

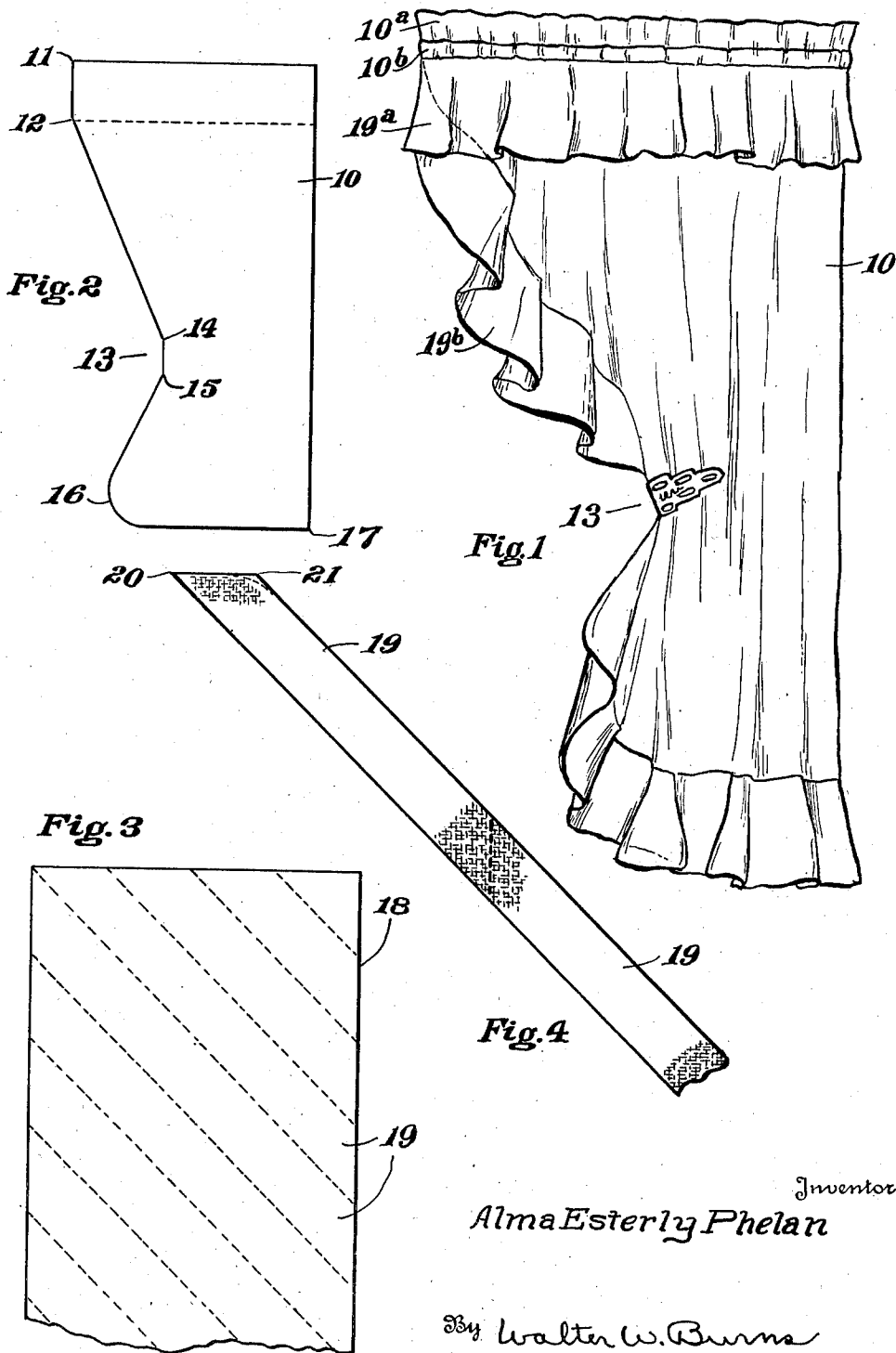
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This invention relates to window curtains and has particular relation to those curtains which are provided with ruffles.

In the making, hanging and laundering of the usual type of window curtains, great care has to be exercised in order that the curtains when hung will present a proper appearance. Ruffles, when applied to the main body of the curtain, often do not look well after laundering because of the difficulty in making a smooth surface adjacent the inner edge of the ruffle where it is attached to the main body of the curtain. And no matter how well the ironing work is done, the ruffle presents a darker appearance at its inner edge where it is gathered or pleated, than does the adjacent surface of the main body of the curtain. In addition, the gathering of the curtain to the window frame, usually below its middle, causes a much darker portion when viewed from the inside of the room.

The principal object of this invention is the provision of an improved window curtain.

Another object of the invention is the production of a window curtain which while not losing its artistic value will reduce to a minimum the difference in light transmission in different portions of the window covered by the curtain.

A further object of the invention is the production of a curtain the ruffle of which has a smooth, unpleated and ungathered edge where attached to the main body of the curtain.

A still further object of the invention is the production of a curtain having a cut-in portion at one side, thus reducing the amount of material to be drawn to one side of the window frame.

