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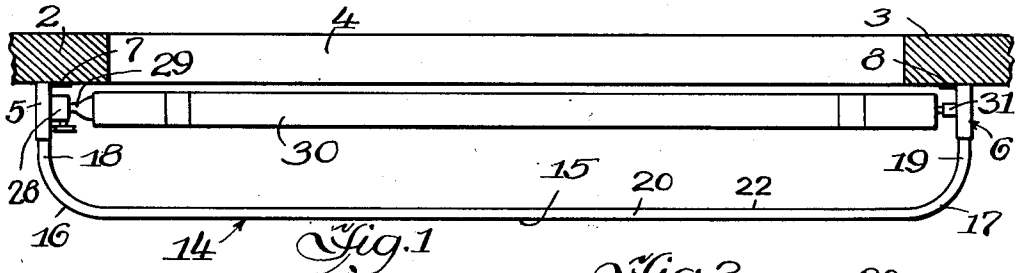


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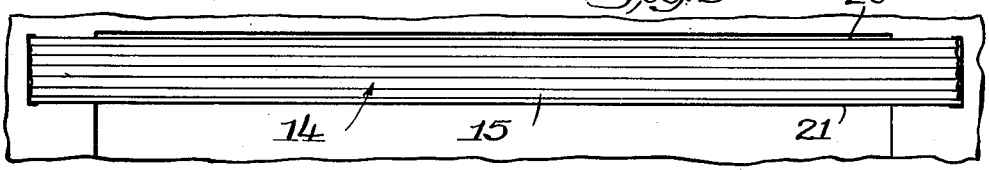
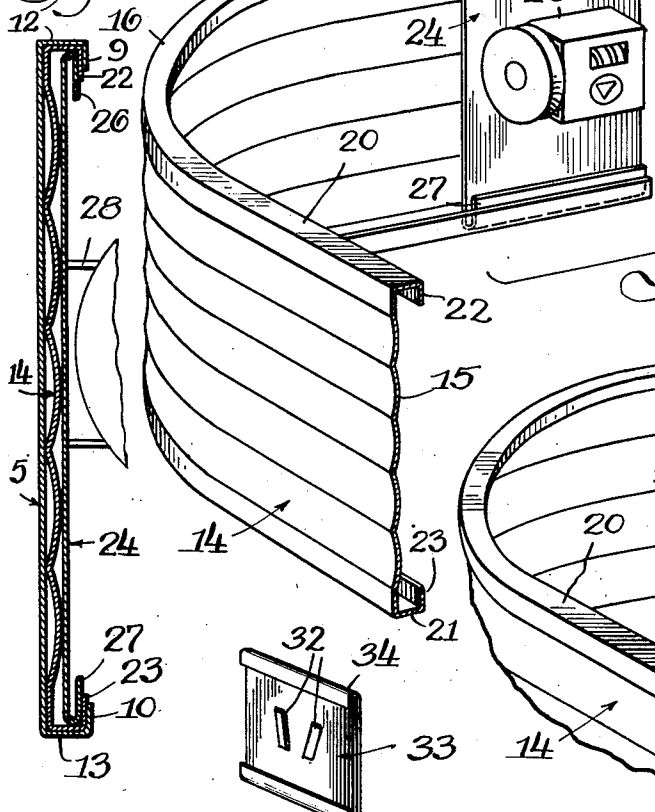


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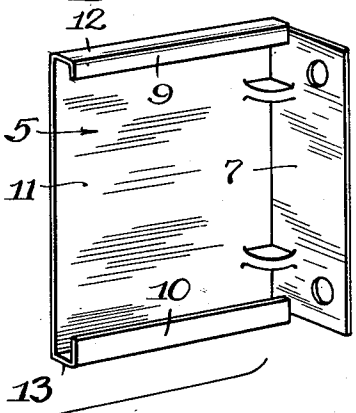
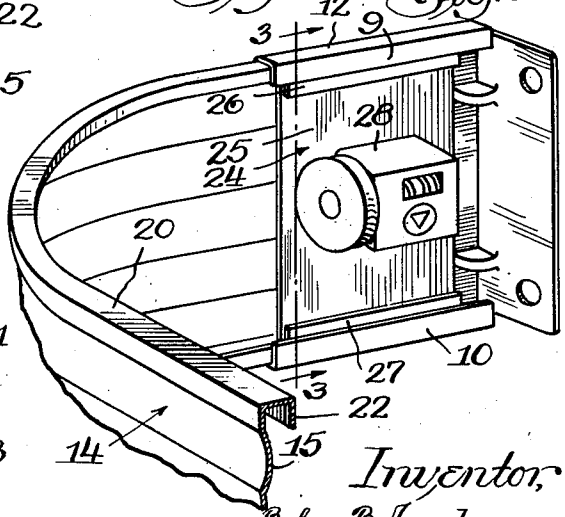


