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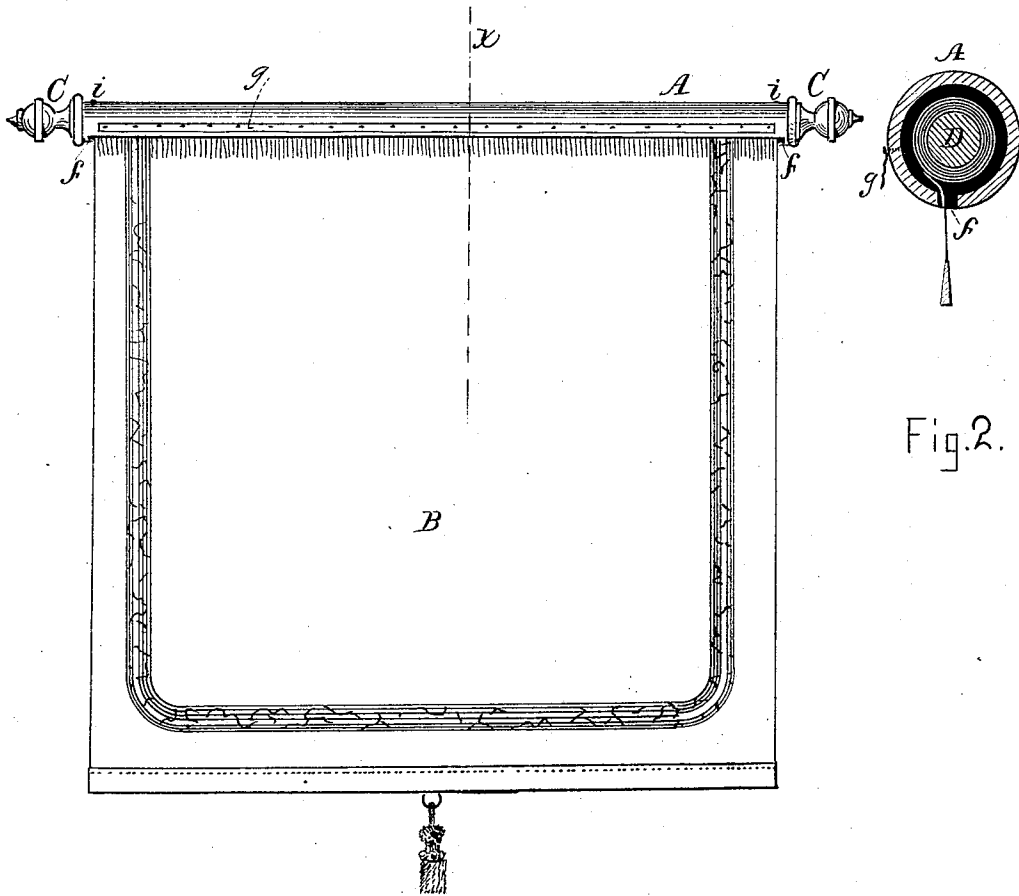


Fig. 1.

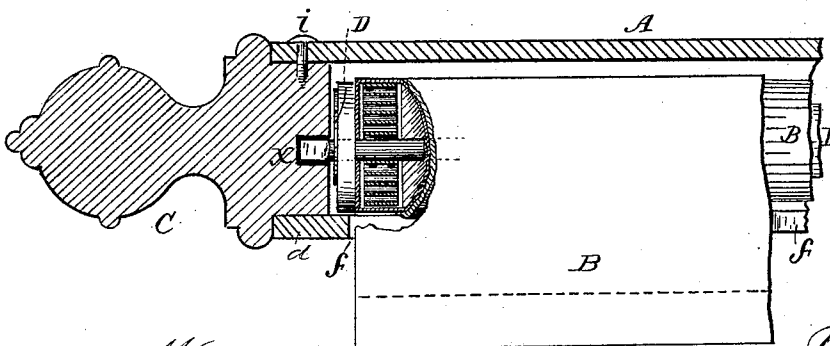


Fig. 3.

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## CURTAIN-FIXTURE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK G. ROBBINS, of Lynn, in the county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved curtain-fixture; Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section; and Fig. 3, a vertical longitudinal section of the cornice with the automatic spring-roller therein, one end of the latter being broken away to show the ordinary mechanism for operating the same.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of curtain-fixtures in which the curtain or shade is housed or covered when not in use; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a more effective device of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation, its extreme simplicity rendering an elaborate description unnecessary.

In the drawings, A represents the cornice, and B the curtain or shade. The cornice is cylindrical in form, and consists of a hollow shell, *d*, provided with an elongated slot, *f*, in its lower side, and with the end pieces, C, which may be secured in the shell by the screws *i*, or in any other convenient manner.

Disposed within the shell there is an ordinary spring curtain fixture or roll, D, which is supported at *x* in the ends C, the curtain or shade B being tacked or secured by its upper end to the roll, and passing downwardly through the slot *f*. Attached to the front of the cornice there is a narrow strip of canvas or cloth, *g*, preferably of the same color as the wood of which the cornice is made, the strip being used to support a lace curtain or draperies, which may be readily secured thereto by sewing or by means of pins; but instead of the strip of cloth a strip of wood provided with set-screws to form a clamp in which the upper end of the curtain is inserted, may be employed, if desired.

In the use of my improvement the cornice is supported by proper brackets (not shown) in which the end pieces rest; or it may be supported by loops, cords, or tapes.

It will be obvious that the cornice A is designed to take the place of the ordinary cornice, and also acts to protect the shade or curtain B from dust, flies, &c.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, substantially as described, of a cornice consisting of a tube provided with a longitudinal slot and ornamental caps or plugs closing the ends of said tube, an automatic springshade-roller within said tube, journaled in the inner ends of said ornamental plugs, and a shade wound on said roller and hanging through said longitudinal slot.

2. The shell *d*, having the spring-roll D, and provided with the strip *g*, or means for attaching a lace curtain, substantially as set forth.

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