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FIG. 1.

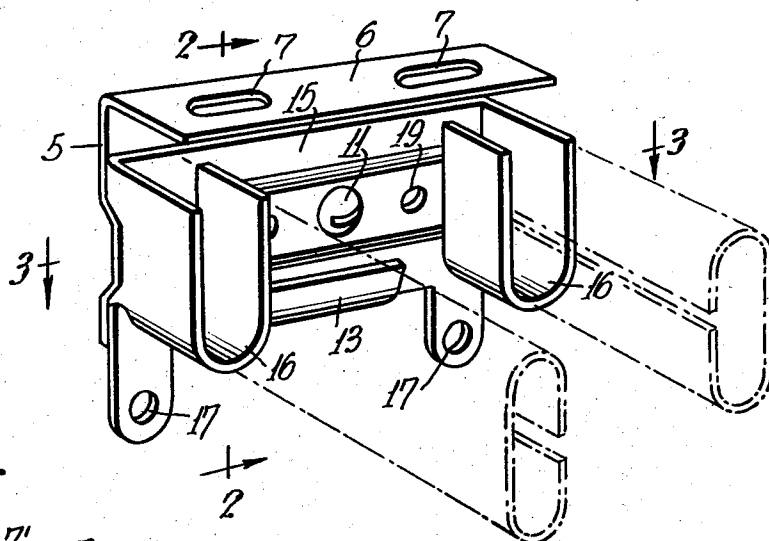


FIG. 2.

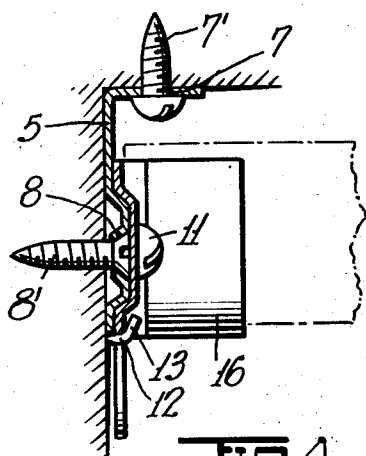


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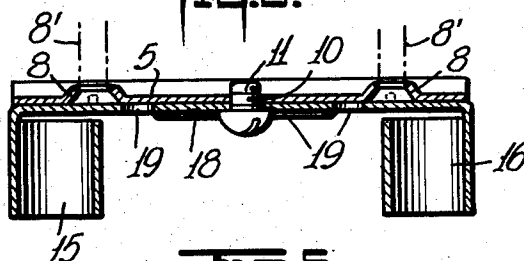


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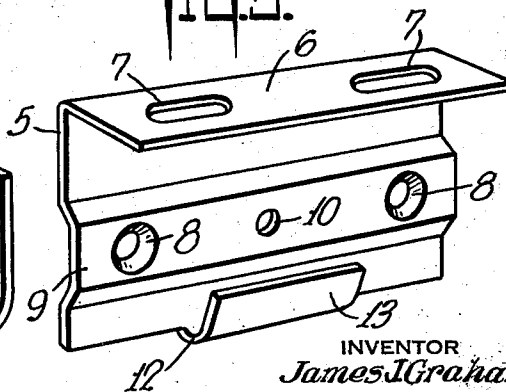
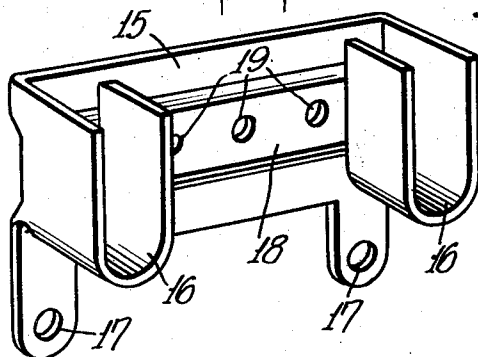


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My invention relates to a support for a curtain rod or track.

It is a principal object of the invention to provide a support of the character indicated so arranged that a curtain rod or track may be suspended from a ceiling, or supported by a side wall, or both.

Another object is to provide a support for a curtain rod or track so arranged that a track bracket may be loosely or temporarily put in place and safely supported while the opposite end of the track is being supported by the same or similar bracket or support means.

In general, the object is to provide an improved, inexpensive support for curtain rods or track.

Briefly stated, in a preferred form of the invention, I employ a plate having means for securing the same to a ceiling, and means for securing the same to a side wall, or both at the same time. This support is usually held by screws or the like and is preferably capable of adjustment. The support carries curtain rod supporting means, which may be cups, sockets or projections and, in the preferred form, such curtain rod supporting cups, sockets or projections are carried by and form part of a bracket which may be supported on the ceiling or wall support, or which may itself be secured to a wall. The support, which may be secured to a ceiling or wall, preferably has a shelf which may be provided with a front wall, and the curtain rod bracket may rest on and be held by such shelf or wall so that the rod may be supported at the one end while the opposite end is being positioned or supported by the same or other rod supporting means. The bracket is preferably secured to the wall or ceiling support as by means of a screw.

In the drawings, which show, for illustrated purposes only, a preferred form of the invention:

Fig. 1 is an isometric view of my improved support for curtain rods or track;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken substantially in the plane of the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and illustrating the support secured to a ceiling and a side wall simultaneously;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an isometric view of a curtain rod bracket designed to be secured to the ceiling or wall support; and

Fig. 5 is an isometric view of the ceiling or wall support illustrated in the other figures and adapted to receive and support the bracket shown in Fig. 4.

