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Fig. 1

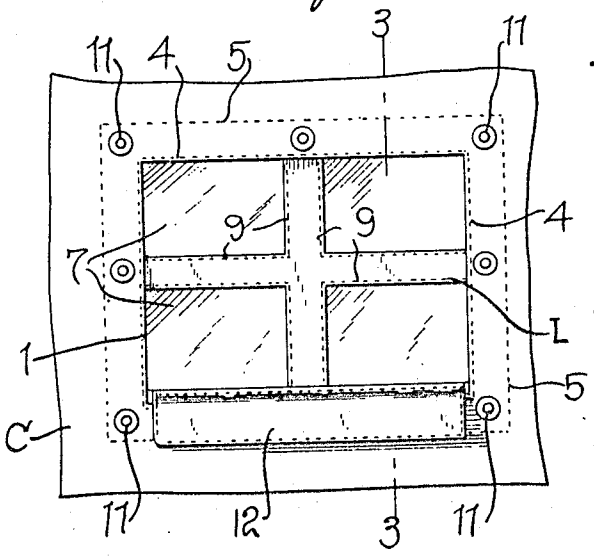


Fig. 3

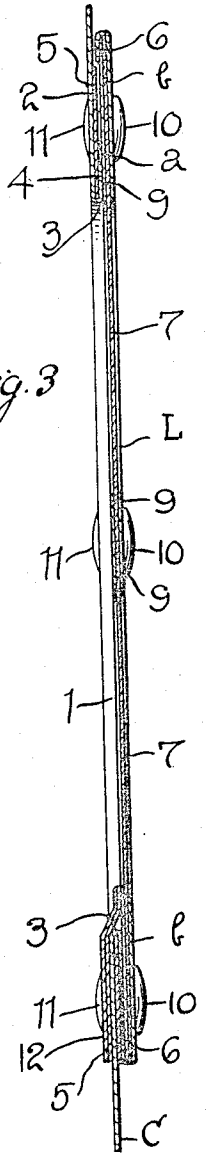


Fig. 2

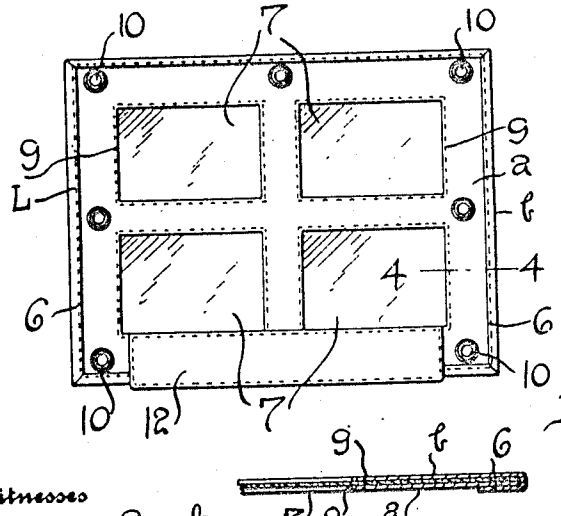


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rock Island, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Lights, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in curtain lights and has relation more particularly to a device of this general character especially designed and adapted for use in connection with the curtains of vehicles; and an object of the invention is to provide a device of this general character which may be readily applied to or removed from a curtain as the necessities of practice may require.

Furthermore, it is an object of the invention to provide a device of this general character including a flap or apron adapted to serve to prevent passage of water or the like through the opening in the curtain with which the light is adapted to coact.

The invention also contemplates for an object to provide a novel and improved light which may be readily standardized whereby vehicle owners may be enabled to readily replace a light as the necessities of practice may dictate.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved curtain light whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, all as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the appended claim.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a curtain light constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention and in applied position, the coacting curtain being shown in fragment; Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the curtain light detached; Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings, C denotes a fragment of a rear curtain, as generally employed in connection with automobiles or other vehicles, having produced therein the opening 1, herein disclosed of rectangular formation, with which my improved light L is adapted to coact. As herein embodied, the marginal portions of the opening 1 are reinforced along their outer surfaces by the strips, 2, preferably integrally connected with the marginal portions proper of the opening 1 folded to overlap said strips 2, as is believed to be fully indicated at 3 in the accompanying drawings, said folded portions being maintained in operative position by the rows of stitching 4 which together with the outer rows of stitching 5 serve to hold the reinforcing strips in applied position.

As herein set forth, my improved light L comprises two superimposed plies *a* and *b*, the marginal portions of the ply *b* being turned over and upon the ply *a* and maintained in such position through the rows of stitching 6 which also serve to maintain the plies in operative relation. The light is provided with the panels 7 of celluloid or other flexible transparent material adapted to close the openings 8 produced through the light and having their marginal portions positioned between the plies *a* and *b* and maintained against displacement through the medium of the rows of stitching 9.

The light L is of such dimensions as to overlie the opening 1 and the marginal portions thereof, the top and side portions of the light being provided with means 10 adapted to co-act with the means 11 produced along the sides and top of the opening 1 in the curtain C for detachably applying the light L in operative position upon the curtain C. By this arrangement, it will be perceived that if, from any cause, the light L should become unfit for use, the same may be readily and conveniently removed from applied position and a second light substituted therefor.

Overlying the lower marginal portion of the light L is the flap or apron 12 of a length substantially equal to the length of the open-

ing 1 and which is adapted to overlap the lower marginal portion of the opening 1 in the curtain C to afford a water-shed whereby the possibility of ingress of water or the like through the opening 1 is reduced to a minimum and also serves as a medium to maintain the lower portion of the light in applied position.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a curtain light constructed in accordance with my invention is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without material departure from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice.

I claim:

The combination with a vehicle curtain provided with an opening, a light adapted to overlie the opening of the curtain, the marginal portions of the light overlying the marginal portions of the opening, coacting means carried by said overlying portions whereby the light may be detachably engaged with the curtain, and a longitudinally disposed apron overlying the lower marginal portion of the light and adapted to be inserted through the opening of the curtain and overlap the lower marginal portion of said opening, said apron being of a length substantially equal to the length of the opening and aiding to maintain said lower portion of the light in position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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