Another and still further object of the invention is the provision of a curtain having a ruffle and valance which are cut on the bias.

Other and further objects of the invention will be apparent to one skilled in the art from a reading of the complete specification and claims.

Referring to the drawing wherein I have illustrated an embodiment of my invention,

Fig. 1 is a view of my invention as applied to a single curtain.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the curtain body.

Fig. 3 is a lay-out for the cutting of the ruffle and valance strips.

Fig. 4 is a plan of the complete ruffle and valance strip.

Similar reference characters refer to the same or similar parts throughout the specification and claims.

In preparing the main body of the curtain, the material is cut to the proper width and

length, allowing for the ruffles, casing and heading. The main body of the curtain which I have designated 10 in the drawing may be provided with a rectangular section between corners 11 and 12 as shown in Fig. 2. A cut-away portion as 13 is provided for the tie-back effect, producing, preferably, a rectangular portion between corners 14 and 15 as shown on Fig. 2. A rounded portion as at 16 may be provided at the lower corner below the cut-away portion 13. Between the rounded portion 16 and the corner 17, the bottom is shown as being straight.

The strips for the valance 19^a, and ruffle 19^b are cut of the desired width on the bias, preferably, a true bias. The method of cutting the valance and ruffle strips is shown in Fig. 3, wherein 18 represents the strip of uncut material and 19 the bias-cut strips cut on an angle of 45° from the side edge of the strip 18. These strips are pieced together as shown in Fig. 4, to produce the required length.

The outer edge of the curtain body 10 and the outer edge of the ruffle 19^b and the lower edge of the valance 19^a are first hemmed. When hemming the valance and ruffle, the hem should be stretched slightly to allow the stitching to give with the material and also to give a slight fullness to the free edge of the ruffle 19^b and valance 19^a in the completed curtain.

It has been found to be preferable for the ruffle at its top, to have a tapering effect. To bring this about, the angular end of the ruffle strip 19 is utilized. The straight edge 20—21 which is substantially or exactly parallel with the threads of the strip 19, is sewed to the main curtain body beginning at the point where the lower portion of the casing is to be located, the corner at 21, being slightly rounded as shown in dotted lines on Fig. 4.

As the ruffle 19^b is sewed to the main body 10 of the curtain, the material is eased but without any substantial gathers. This sewing of the ruffle edge continues to beyond the point 21. Beyond the point 21, the ruffle strip will be secured with its bias edge to the edge of the curtain. The sewing of the ruffle 19^b to the main body 10, continues in the manner described until a point adjacent the curved portion 16 is reached. From this point great care is needed to ease the ruffle as much as possible, to a point beyond the curved portion 16 without any substantial gathering, to give the desired fullness to the ruffle. When the ruffle is secured to a point beyond the curved portion 16, the ruffle is eased slightly and sewed on out to the corner 17.

The casing and heading are now formed. The upper rectangular portion of the curtain body is folded over and sewed in place, the upper portion forming the heading 10^a, and the lower portion forming the rod casing 10^b as shown in Fig. 1.

When the heading and casing are finished, the valance 19^a is sewed in position, easing slightly.

Curtains made according to this invention, have many advantages over the ordinary curtain. In the ordinary curtain, the thick folds at the tie-back give a bunching effect and appear to be thickened at this point. In the curtains made in accordance with this invention, the lack of bunchiness due to the cut-away portion, gives the curtain at and below this point, an appearance of a uniformity of thickness with the upper portions of the curtain. This uniformity of thickness is furthered by the lack of gathers of the ruffle and valance on the curtain-body edge.

By the smooth continuous surface between the curtain body and ruffle and between the curtain body and valance, the effort in ironing the curtain is reduced to a minimum. This is due to the fact that the iron can pass from one surface to the other without being hampered by the usual gathers along this line.

This curtain may be made of any suitable material. I have found that excellent results may be obtained by the use of organdie.

In describing the invention, I have gone into considerable detail as to the construction of the illustrated embodiment. It is to be understood, however, that the description and drawing are merely illustrative and that modifications and changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention and within its scope as claimed.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A curtain for windows and the like comprising a body portion having a window-side edge, and a bias-cut ruffle having a bias-cut edge attached to the body portion on the bottom edge of the curtain and extending along and attached to that edge of the body portion opposite to the window-side edge, the ruffle and body portions each having smooth portions adjacent to and throughout the line of attachment.

2. A curtain for windows and the like, comprising a body portion having a window-side edge, the edge opposite to the window-side edge being cut in where the curtain is to be held back, and a bias-cut ruffle having a bias-cut edge attached to the body portion on the bottom edge of the curtain and extending along and attached to that edge of the body portion opposite to the window-side edge, the ruffle and body portions each having smooth portions adjacent to and throughout the line of attachment.

3. A curtain for windows and the like comprising a body portion having a window-side edge, a bias-cut ruffle having a bias-cut edge attached to the body portion on the bottom edge of the curtain and extending along and attached to the edge of the body opposite to the window-side edge, the ruffle and body portions each having smooth portions adjacent to and throughout the line of attachment and a bias-cut valance at the top of the body portion, the valance and body portions being smooth adjacent their line of attachment.

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