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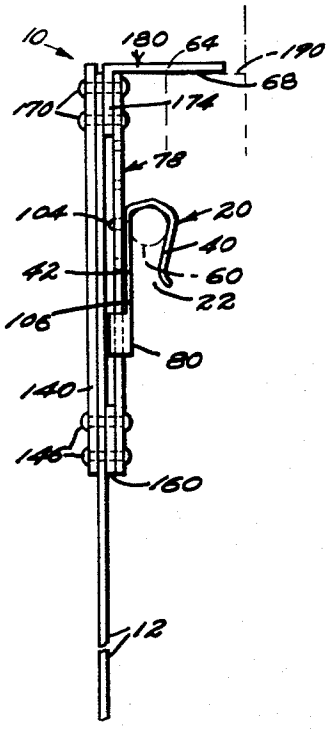


FIG. 2

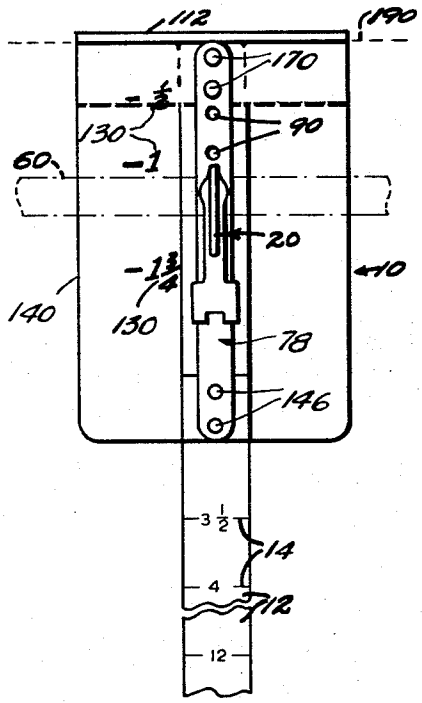


FIG. 1

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An assembly for use in measuring for draperies at a window facing includes a measuring tape attached to a carrier plate which is provided with a perpendicular end flange to engage the facing and supports a detent carrying bar and has hook position indicia alongside the bar; a hook for engaging the drapery rod is slidably attached to the bar, the means attaching the hook means to the tape characterized as being sufficiently releasable as to allow a detent engaging means on said hook and said hook both to be moved lengthwise of said tape.

In the prior art many types of devices providing hooks on the ends of tapes have been proposed. However, it is an object of this invention to provide a tape assembly with a hook which is particularly well-designed for the purpose of hanging draperies.

As the measurement of draperies can be accurately accomplished by measuring from a drapery rod downward, it is desirable to be able to quickly compute or know the distance the drapery rod is from the top of a window facing since a drapery should ordinarily cover the window facing.

It is, therefore, an object of this invention to provide an assembly as described in which indicia is provided for facilitating the determination of the position of the hook with respect to the tape.

A further object is to provide a drapery measuring tape assembly which has a flange means on it for engaging the upper edge of a window facing, the flange means specifically being spaced upwardly from positions in which a hook can be disposed, such spacing being substantial.

Other and further objects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, drawings and claims, the scope of the invention not being limited to the drawings themselves as the drawings are only for the purpose of illustrating a way in which the principles of this invention can be applied.

Other embodiments of the invention utilizing the same or equivalent principles may be used and structural changes may be made as desired by those skilled in the art without departing from the present invention and the pruview of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a rear elevation of the ruler of this invention with portions of the tape thereof broken away. Dotted lines in the view indicate the upper edge of a window facing and a conventional drapery rod.

FIGURE 2 is a view of the parts of FIGURE 1 as seen from the left-hand side thereof in FIGURE 1.

The drapery measuring ruler of this invention is generally indicated at **10** and comprises an elongated ruler tape **12** having distance indicia **14** thereon. Tape **12** is preferably of woven cloth material to have somewhat the hanging characteristics of drapery.

A hook means is generally indicated at **20** and has an open lower side **22**. Means are provided for attaching the hook means **20** to the tape **12** so that the open side **22** of the hook faces generally toward the majority of the length of the tape when the tape is held straight hanging downwardly from the hook.

