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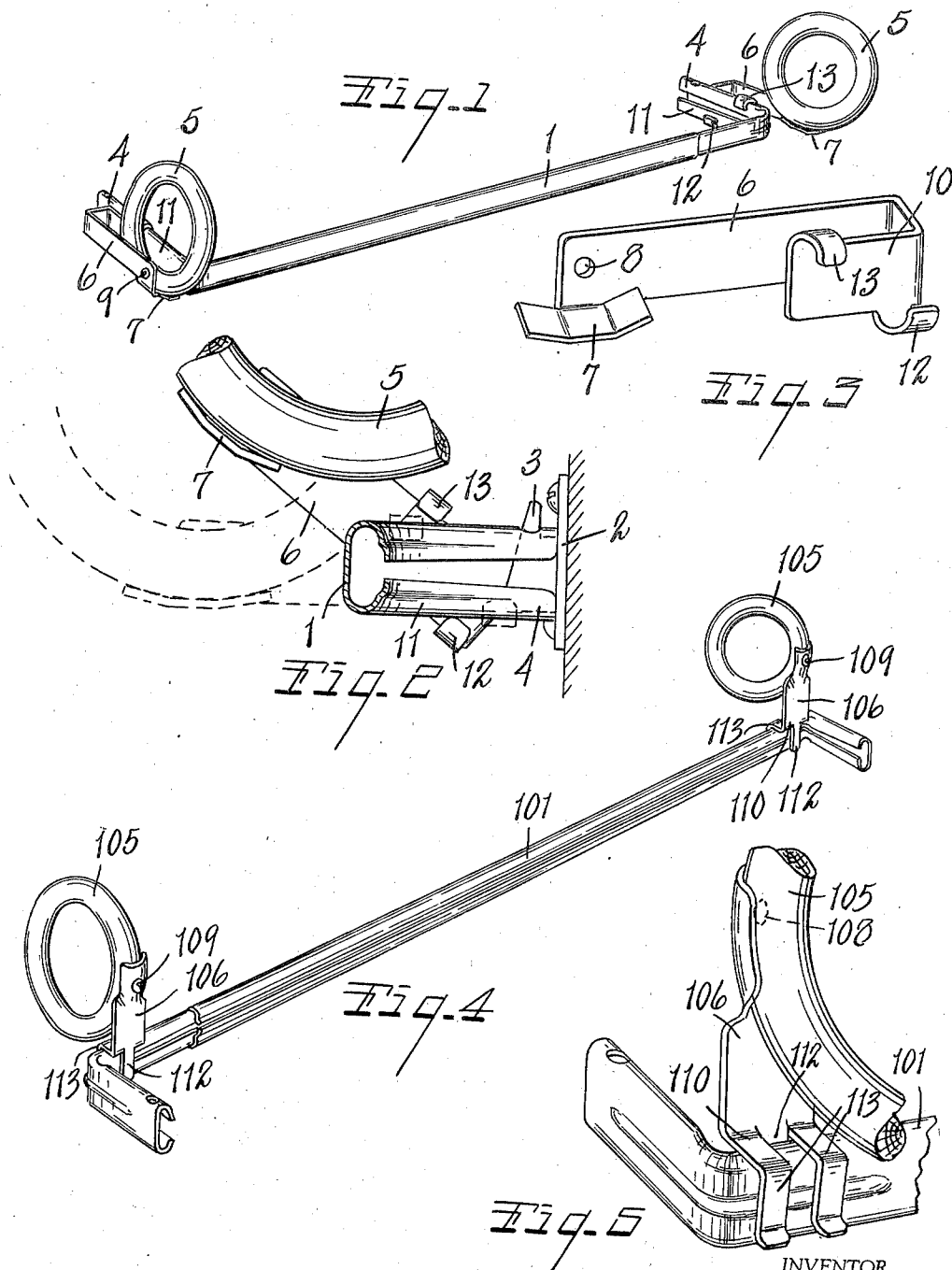


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to drapery hardware. It has for its objects:

First, to produce a new and improved piece of drapery hardware.

5 Second, to produce such a piece of drapery hardware in which a rod and festoon rings are incorporated in a unit.

10 Third, to provide such a piece of drapery hardware in which standard curtain rods may be combined to form a unit with festoon rings and their supports.

15 Fourth, to provide such a piece of drapery hardware in which a single set of supporting brackets supports both the festoon rings and the rod or rods and in which the festoon rings are always properly positioned with respect to the curtain rod or rods to give the desired festoon window treatment.

