

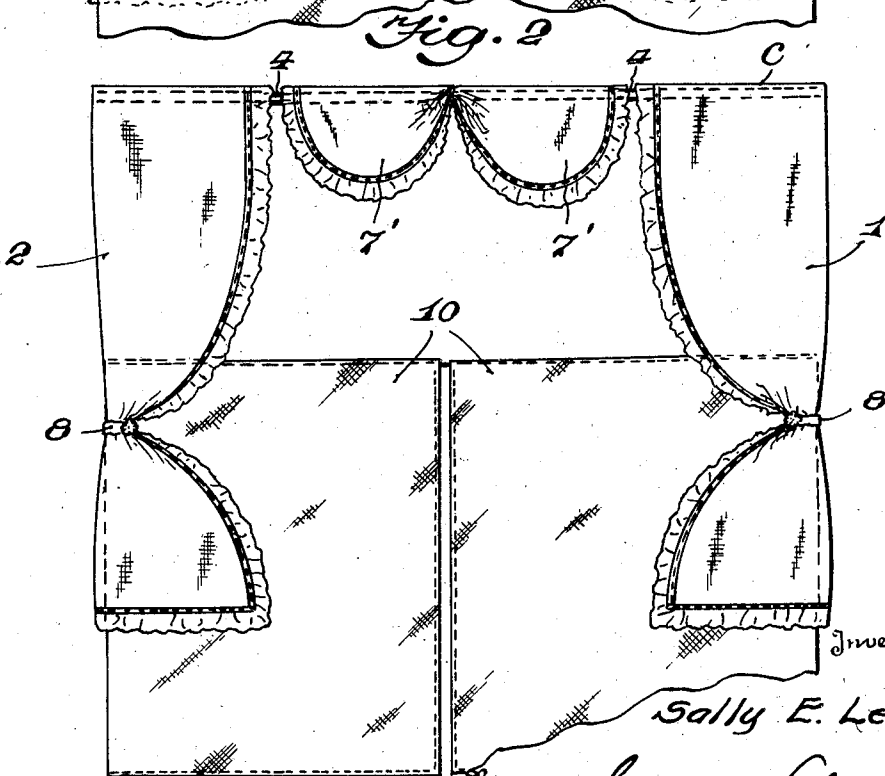
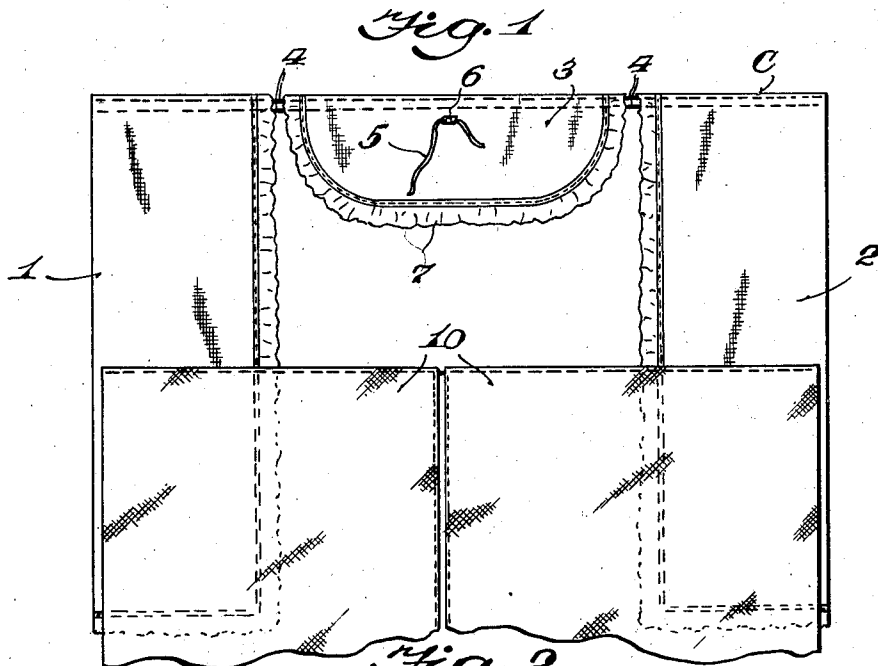
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This invention relates to a novel curtain set construction and more particularly to a cottage curtain set of pleasing appearance and one which is capable of simple modification to alter the esthetic effects obtainable with the curtain set.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a curtain set embodying a pair of long side panels and a central panel which enables the modification of the contours of the latter, at substantially no additional cost, to obtain different ornamental effects by a variation of the contours of the central panel. The construction in accordance with the present invention makes possible the utilization of a single curtain structure to satisfy the requirements normally afforded by two sets and thereby results in economies in stocks of the curtains necessary to be maintained by the retailer in addition to affording the consumer alternate modes of utilization of the curtain, depending upon specific needs. The construction also makes possible frequent rearrangements of the style of the curtain to obviate the necessity of obtaining new curtains, which is usually done.

