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SHADE AND CURTAIN HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ESTRESS HOPKINS, citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Island, in the county of Hall and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Shade and Curtain Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is an improved shade and curtain hanger which may be readily adjusted for use with windows and shades of different widths, which may be conveniently applied to the window casing, and which may be quickly detached therefrom as may be desired when house cleaning or in case of fire. And a further object of the invention is an improved device of this character which may be easily knocked down so that the parts thereof may be shipped in a compact form.

With these and other objects in view that will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shade and curtain hanger; Fig. 2 is a front elevation thereof; Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a cross rod; Fig. 4 is an end view of one of the brackets; Fig. 5 is a similar view of the other bracket; Fig. 6 is a detail view of a supporting member; and, Fig. 7 is a similar view showing the detachable connection of a cross rod to the bracket.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawing; the numeral 1 designates two brackets that are designed to be supported in substantially vertical position at the upper end of a window casing on opposite sides of the window. Each of these brackets is formed at its upper end with an arm 2 which extends substantially horizontally outwardly with its end curved upwardly, as shown, and with its extremity reduced to form a tongue 3 and an upwardly facing shoulder 4. A telescopic curtain pole 5 is detachably connected to the brackets 1, and is formed near its ends with transverse

openings 5^a through which the tongues 3 protrude, said curtain pole being supported upon the upwardly facing shoulders 4. The brackets 1 are formed, preferably in the horizontal portions of their arms 2, with openings 6 extending therethrough and designed to receive the gudgeons of a shade roller to rotatably support the latter.

In order to sustain the brackets adjustably in transversely spaced relation, the same are connected by upper and lower cross-rods, each of which is constructed in two telescoping sections 7 secured at their outer ends to the respective brackets. These sections 7 are formed at their outer ends with outwardly opening threaded sockets 8, and are reduced, as shown, to form outwardly facing shoulders 9, said outer ends fitting in apertures 10 formed in the respective brackets 1, with the shoulders 9 bearing against the inner surfaces thereof, and being detachably secured to the brackets by threaded nibs 11 engaged with the threaded sockets 8, and having ornamental heads 12 of greater diameter than the apertures 10. Two suspension members 13 are looped at their lower ends around the respective telescoping sections of the lower cross rod, and are bowed upwardly intermediate of their ends so as to embrace the corresponding sections of the upper cross rod. The upper ends of these suspension members are curved outwardly, as indicated at 14, and are formed with vertical slots 15 which are enlarged at their lower ends, as indicated at 16, and which extend upwardly therefrom and inwardly beyond the outermost point of the curve. The enlarged ends 16 of the slots are arranged to permit the suspension members to be passed over the heads of the nails 17 that are secured in the window casing near the upper corners thereof, the said suspension members being then moved downwardly to bring the nails 17 against the upper ends of the slots 15 and also to spring the outermost points of the curves downwardly beyond the heads of the nails so as to effectually prevent the accidental disengagement of the suspension members from such nails. By disengaging the nibs 11 from the telescoping sections 7 of the cross rods, the hanger may be readily knocked down to permit the parts thereof to be shipped in compact form.

From the above description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be

