery holder **26** in angularly disposed position while allowing the drapery bracket **24** to be mounted vertically in unison with the traverse rod brackets. The position of the brackets relative to each other is illustrated in FIG. 3 of the drawing. Depending on the particular design of the individual brackets, either bracket may be in surmounted relation to the other bracket. In the example shown, the drapery bracket **24** lies adjacent the wall **30**, and the traverse rod bracket **10** lies adjacent the drapery bracket **24**. The adapter **44** holds the drapery holder **26** in angular disposition to the plane of the drapery bracket **24** and normal to the plane of the wall **30** (FIG. 4).

The adapter **44** (FIGS. 3–5) is made of any suitable material, preferably plastic, and comprises a body portion **46** having opposed surfaces **48** and **50** for engaging adjacent portions of the drapery bracket **24** and holder **26**, respectively. The surfaces **48** and **50** lie in planes which are angularly disposed to each other.

A pair of legs **52** and **54**, co-extensive with the adapter surface **48**, are preferably provided, and extend from the surface **48** forming therewith a recess **56** for receiving the outstanding leg **32** of the drapery bracket **24**.

A pair of legs **58** and **60**, co-extensive with the adapter surface **50**, are similarly provided and extend from the surface **50** forming therewith a recess **62** for receiving the drapery holder **26**.

A slot or holes, e.g. holes **64** and **66**, extending through the adapter body **46**, are provided to receive screws or bolts, e.g. screw **68**, for mounting the drapery holder **26** on the outstanding bracket leg **32**. An angle A (FIG. 4) of between 10–15 degrees formed between the planes of the adapter surfaces **48** and **50** has proven satisfactory. This provides a vertically disposed drapery fold which is not bunched or gathered together, and is in eye-pleasing proportion to the horizontally draped material between the drapery supports **20** and **22**.

Thus, there has been provided an adapter for use with a drapery bracket and holder for holding the holder in angular disposition such that a pleasing drapery effect is achieved. The adapter permits mounting the drapery bracket in unison with a conventionally designed bracket used for holding a traverse rod. The adapters are formed that they may be interchangeably used on either side of a draped window.

What is claimed is:

1. An adapter for angularly mounting a drapery holder on an outstanding leg of a bracket, comprising

(a) a body portion interposed between opposing portions of the leg and holder and independent thereof, said body portion having a pair of angularly disposed opposing surfaces for engaging said leg and holder portions to maintain the holder in angular relation to the plane of the bracket.

2. The adapter of claim **1**, which includes:

(b) means integral with the body portion for preventing the leg and holder from moving on said opposing surfaces transverse to the longitudinal axis of said body portion.

3. The adapter of claim **2**, wherein the body portion is plastic.

4. In combination:

(a) an L-shape bracket for mounting on a surface, one leg of said bracket outstanding from the plane of the surface;

(b) a drapery holder for holding drapery material in pleated fashion, angularly mounted on the outstanding bracket leg;

(c) an adapter interposed between the drapery holder and leg and independent therof, for keeping the drapery holder angularly disposed to the plane of the bracket; and

(d) means for holding the bracket, adapter and drapery holder together.

5. In combination:

(a) an L-shaped bracket for mounting on a surface, one leg of said bracket outstanding from the plane of the surface;

(b) a drapery holder for holding drapery material in pleated fashion, angularly mounted on the outstanding bracket leg;

(c) an adapter interposed between the drapery holder and leg for keeping the drapery holder and bracket angularly disposed, said adapter including a body portion having a pair of opposing surfaces lying in planes which are angularly disposed, for engaging adjacent bracket and holder portions; and

(d) means for holding the bracket, adapter and drapery holder together.

6. The combination of claim **5**, which includes:

(e) a pair of legs extending from each surface, and forming a recess therewith for receiving the adjacent bracket and holder portions.

7. The combination of claim **6**, wherein the adapter is plastic.

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