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Fig. 1.

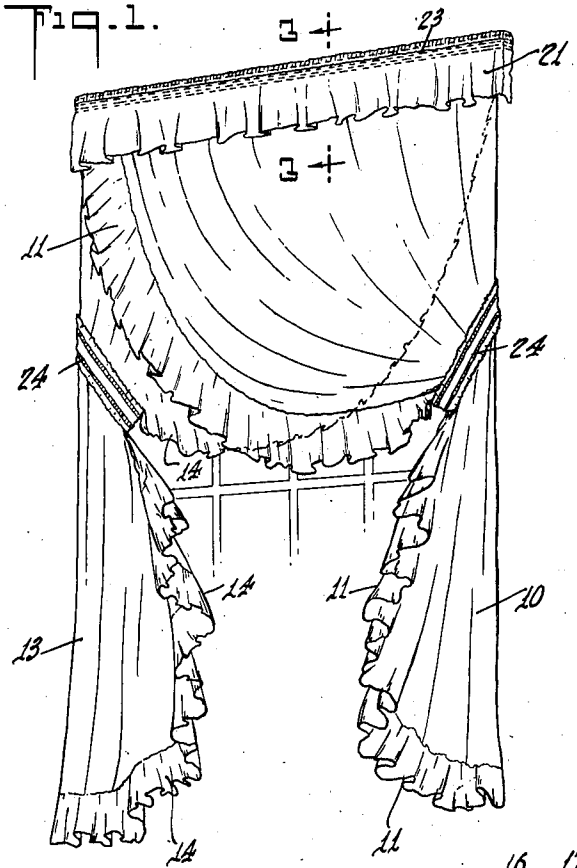
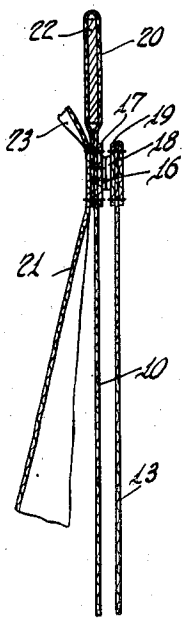


Fig. 3.



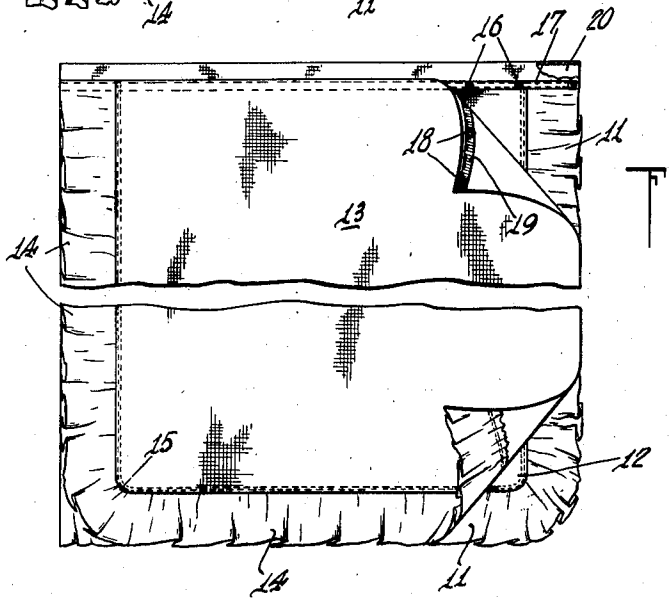


Fig. 2.

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My present invention relates generally to curtains and has particular reference to a window curtain of the crisscross type.

The conventional crisscross effect is produced either by a one-piece construction or by what is known as the Priscilla style. In the one-piece construction there are two elements or panels superimposed one upon the other and held together by permanent stitching at the top. This treatment makes for difficult handling and laundering. The Priscilla style curtain, which has taken the place of the one-piece construction, contains the same two elements or panels unconnected with each other, but requiring a separate rod channel and curtain rod for each panel. The desired crisscross effect is achieved by superimposing one panel and rod above the other, one panel being gathered toward one side of the window, the other panel towards the opposite side.

The general object of my present invention is to provide a crisscross curtain construction which can be supported on a single rod as in the old one-piece construction, but which, by use of a mechanical device, allows the two curtain elements to be completely separated from each other. The two curtain elements of the present device are so formed and assembled that a single rod-pocket, formed on one of them, and of ordinary character, is adapted to support the entire curtain structure.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which is easy to hang and to drape, and which allows the two curtain elements to be completely separated from each other, thereby greatly facilitating laundering. If the curtains were sewn together as had been the practice in the past, there would be considerable difficulty in handling and laundering as is generally recognized.

Briefly, the present assembly comprises a substantially rectangular front curtain, and a rear curtain of substantially the same width and shape. The curtains are provided along their upper margins with horizontal rows of complemental fasteners adapted separably to retain the upper margins of the curtains in superposed relationship. One of the curtains is provided with a rod-channel of ordinary well-known character.