Other objects and purposes will appear from the following detailed description of the invention following hereinafter, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a rear view of the cottage curtain set as the same is applied to a window in one form of utilization of the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a front view of the invention showing the central panel modified in contour in accordance with the present invention.

Conventional cottage curtain sets are generally composed of a pair of base curtains 10 of voile, organdy or other textile materials which are superposed by an overlying valance C, hanging at a higher level than the base curtains. This valance may be composed of two vertical side panels which are sometimes used with tie-backs, and which are also sometimes bordered by a horizontal valance across the top of the curtain set. In accordance with the present invention the overlying valance is constituted by two long side panels 1 and 2 and an intermediate central panel 3, all of which panels may be stitched together by a plurality of rows of stitching 4 to enable the valance to be hung at the top of a window. Of course, the panels may be bordered by a ruffled edging of different coloring to blend with the pattern of the base curtain and that of the panels. The central panel is formed with a lower curved edge 7 which imparts to the composite curtain set an esthetic appearance. In addition, on the back

of the central panel adjacent the top thereof a tie 5 is sewn by stitching 6 which is normally invisible from the front of the curtain set and this tie enables the lower edge of the curtain to be gathered into the form shown in Fig. 2 with a pair of symmetrical convexities 7', when the ends of the tie are tied together. This permits the appearance of the valance to be changed radically, which effect may be further enhanced by a modification of the contours of the side panels 1 and 2 by gathering them in with tie-backs 8, as shown in Fig. 2, or by permitting them to hang freely as shown in Fig. 1.

Thus, it is readily seen that the addition of the tie element 5 upon the back of the central panel 3, presents an inconsequential element of cost in the manufacture of the curtain, but which enables the same to perform a double duty in permitting a convenient modification of the style of the curtain in accordance with the desires of the user from time to time. Of course, the tie element 5 can be applied as easily to finished curtains by merely stitching the same at 6 as shown in Fig. 1. By making this tie of the same fabric as the central panel, it is normally invisible from the rear and the same blends with the remainder of the panel in the tied condition of the panel as shown in Fig. 2.

While I have described my invention as embodied in a specific form and as operating in a specific manner for purposes of illustration, it should be understood that I do not limit my invention thereto, since various modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the annexed claims.

I claim:

1. A cottage curtain set comprising a pair of base curtains and an overlying valance composed of a pair of spaced side panels and a central panel extending between the upper portions of the side panels, and gathering means attached to the top of said central panel for selectively gathering in the lower edge of said last-mentioned panel to selectively alter the contours of said central panel from a single panel to a double one arranged symmetrically with respect to said gathering means.

2. A cottage curtain set comprising a pair of base curtains and an overlying valance composed of a pair of spaced side panels and a central panel extending between the upper portions of the side panels and having a convexly shaped lower edge, and a tie unit attached to the top of said central panel at the midportion thereof for selectively

gathering in the bottom convexly shaped edge of said central panel to obtain a central panel having two adjacent symmetrical convexly shaped panels as an alternative to a single central panel in the inoperative position of said tie unit

3. A curtain set comprising a valance composed of a pair of spaced side panels and a central panel extending between the upper portions of the side panels, and a tie unit attached to the top of said central panel at the midportion thereof for selectively gathering in the bottom edge of said central panel to obtain a central panel having two

adjacent symmetrically shaped panels or leaving the central panel in its open position.

4. A curtain set comprising a valance composed of a pair of spaced side panels and a central panel extending between the upper portions of the side panels, and a tie unit sewed to the rear face of the top of said central panel at the midportion thereof for selectively gathering in the bottom of said central panel to obtain a central panel having two adjacent symmetrically shaped panels or leaving the central panel in its open position.

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