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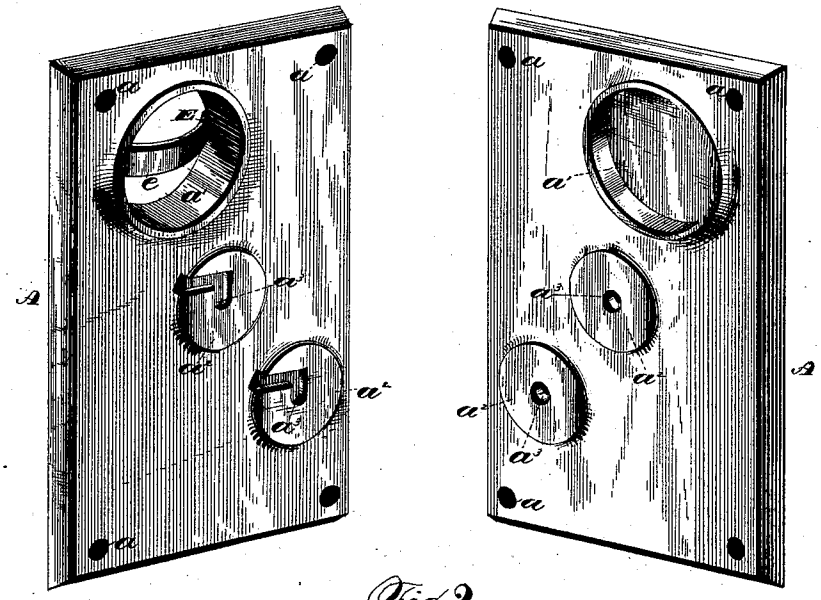
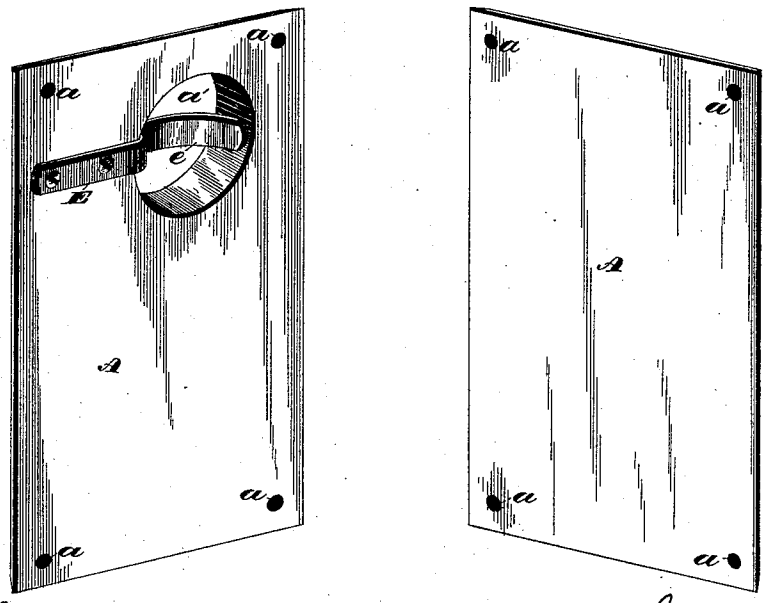


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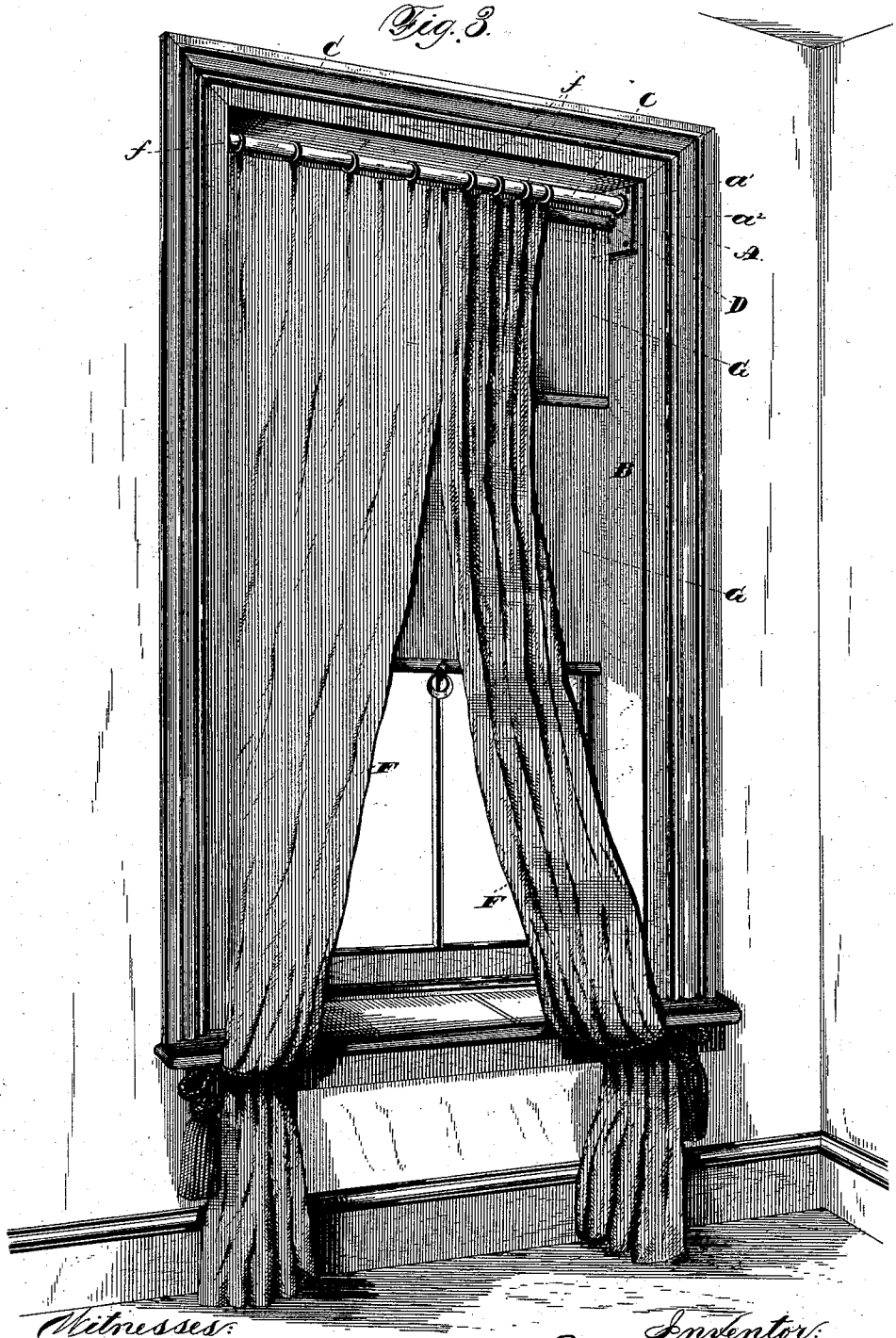
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. SPOFFORD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and in the State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Draping of Windows; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my supporting-plates from their inner sides. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same from their outer sides, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of said devices in position upon or within a window-frame.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

