

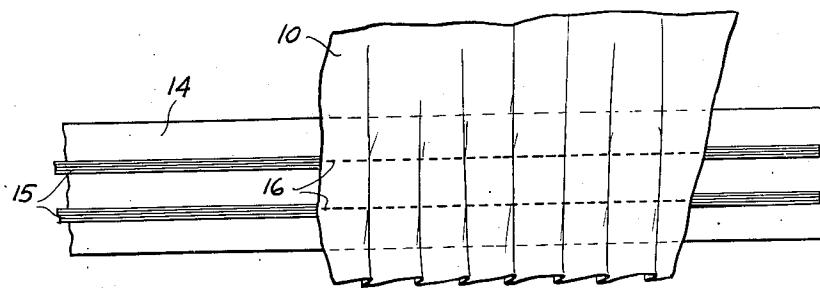
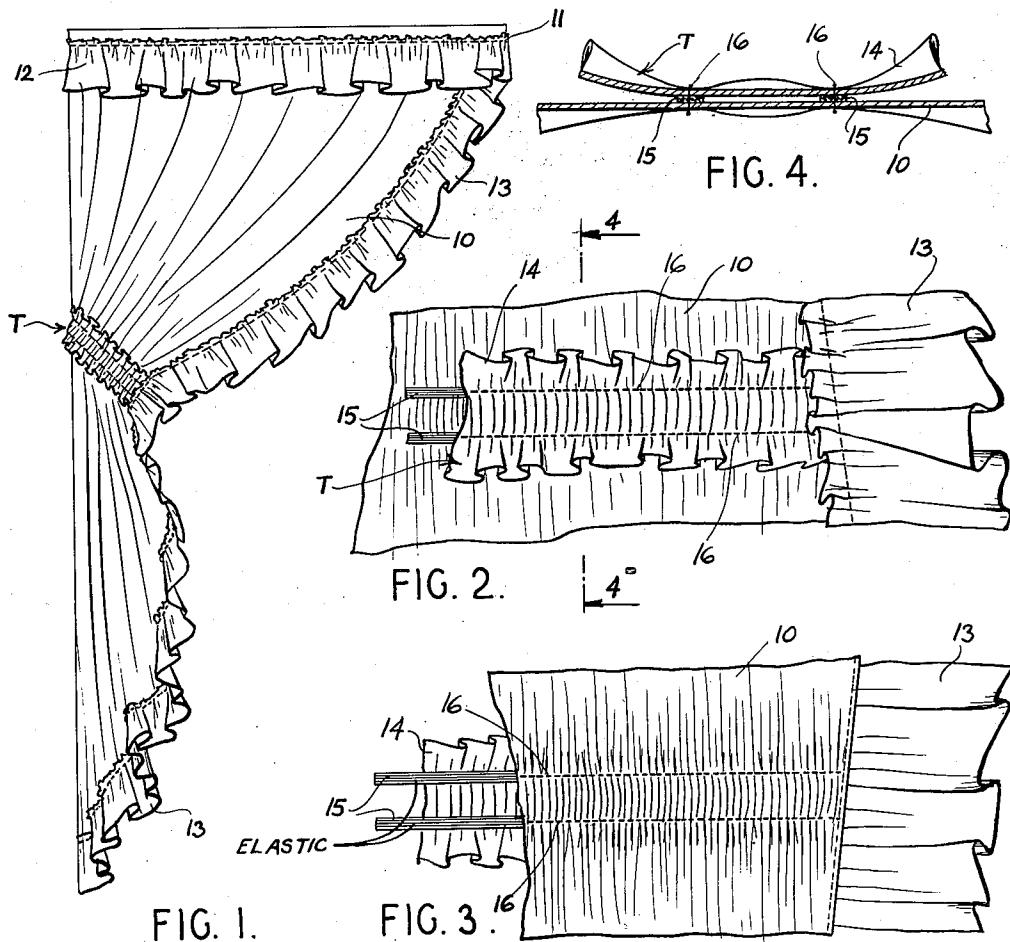
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This invention relates to curtains and draperies, and has for its principal object the provision of a novel tie-back construction, having the following features and advantages:

(a) The curtains or draperies are permanently draped;

(b) The tie-back section requires no adjustment and is permanently pre-draped, thereby eliminating the use of a separate tie-back member or the conventional draw-strings normally employed to attain desired draping;

(c) The tie-back section is simple in construction and is extendible;

(d) Desired pleasing permanent draping is obtained which is not affected by laundering; and

(e) Curtain hanging is greatly simplified.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following drawing and description, which illustrate and describe a preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a fully formed curtain, in suspended position, embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the mid-portion of the curtain, illustrating the details of the pre-draped tie-back section;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the reverse side thereof;

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 rotated 90° clockwise; and

Fig. 5 is a rear elevational view showing the stitching of the elements that comprise the tie-back section to the body of the curtain.

