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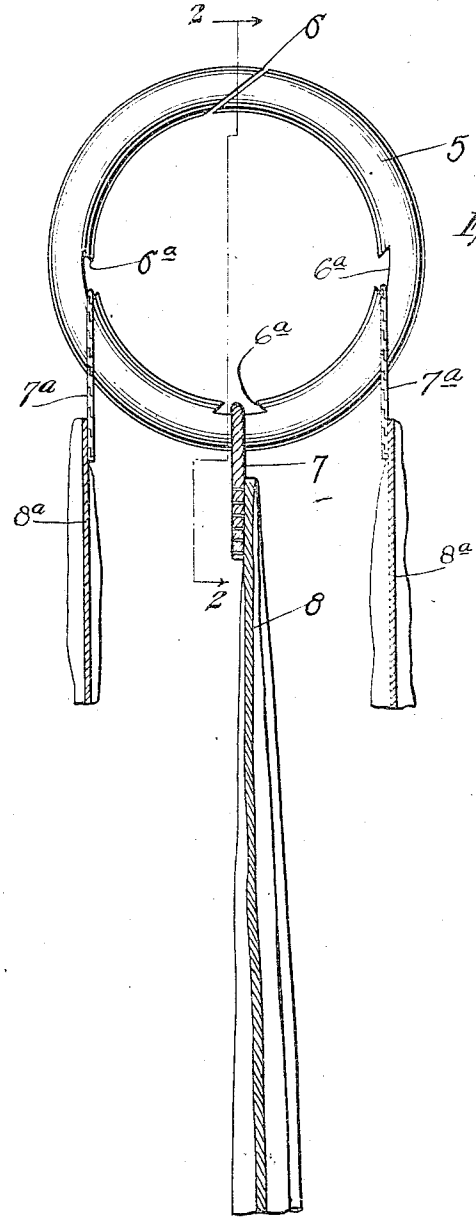


Fig. 1.

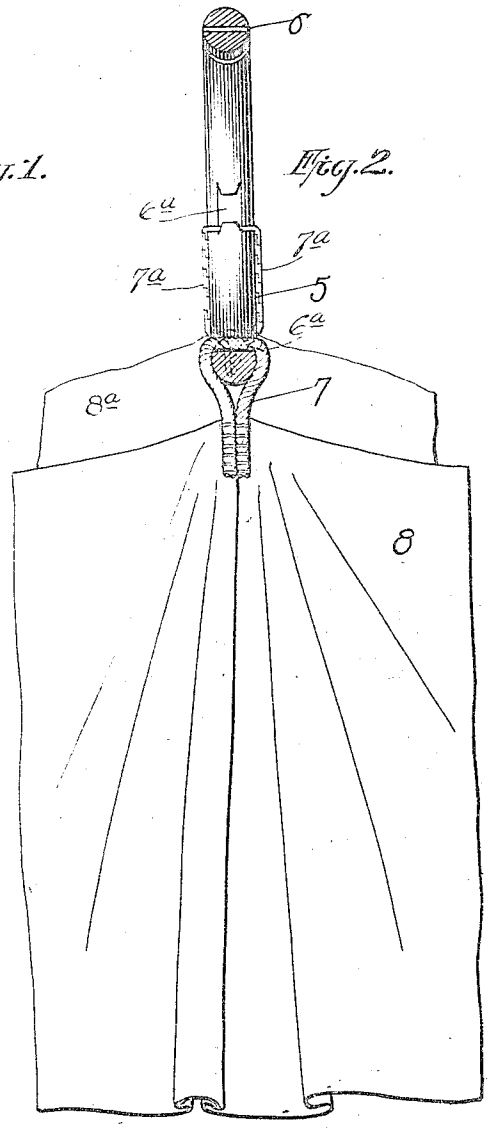


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON KELLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Birmingham, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain Rings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to curtain rings and more particularly to a novel and improved ring, permitting of the proper hanging of curtains, portières, draperies, and valance curtains and the like, without resorting to the use of pins, hooks or other fastening devices tending to mar or destroy the material.