In the draping of windows it is now customary to employ curtains which are suspended from poles or rolling shades, and it frequently occurs that in addition to curtains the occupants of a room desire for each window two shades having different colors or different degrees of opacity. When in such cases the usual supports for curtains and shades are employed, the arrangement is inconvenient and the window is disfigured and rendered unsightly.

To obviate such defects is the design of my invention, which invention consists, principally, as an article of manufacture, in a plate adapted to be attached to a window-jamb and provided with a socket for the reception of one end of a curtain-pole and a bearing for the reception of one of the pivots of a shade-roller, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

It consists, further, as an article of manufacture, in a plate adapted to be attached to a window-jamb and provided with bearings for the end of a curtain-pole and two or more bearings to support the pivots of shade-rollers, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter shown.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a metal plate which preferably has an oblong form, and for general use would have a length of about five inches and a width of about three inches. A number of countersunk screw-holes, *a*, in said plate enable it to be screwed to or upon a window-jamb, B.

At the upper front corner of the plate A is a round socket, *a'*, which projects beyond the face of the same and is adapted to receive one end of a cornice-pole, C, while at a point below and in rear of said socket is a projecting boss, a^2, within which is formed a bearing, a^3, for one of the pivots *d* of a shade-roller, D. A second similar boss, a^2, with a pivot-bearing, a^3, is preferably provided upon said plate below and in rear of the boss above described.

In order that the cornice or curtain pole C may be readily placed in position the opening of the socket *a'* of one of the plates A is extended entirely through said plate, and upon the rear face of the latter is secured a spring, E, which has its free end *e* bent so as to enable it to pass into said opening, as shown.

In the use of the devices shown, which are constructed in pairs, one of the same is secured to each jamb B, near or at the upper end of the window, and a curtain-pole, C, then placed in position by inserting one end within the socket *a'*, that is provided with the spring E, and then pressing said spring backward until the opposite end of said pole can be entered into the socket *a'* of the opposite plate, A, when by the operation of said spring said pole will be held firmly in the last-named socket and prevented from being accidentally detached. A curtain, F, may now be suspended from said pole, either by means of the usual rings, *f*, or in any other manner desired.

A roller, D, provided with a shade, G, is next placed within each pair of bearings a^3, and in order to enable their pivots *d* to be readily placed in or removed from position the openings to said bearings of one plate are cut vertically, while those of the opposite plate extend from the front horizontally rearward to the transverse center of each boss a^2, and thence downward to the vertical center of the same. The relative arrangement of the pole-sockets and roller-bearings enable the use of curtains and shades to be had without the interference of one with the other.

I do not claim nor intend to cover by my claims, broadly, a plate having notches in its edge forming bearings for two shade-roller pivots, nor do I claim as my invention a spring engaging the end of a shade-roller pivot.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a plate adapted to be attached to a window-jamb and

provided with a socket for the reception of an end of a curtain-pole, and a bearing for a shade-roller in a raised boss on its face, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. As an article of manufacture, a plate adapted to be attached to a window-jamb and provided with a socket for a curtain-pole, and bearings for two or more shade-rollers raised above its surface, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. As an article of manufacture, a plate adapted to be fastened to a window-jamb and provided with a raised socket for the reception of a curtain-pole, one or more raised bearings for shade-rollers, and a spring adapted to engage the end of a curtain-pole inserted in the socket, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. As a means for supporting a curtain-pole and shade-roller for a window, the plate provided with a socket for one end of the curtain-pole, and a bearing for one end of each shade-roller, in combination with the corresponding plate provided with a socket for the other end of the curtain-pole, and the spring to engage the end of the pole inserted in such socket, and with a raised bearing for the end of each shade-roller, each bearing being grooved or slotted to admit the passage of the shade-roller pivot into the journal-opening therefor, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of September, A. D. 1885.

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