Referring to the drawing, 10 designates the body of the curtain, which is in the form of a panel and which is made of the type of sheer material usually employed in fabricating curtains. The said panel is originally substantially rectangular in configuration prior to the permanent draping at its mid-portion, the details of which will be hereinafter explained.

Panel 10 is provided with the usual heading 11 for the reception of the conventional rod suspension means; the usual depending valance 12; and the usual ornamental gathered ruffle 13, which extends along one side edge thereof and also along the bottom edge thereof. The opposite side edge is not provided with any ruffle.

T designates the tie-back portion of the improved curtain, and constitutes the invention herein, it being the means by which the curtain is permanently pre-draped. Said section T comprises a band or strip of material 14 and a pair of relatively narrow, spaced elastic strips 15.

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Fig. 5 clearly shows the manner in which said band 14 and elastic strips 15 are connected to panel 10 by the parallel lines of stitching 16. An important feature of the invention is the fact that panel 10 is shirred or gathered at its mid-portion as it is being stitched to elastic strips 15 and band 14, the said band being in flat ungathered position when so stitched and the elastic strips also being flat and held under tension. When the stitching is completed, the elastic strips will contract thus causing a gathering of band 14 and also a further gathering of the pre-shirred mid-portion of panel 10. There thereby will result in said panel 10 double the number of gathers than in band 14. It will be noted that each line of stitching 16 passes through band 14, elastic strip 15 and panel 10, each said elastic strip being located intermediate panel 10 and band 14, and being thus concealed therebetween.

In order to obtain the angular disposition of tie-back section T with respect to panel body 10 (as shown in Fig. 1), the said tie-back section is stitched to the said panel body so that it is inclined to the longitudinal axis of said panel.

In order to obtain more graceful permanent draping, it is preferred that tie-back section T terminate short of side ruffle 13. For the sake of economy, and in order to avoid bulkiness at the juncture of tie-back section T with panel body 10, it is preferred to employ a pair of relatively narrow elastic strips 15 rather than one wider elastic band. To do the latter will of course be within the scope of the invention.

There has been illustrated and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is obvious that various changes and omissions may be made without departing from its spirit.

What is claimed is:

1. A curtain comprising a substantially rectangular panel, a tie-back portion extending transversely across said panel intermediate its ends, said tie-back portion comprising a strip of fabric and at least one elastic strip, and means securing together said fabric strip, said panel and said elastic strip while said elastic strip is maintained under tension.

2. A curtain comprising a substantially rectangular panel and a tie-back portion, said tie-back portion comprising a strip of fabric extending transversely across said panel intermediate its ends and at least one strip of elastic material positioned intermediate said fabric strip and said panel, and means securing together said panel and said elastic and fabric strips while maintaining said elastic strip under tension.

3. A curtain comprising a substantially rectangular panel and a tie-back portion, said tie-back portion comprising a strip of fabric extending transversely across said panel intermediate its ends and being inclined to the longitudinal axis thereof, a plurality of substantially spaced parallel elastic strips positioned intermediate said fabric strip and said panel, said panel being gathered adjacent said fabric strips with said gathers extending transversely thereof, and means securing together said gathered portion of said panel, said fabric strip and said elastic strips while the latter are maintained under tension.

4. A curtain comprising a substantially rectangular panel and a tie-back portion, said tie-back portion comprising an elongated substantially rectangular strip of fabric material extending transversely across said panel intermediate its ends, a plurality of spaced, substantially parallel elastic strips positioned intermediate said fabric strip and said panel, said panel being gathered adjacent said fabric strip with said gathers extending transversely thereof, and means securing together said gathered portion of said panel, said fabric strip and said elastic strips while the latter are maintained under tension.

5. A curtain comprising a substantially rectangular panel having a ruffle extending along one of the sides thereof, and a tie-back portion, said tie-back portion extending transversely across said panel but terminating short of the inner edge of said ruffle, said tie-back portion comprising an elongated substantially rectangular strip of fabric material intermediate the ends of said panel, a plurality of spaced, substantially parallel elastic strips positioned intermediate said fabric strip and said panel, said panel being gathered adjacent said fabric strip with said gathers extending transversely thereof, and means securing together said gathered portion of said panel, said fabric strip and said elastic strips while the latter are maintained under tension.

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