One of the objects of my invention is the provision of a curtain ring having a plurality of notches or recesses along the inner periphery thereof to receive the strings, straps or the tape connected with the curtain, portière, or drapery, and valance curtains.

Another object, and an important one, is the provision of a curtain ring of the class above set forth, wherein the strings, straps or tape may be easily slipped through the ring and will not separate therefrom without distorting the ring at the free ends thereof.

Another equally important object of my invention is the construction of a curtain ring that is extremely simple, highly efficient, practical in use, strong and durable, capable of being manufactured at a comparatively low cost, whereby its commercial possibilities are greatly enchanced.

I accomplish the above objects and others by the form illustrated in the accompanying drawing and constituting a part of this application, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of the ring supporting the curtain or drapery and the valance curtains.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

It has been the common practice in hanging curtains, draperies, portières, etc., to use hooks, pins and other forms of metallic fastening elements supported from curtain rings and the serious objection has always been found that it is necessary to pierce or clamp the material near the top. In hanging lace curtains, for instance, a direct pull very often tears the material and the constant piercing of the same by pins and metallic fasteners tends to mutilate or otherwise destroy the material. The pins or other fastening elements also are subject to rust and become unfastened or separated from the hangings, destroying the effect of properly draping the particular hanging.

In order to overcome the above difficulties, I provide a ring 5, which may be constructed of any suitable material, including porcelain or celluloid of substantial thickness. The said ring has a split 6 disposed at an angle so that a string, tape or loop may be slipped through. A plurality of notches, dovetailed, 6^a are provided on the inner periphery of the ring. The lower notch 6^a is adapted to receive the loop or tape 7, the latter being sewed or stitched to the drapery 8, as shown. The other two notches, 6^a, opposite each other, are adapted to support tapes 7^a for valance curtains 8^a. The notches may be of any depth for the proper reception of the tapes and to suit the needs of manufacture.

At windows, where it is desirable to have only one valance curtain, one of the notches may be blank. It will be noted that the notches are cut symmetrical, so that any two of the three notches may be used, irrespective of the position of the split.

At doorways, where it is desired to use two portières, each of a different shade to follow the color scheme in the respective rooms, the notches opposite each other only can be used, allowing sufficient space between the two portières to have the folds in them hang evenly. At openings, where it is desired to have a portière with a valance curtain on each side, the bottom notch is used for the portière and the notches opposite each other are used for the valances, making a valance to finish the top of the portière, in each room.

It will thus be seen that I have provided an efficient and useful curtain ring.

Having shown my invention, what I now claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. A curtain ring of the class described, comprising a split member of resilient material, said member having dovetailed notches on its inner periphery to retain a curtain or drapery supporting element and valance curtains.

2. A curtain ring of the class described, comprising a split member of resilient ma-

terial, said member having notches on its inner periphery to retain curtain supporting elements.

3. A curtain ring of the class described, comprising a diagonal split member of resilient material, said diagonal split being at the top, said member having a notch cut at the bottom on its inner periphery and two notches cut also on the inner periphery, opposite each other and at right angles to the bottom notch.

4. A curtain ring of the class described in combination, comprising an annular split member of resilient material, said member having a plurality of equally spaced notches on its inner periphery to retain a plurality of curtain or drapery supporting elements.

5. A circular curtain ring of the class described in combination, having a diagonal split at the top, a dovetailed notch cut at the bottom in the inner periphery, and two dovetailed notches cut in the inner periphery opposite each other and at right angles to the bottom dovetailed notch, all of the said notches being symmetrical.

6. A circular curtain ring of the class described in combination, having a smooth and even outer periphery, a diagonal split at the top, a dovetailed notch at the bottom of the inner periphery for a curtain supporting element, two dovetailed notches opposite each other, at right angles to the bottom notch to retain valance curtain supporting elements.

7. A circular ring of the class described in combination, comprising an annular split member, said member having multiple means on its inner periphery to retain a plurality of curtain or drapery supporting elements.

8. A circular curtain ring of the class described, in combination, having a smooth and even outer periphery, a diagonal split at the top, a notch at the bottom to retain a portière supporting element, two notches opposite each other and at right angles to the bottom notch to retain valance curtain supporting elements.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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