The hook means **20** has two spaced substantially rigid

side portions **40** and **42** and an upper connecting portion **44**.

The side portions **40** and **42** are spaced sufficiently to receive a conventional drapery rod therebetween.

The means attaching the hook means **20** to the tape is stiff as regards bending it toward the open center of the hook and a flange means **64** is provided having an undersurface **68** facing the hook means, the flange means **64** being disposed at a right angle to the tape **12** when the tape is held in the position vertically depending from the hook **20**, and stiff detent carrying member generally indicated at **78** is provided for interconnecting flange means **64** and the attaching means **24**.

The hook **20** is preferably fixed to a slide **80** which is vertically slidable on the detent carrying member **78** having a plurality of openings **90** in it, which latter are longitudinally spaced with respect to the tape **12** and are adapted to receive a nib **104** on a forward side of the side **42** of the hook, whereby when a lower portion **106** of the side **42** is bent away from the detent carrying member **78**, the nib **104** can be removed from one of the openings **90** permitting a sliding of the portion **80** so that a different opening **90** can be selected. Because of this adjustable construction, the hook can be positioned in various selected positions with respect to the tape **12**. The advantage of this construction is to position the hook means **20** selectively with respect to the upper end **112** of the ruler at a distance desired for the ultimate spacing of the hook **20** with respect to the upper edge of draperies to be made. This is facilitated by certain indicia **130** marked on the detent carrying member **78** in positions in sequence and in cooperation with the indicia **14** on the tape **12**.

On an opposte side of the tape **12** from the member **94** is a stiff indicia means carrier **140** and rivets **146** preferably extend through the members **78** and **140** and also through the tape **12** and spacing means **160**, other rivets **170** extending through the detent carrying member **78** and the indicia means carrier **140** and also through a vertical portion **174** of a member **180** of which the flange means **64** forms a part integral with the portion **174**.

In operation, it will be seen that the surface **68** can engage the top of a window facing **190**, shown in dotted lines in FIGURE 2, at times when measuring by the top of the window facing as preferred to measurement by a drapery rod **60**.

As thus described, this invention is believed to fulfill the objectives above set forth.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a drapery measuring assembly constructed in accordancse with my invention is particularly well adapted for use, by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention can be changed and modified without departing from the principles and spirit thereof, and for this reason, I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice, except as claimed.

I claim:

1. A drapery measuring tape assembly comprising an elongated measuring tape having distance indicia thereon, a detent carrying member, means attaching said detent carrying member to said tape near one end of said tape, said detent carrying member having a plurality of spaced detents thereon, the majority of the length of said tape being disposed spaced from said detent carrying member in a direction along the elongation of said tape, each detent being spaced successively greater distances from the majority of the length of said tape, a hook means having an open side opposite its bight, means attaching said hook means to said tape so that its open side faces generally toward the majority of the length of said tape when said

tape is held straight hanging downwardly from the hook, said hook means having two spaced substantially rigid side portions and an upper interconnecting portion, said side portions being spaced for the purpose of receiving a drapery rod therebetween, said hook attaching means having detent engaging means thereon and adapted to engage selected ones of said detent means to arrest movement of said hook with respect to said detent carrying member in a direction away from the majority of said tape, said detent engaging being sufficiently releasable as to allow said detent engaging means and said hook both to be moved lengthwise of said tape.

2. The tape assembly of claim 1 further having a flange means having a surface facing said hook means which is disposed at a right angle to said tape when said tape is held in a position vertically depending from said hook, and means for connecting said flange means to said detent carrying member, said hook and said flange means being spaced apart a substantial distance whereby said flange means can be used to engage the upper side of a window face and said hook can be positioned so as to hook onto a curtain rod disposed a substantial distance below the same window facing.

3. The combination of claim 1 in which said detents are specifically openings in said detent carrying member.

4. The combination of claim 1 in further combination

with an indicia means carrier attached to said detent carrying member and extending alongside said detents, indicia means on said indicia means carrier and disposed alongside said detents and operatively correlated with the indicia on said tape for facilitating the determination of the position of said hook with respect to said tape.

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