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DRAPERY PLEATER AND SUPPORT

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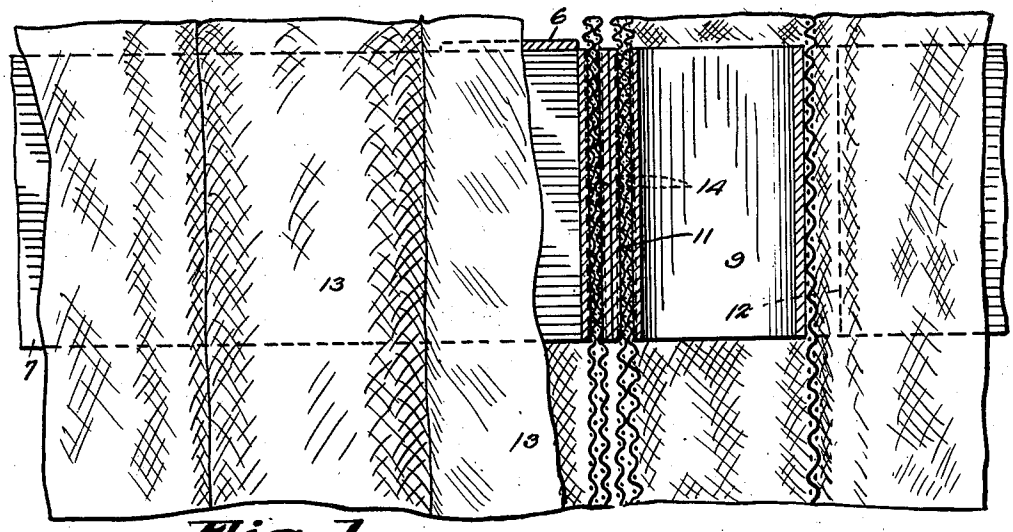


Fig. 1.

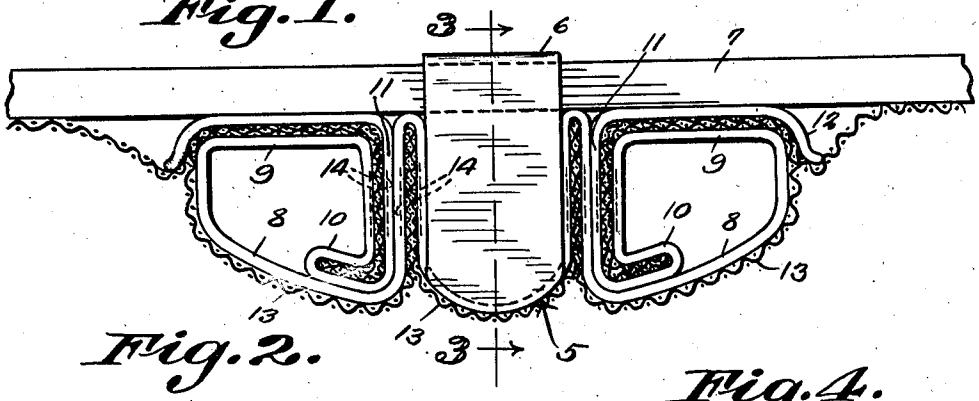


Fig. 2.

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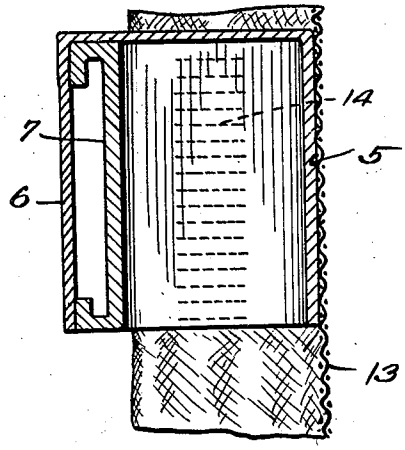
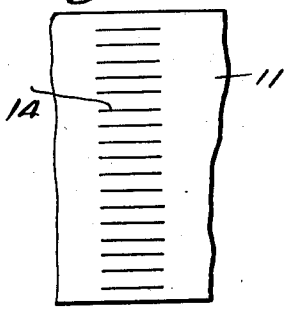


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This invention relates to curtain or drape holders, the primary object of the invention being to provide means for supporting curtains or drapes in such a way that folds are provided, the construction of the hanger or support being such that the folds will be accurately and artistically arranged.