20 Further objects and advantages pertaining to details and economies of construction and operation will appear from the description to follow. Preferred embodiments of my invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

25 Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a piece of drapery hardware embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the festoon ring and its supporting and attaching member and the manner in which said member engages the rod to be supported thereby.

30 Fig. 3 is a detail view of the attaching member.

Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view of a different form of my invention.

35 Fig. 5 is a detail view of the festoon ring supporting member in the form of invention shown in Fig. 4.

40 My improved drapery hardware consists of a curtain rod 1 which may be of any standard form. I have shown a flat C-shaped rod which is provided with brackets 2 having vertically disposed hooks 3 which engage the ends 4 of the rod.

45 The rings 5 are what is known as festoon rings. These rings are disposed transversely of the rod at the ends thereof and receive a piece of material which is hung in the rings to form a festoon type of drape. These rings are each provided with a support 6 of sheet metal having a flange 7 at one end to engage the bottom of the ring and an aperture 8 to receive an attaching screw 9 by means of which the ring is fastened to the support 6. At the other end of the support 6, I provide attaching means 10 to engage the returns 55 11 of the curtain rod. These attaching means

consist of a stop member or hook 12 which reaches under and engages the bottom of the return 11 of the curtain rod 1 and a fulcrum member or hook 13 which engages the top of the return 11 of the rod 1.

5 The engaging means 10 are easily attached to the return 11 of the rod. The support 6 is held in the position shown in Fig. 2 and is moved so that the flat portion of the attaching means between the hooks or members 12 and 13 contacts 10 the return. The member is then moved to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 and the fulcrum member 13 engages the top of the return 11 of the rod and the stop member engages 15 the bottom as shown in Fig. 2, providing a very substantial support which resists downward movement.

It will be noted that the fulcrum member or hook 13 is located between the stop member or hook 12 and the ring 5, so that it serves as a fulcrum 20 in supporting the rings. It will be noted that the rings are supported so that their top edges extend above the rod and their forward edges extend beyond the rod, so that the drape material which is supported in the rings hangs 25 in the proper relationship to the rod.

My drapery hardware may be installed with a minimum of effort since it is necessary only to install the usual brackets 2 to which the rod is then fastened after which the supports 6 and 30 festoon rings 5 may be placed on the rod. It will be noted that when the rod and rings are installed, the rings always fall in their proper position.

35 In Figs. 4 and 5, I show a different form of my invention. The rod 101 is similar to the rod 1. The rings 105 are similar to the rings 5 and are supported with their tops above the rod and their forward edges beyond the rod. The supports 106 are apertured as at 108 to receive screws 109 40 and the sheet metal is formed at the end to fit the curve of the ring 105. At the other end of the support is the attaching member 110 which consists of spring fingers 112 and 113 which engage the top and sides of the rod and hold the 45 attaching member in place.

50 In this form of invention as above, the attachment of the drapery hardware is very simple. The rod attaching brackets, such as the brackets 2, are placed in position and the rod is then placed on the brackets. Thereafter the rings and attaching members are placed at the ends of the rod as shown in Fig. 5 and the rings always fall in the proper position in relation to the rod.

It will be apparent that the structure shown and described above may be modified without departing from my invention and I do not wish to be limited to the specific form of invention shown and described. I have defined the invention in the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

- 10 1. The combination of a curtain rod and a supporting member having a festoon ring at one end and means at the other end engaging said rod and supporting said member with said ring disposed transversely of and extending above
15 and beyond the front of the rod.
2. The combination of a curtain rod and a supporting member having a festoon ring at one end and means at the other end engaging said rod and supporting said member.
- 20 3. The combination of a curtain rod, a supporting member having a festoon ring at one end and means at the other end engaging said curtain rod and supporting said member and ring thereon comprising spring fingers engag-
25 ing both sides of the rod.

4. The combination of a curtain rod having a return and a supporting member having a festoon ring at one end and means at the other end engaging said rod to support said member and ring thereon, said means comprising a stop member extending under and engaging the bottom of the return of the rod, and a fulcrum member extending over and engaging the top of the return of the rod and located between the stop member and the ring, said ring being supported transversely of the rod and extending above and beyond the rod.

5. The combination of a curtain rod having a return and a supporting member having a festoon ring at one end and means at the other end engaging said rod to support said member and ring thereon, said means comprising a stop member extending under and engaging the bottom of the return of the rod, and a fulcrum member extending over and engaging the top of the return of the rod and located between the stop member and the ring.

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