In said drawings, my improved support preferably includes a plate 5, which has means for securing the same to a ceiling or a side wall, or both. In the form illustrated, the plate 5 has a horizontal or right-angularly extending flange 6, which may have one or more elongated apertures 7—7 therein for receiving screws 7' or the like to secure the support adjustably to a ceiling.

The plate 5 is preferably also supplied with apertures 8—8 for receiving screws such as 8' for securing the support to a wall. Thus, as shown particularly in Fig. 2, the support may be secured as by means of the screws

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7'—8' to a ceiling and wall at the same time. Clearly the support could be secured to either a ceiling or a wall.

In the form shown, the apertures 8—8 extend through a raised portion or land 9 pressed up in the body of the plate 5, and the holes 8 are counter-sunk to receive the heads of the screws 8', as will be clear. A tapped hole 10 is also provided in the land 9 for receiving a screw 11 to fasten the bracket of Fig. 4 in place. The support preferably includes a shelf or support 12 which may have an upturned side or wall 13 to provide means for supporting and securing the curtain rod bracket, as will be described. Thus the support may be secured to a ceiling or to a wall, or to both, and, therefore, the curtain rod or track may be secured exactly where desired to give the desired decorative effect to curtains or drapes.

The rod bracket for supporting the curtain rod or track—which bracket is itself arranged to be carried by the support 5 heretofore described—may consist of a plate 15 having means to carry and support ends of curtain rod or track. The track end supporting means usually consist of cups, sockets or projections to interfit with the ends of rod or track. In the form shown, the bracket plate 15 has the ends bent forward and a part turned up to provide cups 16—16 for supporting two track ends. The bracket plate 15 may also have depending legs 17—17, with apertures for receiving hooks or the like for supporting drapes. The plate 15 is, preferably, pressed up into the form of a land 18 corresponding to and fitting over the land 9 of the support plate 5, thus the two lands fitting each other tend to provide a rather secure mutual support and, since the heads of the screws 8' are counter-sunk, there may be good flat contact between the lands 9 and 18, as will be understood. The land 18 may be provided with a plurality of apertures 19, any one of which may receive the securing screw 11 heretofore referred to for securing the bracket 15 in place on the support plate 5. In such set-ups where the support plate 5 would not be required, the bracket 15 could be secured to the wall, as by ordinary screws fastened through one or more of the holes 19.

In use, the support plate 5 will be secured to, say, a ceiling by screws 7' passing through the elongated openings 7—7 into flange 6. When the plate 5 is properly positioned and secured, it is ready to receive the bracket plate 15 shown particularly in Fig. 4. This bracket plate may have the ends of one or more tracks or rods fitted in the cups 16—16, and the bracket thus carrying the ends of the rod may be assembled with the support 5 by simply moving the bracket in proximity to the support and letting the bottom edge of the plate 15 rest on the shelf 12 and be held in position by the upturned flange 15. The bracket will thus be temporarily and adequately supported, while the opposite ends of the track or rods are being supported by the same or similar bracket and support means.

When the bracket 15 is in place, it may be moved lengthwise of the support plate 5 and the securing screw 11 passed through one of the holes 19 and into the tapped hole 10, whereby the bracket is held in place and is supported very solidly by the shelf 12, as well as by the interfitting pressed up or land portions 9, 18.

My improved ceiling or wall support may hold various rod end brackets now in use, in addition to the one bracket shown.

The support 5 and rod holding parts are shown, in the specific illustration, as separate pieces, but when assembled the entire structure may be considered as an integral support for rods or track, that is, the support 5 has integral cups or other means for supporting the track or rods.

It will be seen that my improved support provides means for properly supporting track or rods in almost any desired position, inasmuch as the support may be secured to

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a ceiling or to a wall, or to both. Provision of such flexible means makes possible almost any desired window treatment. The rods are spaced far enough from the ceiling to permit the use of standard length heading hooks.

While the invention has been described in considerable detail and a preferred form illustrated, it is to be understood that changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A support for a curtain rod or track comprising, a plate to fit a wall, a generally right angularly extending flange on said plate and having an aperture to receive a screw to secure the flange to a ceiling, a bracket to be secured to said plate and having rod supporting means therein, said plate having a bent up flange forming a trough to receive the lower edge of said bracket to sustain the same vertically, said bracket having depending ears to engage opposite ends of said bent up flange to limit lateral movement of said bracket on said plate the top edge of said bracket being free to rock about its lower edge in said trough, and a screw to secure said bracket to said plate and keep the lower end of said bracket in said trough to sustain the bracket vertically and to hold said bracket against the rocking aforesaid.

2. A support for a curtain rod or track comprising, a

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plate to fit against a wall, an aperture therein to receive a fastening member, a forwardly and generally right angularly extending flange at the top of said plate and having an aperture therein to receive a fastening member to secure said flange to a ceiling, a bracket secured to said plate, said bracket having a rod or track cup integral therewith, said plate having a forwardly and upwardly turned flange at the bottom edge thereof to form a trough rockably receiving the lower edge of said bracket, ears extending downwardly from the lower edge of said bracket to engage the ends of said trough flange and limit the sliding of said plate and bracket on each other, and a screw at an upper part of said bracket securing the latter rigidly to said plate.

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