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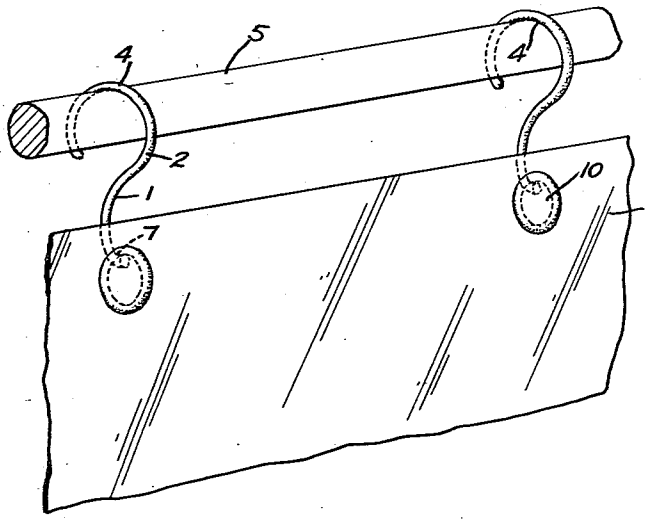


FIG. 1.

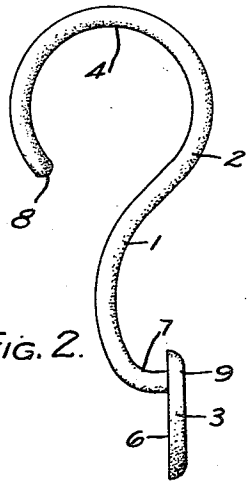


FIG. 2.

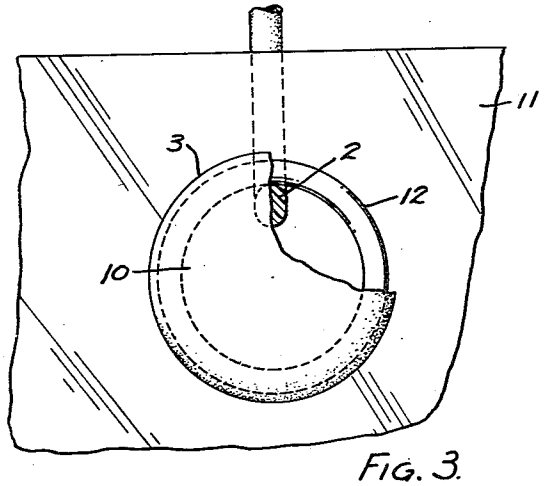


FIG. 3.

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This invention relates to a curtain hanger which is especially adapted for use in hanging a type of curtain which has grommeted openings therein for engaging curtain hangers, this type of curtain being typified by certain types of shower curtains.

The object of this invention is to provide a curtain hanger which has an improved decorative appearance, which is of improved simplicity of application and use, and which is adapted for such economical manufacture that it can be sold to the public at a very low price. One form of the invention is shown in the following drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the curtain hanger in use.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the curtain hanger.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged view, partly in section, showing the relation of the parts in operative position.

The hanger 1 has a curvilinear stem member 2 and a button member 3. The curve of the stem member may be inflected as shown or may be uninflected. The upper end of the stem member is fashioned into a hook or bight portion 4 which is adapted for hooking over a supporting curtain rod 5. The end of the stem member 2 opposite the bight portion 4 integrally joins the button member 3 at a location preferably near one edge thereof and at substantially right angles thereto. In the operative position of the curtain hanger, the major plane of the bight member 4 and the major plane of the button member 3 are both substantially vertical. The reverse face 6 of the button member, which the stem member 2 joins, is substantially flat. The portions of the face 6 which extend above the stem member and the portions of the stem member lying adjacent thereto constitute another hook or bight 7, which opens upwardly in the operative position of the curtain hanger. The button 3 is preferably round as shown in Fig. 3 but may be given any desired shape. The button shown in the drawing has a smooth, rounded obverse surface 9, however it will be appreciated that the surface of the button may be shaped, embossed, or otherwise decoratively varied as desired. The stem member 2 is elongated in cross section as shown in Fig. 3 for additional structural strength.

In use, the end 8 of the stem member 2 is inserted through an opening 10 in a curtain 11, the opening preferably having a grommet 12. The stem member 2 is slidably extended through the opening until the flat face 6 of the button member 3 engages the grommet 12. The bight or hook portion 4 is then hooked over the curtain rod 5. The distance across the opening in the hook is less than the diameter of the curtain rod so that the hook engages the rod in a snap-over action requiring the use of force. Force is similarly required to disengage the hook from the rod so that the possibility of unintentional disengagement is minimized.

The curtain hanger is now in its operative position. In this position the upper portion of the grommet 12 rests within the bight portion 7 and is supported thereby as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, thereby providing support for the curtain. By the use of a number of these curtain hangers a curtain may of course be evenly supported throughout its length. It will be noted that the grommet cannot

become disengaged from the curtain hanger in the operative position thereof; further, owing to the shape of the bight portion 7 the weight of the curtain will tend to maintain the grommet 12 in engagement with the flat face 6 of the button member 3 thereby maintaining a neat appearing connection between the button member and the curtain.

An important advantage of this device lies in its adaptability to use with curtains having a relatively large range of sizes of openings 10. The opening may be as small as the major cross sectional dimension of the stem member 2 or may be of any larger size up to diameter of the button 3. It will be appreciated that by positioning the juncture of the stem member 2 and the button member 3 near one edge of the latter as shown in Fig. 2, the entire opening 10 and the grommet 12 will be concealed by the button member 3 except where the outer diameter of the grommet exceeds the diameter of the button; and it may be noted that where the size of the grommet approximates the size of the button, the grommet will be substantially centered with respect to the button. The button of course may be given any convenient or desired size. It has been found that a monolithic plastic construction is satisfactory and this construction is adapted for such economical manufacture that the hanger may be produced and sold to the consuming public at a very low cost.

It should be understood that such terms as "upper," "lower," "vertical," etc., are used herein as convenient terminology and not as delimitations.

I claim:

A curtain hanger for supporting curtains of the type having grommeted openings for supporting engagement by curtain hangers, said hanger comprising, a stem and a button, said stem having a relatively small diameter to pass through a grommeted opening in a curtain with which said hanger is adapted to be used, said stem having a portion adjacent one end formed into a bight adapted for directly and slidably engaging a supporting curtain rod, said stem having a portion adjacent its other end curved in a direction opposite to the curve of said bight, said button having the form of a substantially round, flat disc, said other end of said stem integrally joining a face of said button at substantially a right angle, the juncture of said stem and button being positioned between the center of said button and the upper circumferential edge thereof so that said stem and button cooperate to form a second bight for containing a portion of a grommet in a curtain opening, said button having a diameter larger than the diameter of such grommet, whereby to conceal the grommet and opening, portions of said stem intermediate said curved portions having an inflected curved conformation and the plane of said button lying radially inwardly of the periphery of the first-mentioned bight, so that a curtain suspended by said hanger depends generally vertically beneath said first-mentioned bight.

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