Another object of the invention is to provide a curtain or drapery support which will clamp the material of which the curtain or drapery is formed, thereby eliminating the use of pins or other sharp pointed instruments in securing the curtain or drapery, and at the same time eliminating any possibility of damaging the curtain or drapery by piercing the cloth material.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a curtain or drapery support which may be attached to the curtain or drapery, and then finally positioned over a suitable supporting rod, where the holder or support will be securely held in position.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein described, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation view partly broken away, illustrating a curtain or drape secured to the support.

Figure 2 is a plan thereof.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmental detail view, illustrating the roughened curtain or drape engaging surface of the holder.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the holder comprises a length of semi-yieldable material bent intermediate its ends, providing a central section 5 which has a rearwardly and downwardly extended portion 6 providing a hook or support adapted to be positioned over a supporting rod, such as indicated at 7, for holding the support in position over a window ledge or frame.

At opposite sides of the central portion 5, are formed loops 8 which are constructed by extending the material laterally and rearwardly, as at 9, and then bringing the material forwardly forming a loop 10, and finally extending one side of the loop 11, rearwardly and laterally as at 12. These portions of the loop are spaced apart, so that the cloth material of which the curtain or drapery is formed, may be positioned therebetween, as clearly shown by Figure 2.

When the cloth material, which in the present showing is indicated at 13, is positioned on the support, it will be seen that folds, are provided, and the curtain or drape is securely held by the gripping action of the loops, to the end that pins or other fastening devices commonly used in drape supports, are unnecessary.

It might be further stated that in using the hanger, the curtain or drape is positioned over the support, and portions of the curtain or drape are forced between the members of the various loops, in a manner as shown by Figure 2 of the drawing. On positioning the curtain or drape, the members of the loops are spread apart so that the sides of the loops will grip the curtain or drape, owing to the yieldable qualities of the material of which the holder is constructed, to the end that the curtain or drape will be securely held in the desired position.

In order to further increase the gripping qualities of the holder, the clamp engaging surfaces of the holder are roughened, as at 14, to bite into the clamped material.

When using the curtain or drape holder, the curtain or drape may be readily positioned within the holder, and after the desired folds have been made and the holder positioned, the holder may be readily positioned over the usual curtain rod, as indicated by Figure 2 of the drawing. This holder also permits the drape to be slid along the curtain rod to the desired position, without danger of disrupting the folds.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A drapery support comprising a body formed of a length of yieldable material and formed with a central loop, a hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the central loop and adapted to be hooked over a curtain rod, and a plurality of lateral loops formed integral with the body and presenting gripping surfaces between the loops adapted to grip a drape positioned between the gripping surfaces of the loops.

2. A drapery support comprising a body formed of a length of yieldable material and comprising a central loop, a hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the open edge of the central loop and adapted to be positioned over a supporting rod, portions of the body extending laterally providing lateral loops, the walls of the loops be-

ing spaced apart providing gripping surfaces adapted to grip a drape positioned between said walls of the loops, providing pleats in the drape positioned over the support.

3. A drapery support comprising a body formed of a length of yieldable metal comprising a central loop, a hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper edge of the central loop and adapted to be positioned over a curtain supporting rod, substantially wide loop portions extending laterally from the central loop and presenting drapery gripping members adapted to grip the drape positioned therein, providing pleats in the drape.

4. A drapery support comprising a body formed of a length of yieldable metal comprising a central loop, a hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper edge of the central loop, portions of the length of the yieldable metal being extended forwardly and laterally with respect to the central loop, providing lateral loops, portions of the lateral loops being spaced from the central loop providing gripping surfaces adapted to grip a drape positioned therebetween, and said lateral loops presenting gripping surfaces adapted to grip the drape at opposite sides of the central loop, providing pleats in the drape.

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