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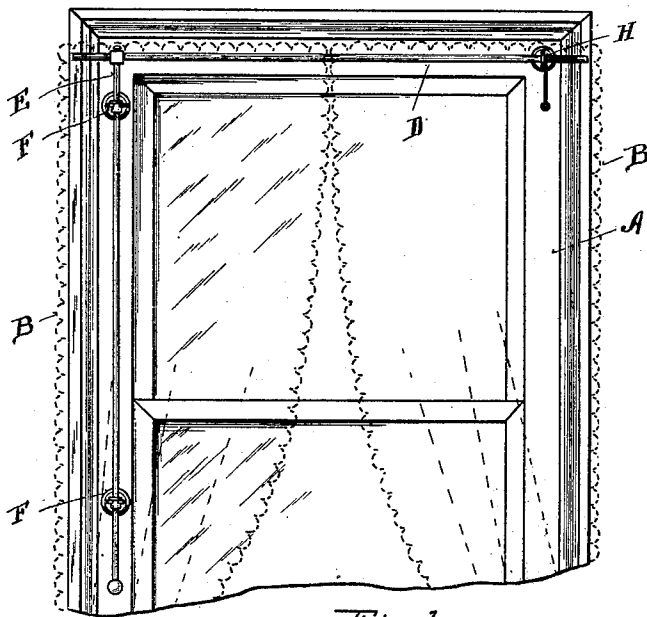


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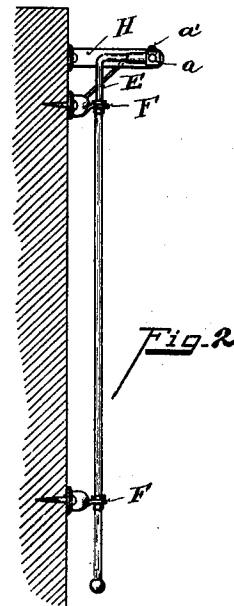


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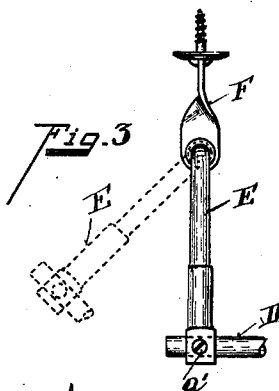


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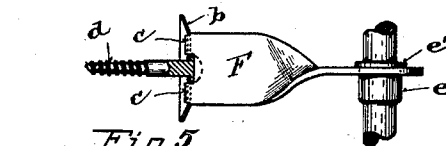


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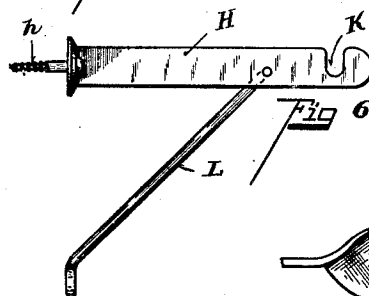


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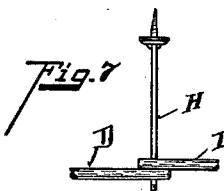


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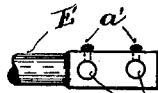


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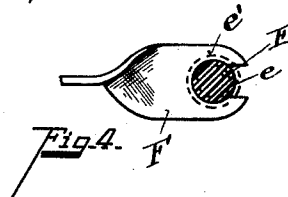


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIA A. GAUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a curtain-support so constructed that the curtain can be put up and taken down by a person standing on the floor.

Another object of my invention is to make a neat and ornamental device on which the curtain-rods are hinged, so as to be readily swung outward for cleaning the window. My invention relates to the details of the construction of the various parts of the device.

The features of my invention are more fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the window with my improvements attached to the frame thereof. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the bracket, curtain-arm, and curtain-rod. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the catch-bracket. Fig. 5 is an elevation, partly in section, of the supporting-bracket and bracket-arm. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the supporting-catch. Fig. 7 is a top plan view of two curtain-rods attached to a single curtain-frame. Fig. 8 is a modification of the head of the bracket-rod.