An ornamental ruffle is provided on one side edge of the front curtain, and an ornamental ruffle is provided on the opposite side edge of the rear curtain, so that when the curtains are gathered into opposite directions, the desired crisscross effect is produced. Preferably, a horizontal top ruffle is also provided, to complete the ornamental effect and to conceal the fasteners hereinbefore mentioned.

I achieve the foregoing objects and such other objects as may hereinafter appear or be pointed out in the manner illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a crisscross curtain assembly constructed in accordance with the present invention, as it appears in use,

Figure 2 is a rear plan view of the two curtain elements entering into the present construction, and

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In the illustrated embodiment I have shown a substantially rectangular front curtain 10 provided with an ornamental ruffle 11 on one of its side edges, this ruffle continuing around the lower corner 12 and extending along the bottom edge of the curtain. I have also shown a rear curtain 13 which is of substantially the same width and shape and which has an ornamental ruffle 14 extending along the opposite side edge. The ruffle 14 continues around the lower corner 15 of the rear curtain and extends along the bottom edge thereof.

Along the upper margin of the front curtain 10 I provide a horizontal row of fasteners 16, preferably of the snap-fastener variety, and preferably of rust-proof, laundry-proof material and construction. From a manufacturing standpoint, it may be desirable to mount these fasteners in spaced relation upon a separate strip 17 which is stitched to the curtain 10.

Along the upper margin of the rear curtain 13 I provide a horizontal row of complemental fasteners 18, and it will be understood that, for manufacturing purposes, this row of fasteners may similarly be mounted in spaced relation along a separate strip 19 which is stitched to the curtain 13.

In the illustrated construction, the front curtain 10 is additionally provided with the horizontal tubular rod-channel 20, and with the ornamental top ruffle 21. The channel 20 is adapted to accommodate the ordinary type of curtain rod which I have shown in the form of a bar 22. The ruffle 21 may, if desired, have a narrow heading 23, and is mounted in such a manner that it lies directly in front of the horizontal fasteners 16 and 18. The rod-channel and the top ruffle may be associated with the curtain 10 in any desired manner, and I have illustratively shown the channel 20 formed as a continuation of the ma-

terial of which the curtain 10 is made, and the ruffle 21 as a separate element, the parts being held together by suitable rows of stitching.

Because of the fact that the two curtains 10 and 13 are of substantially the same width and shape, they may be arranged in fully superposed relationship as shown in Figure 2, and by engaging each fastener 16 with its corresponding complementary fastener 18, the upper margins of the curtains 10 and 13 may be separately retained in superposed relationship. When thus assembled the device may be supported on a single curtain rod 22, and the front and rear curtains may then be drawn or gathered laterally in opposite directions, as indicated in Figure 1, to produce the desired effect. Any suitable tieback 24 may be employed, but it will be understood that the elements 24 are separate from the present assembly and form no part thereof except when the curtain is used.

It will be observed, upon viewing Figure 1, that the present device produces an effect identical with that which would be produced by two entirely separate curtains supported on two separate curtain rods. Nevertheless, only a single curtain rod has been required, and the upper portion of the device is neat and compact, and devoid of any undesirable bulkiness or bunching. Moreover, no portion of the rod is exposed to mar the ornamental effect; and the two curtains hang gracefully and evenly, and maintain their proper relationships at all times.

The present device may be modified, if desired, by providing an ornamental ruffle on each side edge of each curtain, and in this way the front curtain may be gathered either toward the right or toward the left, and the rear curtain gathered in the opposite direction, when the curtain assembly is hung. This may be desirable under certain circumstances, where it is deemed important by the user to gather the front curtain in one direction rather than in the other.

While I have illustratively shown the rod-channel and the top ruffle provided on the front curtain, nevertheless it will be understood that the rod-channel, or both the rod-channel and the top ruffle, may be secured to the rear curtain, if desired. If both the rod-channel and the top ruffle are carried by the rear curtain then it will be understood that the front curtain has its upper edge lying behind the top ruffle, just as it has in the preferred form herein illustrated.

When the curtain assembly is to be laundered, the two curtains are entirely separated from each other, and may then be individually handled with great ease, and each then constitutes a simple substantially rectangular element. After laundering they can be very easily reassembled and rehung.

In general, it will be understood that changes in the details, herein described and illustrated for the purpose of explaining the nature of my invention, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claim. It is, therefore, intended that these details be interpreted as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A crisscross curtain assembly comprising a substantially rectangular front curtain provided along its upper margin with a rod channel and provided on its rear face with a horizontal row of fasteners alongside of said channel, a rear curtain of substantially the same width and shape and provided along its upper margin with a horizontal row of complemental fasteners, said fasteners being adapted separably to retain the upper margins of said curtains in superposed relationship, an ornamental ruffle on one side edge of the front curtain, an ornamental ruffle on the opposite side edge of the rear curtain, and a horizontal top ruffle concealing said fasteners.

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