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Fig. 1.

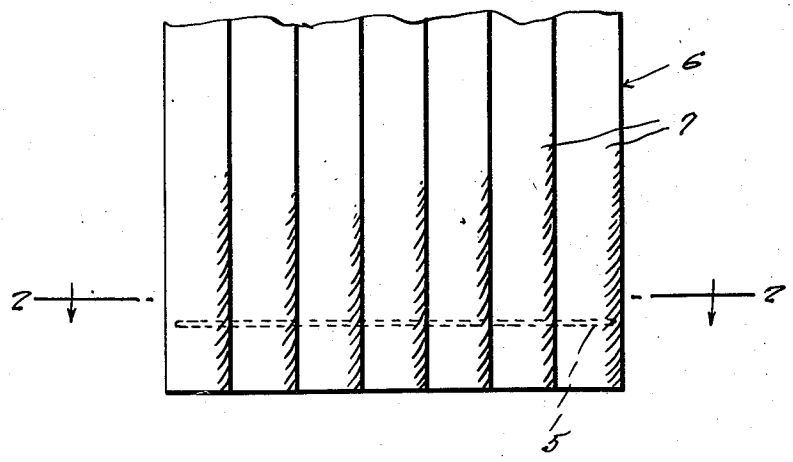


Fig. 2.

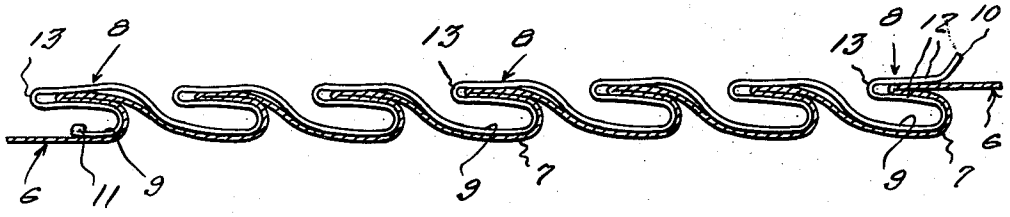
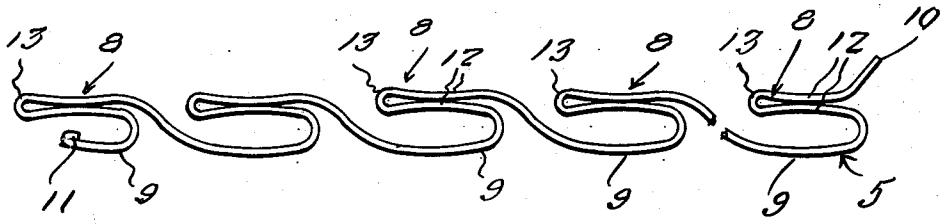


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a drapery holder, and has for the primary object the provision of an efficient and inexpensive device of the above stated character which may be easily and quickly adapted to a drapery for sustaining therein folds or pleats and which will be entirely hidden from view when viewing the drapery from the front thereof and will in no way damage or injure the drapery when employed in connection therewith.

With these and other objects in view, as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation illustrating a drapery equipped with a holder constructed in accordance with my invention with the holder indicated by dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an edge view illustrating the holder.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the holder is designated in entirety by the character 5 and the drapery by the character 6. The customary practice is to press or otherwise form in the drapery a plurality of folds or pleats 7. After the drapery has been hung for a period of time the folds or pleats will come out of the drapery and render the latter unsightly if the drapery is not secured in some manner to maintain the folds or pleats therein. It is the present practice to pin or similarly secure the folds or pleats in place which besides taking considerable time to carry out also damages the fabric of the drapery and further has other disadvantages.

With the present invention adapted to the drapery, as shown in Figure 1, it will be entirely hidden from view when looking at the curtain from the front and will maintain the pleats or folds in proper position for an indefinite period of time. It will be seen that in adapting the holder to the drapery it is placed adjacent the lower end of the drapery.

The holder includes a plurality of drapery gripping elements 8 and a plurality of pleat or fold sustaining elements 9. The elements 8 and 9 are constructed from a single length of metallic material, as shown in Figure 3. The metallic material is bent upon itself to form the elements 8 and 9 and one end thereof, as indicated at 10, is disposed at an angle or laterally to one of the gripping elements so as not to come into direct contact with the drapery and damage the latter. The other end of the metallic material is folded upon itself, as indicated at 11, within one of the sustaining elements 9 so as not to come in direct contact with the drapery. Further it will be seen that when this holder is adapted to a drapery the ends of the metallic material will not project beyond the vertical edges of the drapery.

Each gripping element 8 includes jaw-like parts 12 integrally connected with each other by an arcuately curved part 13 at one end of the gripping element, the other end of the gripping element being open so that a pleat or fold of the drapery may be passed between the jaws 12 and gripped thereby. As the material of the drapery leaves the gripping jaws it is passed over or about the fold sustaining portion 9 arranged opposite the gripping element so as to give the pleat formed a full appearance.

With the material of the drapery inserted into the various gripping elements and then brought over the fold sustaining elements 9 will form into the drapery the pleats or folds with a neat and full appearance.

By referring to Figure 3 it will be seen that the fold sustaining portions 9 have an arcuate curvature thereto which engages with the fabric of the drapery to sustain it in pleat or fold form. Further it will be seen that the sustaining fold elements 9 are arranged opposite the gripping elements 8 the latter being arranged one after another and in alignment.

A device of this kind besides efficiently sustaining the folds or pleats in a drapery, may be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost and may be made up to have any number of gripping elements and sustaining fold elements as desired.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

In a drapery holder, a single length of metallic material bent on itself to form a plurality of gripping elements and a plurality of fold-sustaining elements integrally connected, said gripping elements lying in a single plane one after another and spaced from each other to permit folded portions of a drapery to be inserted therein and gripped thereby, said fold-sustaining elements lying in a single plane one after another and opposite to and substantially parallel with said gripping elements to have the folds of the drapery outwardly of the gripping elements to rest thereon.

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