A represents the window-frame; B B, a pair of curtains supported upon a single curtain-rod D. The curtain-rod is supported upon a bracket-rod E.

a represents an eye in the bracket-rod, through which the curtain-rod passes.

a' represents a screw for securing the curtain-rod in position.

The bracket-rod is supported on two brackets F F. These brackets are of peculiar construction. They are preferably formed by a half-twist of a single sheet of metal, one end of which is shown in Fig. 5, and with a circular eye having a slotted opening, as shown in Fig. 4, in which opening the bracket-rod is inserted.

b represents a disk or washer, which forms the foot of the bracket.

c represents tangs or lugs which pass through slots in the disk and are headed therein.

d represents a screw, the head of which is likewise seated in the disk, and the edge of bracket between the tangs seats in the slot of the screw-head, thereby making a firm union of the parts. This construction enables the bracket to be used as a driver to force the screw into the window-casing.

By making the half-twist in the shank of the bracket it thereby strengthens the same, allowing a thin piece of the metal to be employed and still a strong bracket obtained. At the same time it makes a stiff handle or driver to enable the screw to be inserted by turning the bracket-shaft itself. Upon the bracket-rod are formed bosses *e*. These bosses are provided with an annular rim *e'*, which seats down upon the bracket and holds the bracket-rod in position.

It will be observed that the opening in the end of the bracket is of less width than the diameter of the barrel of the boss *e*, but slightly larger than the diameter of the bracket-rod, so as to allow the bracket-rod to be readily inserted by lifting it up high enough to pass the bosses above the bracket-rod. When the bracket-rod is slipped into the sockets of these brackets, it is let down and the bosses seat upon the bracket and hold it firmly from lateral displacement. At the same time the bracket-rod and the curtain-rod and curtains fixed thereto may be readily swung upon the axis, the eye of the bracket serving as the axis for the movement.

In the preferred form the bracket-rod at its upper end has an upturned arm. This is provided for the purpose of carrying the curtain off a sufficient distance from the casing.

In the modification shown in Fig. 8 two eyes are provided for supporting two parallel curtain-rods.

It is necessary to support the free ends of the curtain-rod, so as to keep the rod from sagging and hold the curtain in its fixed position to the window-frame. This is accomplished in the manner shown in Fig. 6. *H* represents a bracket having the screw *h*, which is constructed in the same manner as the bracket *F*. *K* represents a notch near the front end of the arm-bracket, into which the

curtain-rod passes and is held in position. L represents a brace-arm having its forward upper ends swiveled in the eye of the bracket and its base secured to the frame, so as to
5 form a brace-support. This bracket is of cheap and simple construction; but it is ornamental and furnishes a strong support. One bracket H may be employed to support the ends of two rods D D, as shown in Fig. 7,
10 the slot being wide enough to receive the curtain-rods side by side.

It will be seen that the above curtain-fixture is made of light material; yet it is strong and neat in appearance. The rods may be
15 made of metal and polished and at very reasonable expense, or they may be made of ornamental wood of different colors. The fixtures are readily taken down for cleaning or for draping.

20 Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A curtain-fixture composed of a vertical

bracket-rod, collars on said bracket-rod adapted to seat in open eye-slotted brackets F, F, said brackets secured to the window-casing 25 whereby the curtain-rod is mounted and detachably secured in position, and a curtain-rod detachably secured to the upper portion of the bracket-rod, substantially as specified.

2. In a curtain-support, the combination of 30 a curtain-rod, a notched horizontal bracket supporting one end of the curtain-rod, a bracket-rod connected to the opposite end of said curtain-rod, and eye-slotted brackets adapted to be connected to the window-cas- 35 ing and serving as journal-supports, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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