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The present invention relates to a support for a cornice and Venetian blind, and pertains particularly to a combination of supporting means that will make it unnecessary to secure more than one supporting bracket to the wall surface adjacent opposite sides of a window opening which is to be provided with a cornice and a Venetian blind.

Heretofore it has generally been thought necessary to provide separate supports for a cornice and a Venetian blind even though both were used in conjunction with the same window opening. In accordance with the present invention, a pair of brackets adapted to receive and support the ends of a cornice are mounted adjacent opposite sides of a window opening, and a pair of plates is mounted in opposite ends of the cornice to support the ends of a top or tilt rail of a Venetian blind. Thus, single supports are provided for supporting the cornice and the Venetian blind.

The structural assembly for supporting the cornice and the Venetian blind, made in accordance with the present invention, is inexpensive to manufacture, durable and efficient in use, and is simple and easy to apply.

The structure by which the above advantages are attained will be described in the following specification, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a cornice and Venetian blind tilt rail having its ends supported by brackets mounted in the ends of the cornice;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the cornice;

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view showing the cornice, and brackets for supporting the cornice, and plates for supporting the Venetian blind tilt rail, in assembled position;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the cornice and plate mounted therein, about to be inserted into the bracket which supports the end of the cornice;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of the cornice, bracket and plate in assembled position; and

Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the plate for supporting the end of the Venetian blind tilt rail opposite the end supported by the plate shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

In the drawings, the reference numerals 2 and 3 indicate wall surfaces adjoining a window opening 4. Brackets 5 and 6 are provided with flanges 7 and 8, respectively, by means of which they are secured to wall surfaces 2 and 3. Brackets 5 and 6 are duplicates except that they are

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reversed. Each of these brackets is provided with inturned flanges 9 and 10 extending respectively along its top and bottom edges and spaced from a flat body portion 11 by inturned edge portions 12 and 13.

A cornice 14 is provided with a central portion 15 and curved portions 16 and 17 terminating respectively in end portions 18 and 19 extending at substantially right angles to the central portion. The cornice is bent inwardly at its top and bottom edges, as indicated at 20 and 21, and then is bent downwardly to form a flange 22, and upwardly to form an oppositely directed flange 23.

A plate 24, having a flat body portion 25 and provided with flanges 26 and 27 at its top and bottom edges, respectively, is mounted in end portion 18 of the cornice. Flanges 26 and 27 interfit snugly with flanges 22 and 23 so that plate 24 will be frictionally held in the desired position. A conventional tilting mechanism 28 is rigidly secured to plate 24 in any suitable manner. The tilting mechanism receives a key 29 projecting from one end of the tilt rail 30 of a Venetian blind. The opposite end of tilt rail 30 has a cord lock mechanism 31 swiveled thereto, and the extreme outer end of the cord mechanism fits into a pair of tapered flanges 32 struck inwardly from a plate 33. This plate is positioned in the end portion 19 of the cornice opposite and parallel to plate 24. Flanges 34 and 35 on the top and bottom edges of plate 33 are similar to flanges 26 and 27, and hold plate 33 frictionally in end portion 19 of the cornice.

After plates 24 and 33 are positioned in the opposite ends of the cornice, the end portions of the cornice are slid into brackets 5 and 6 with flanges 9 and 10 snugly embracing flanges 22 and 23 at each end portion of the cornice to hold the cornice firmly in position.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that I have devised a strong, simple support for securing both ends of the tilt rail of a Venetian blind and both ends of a cornice used to trim the window opening to which the Venetian blind is applied. If a single cornice is used to trim a group of window openings having individual Venetian blinds, the outside edges of the outermost window openings may be provided with brackets 5 and 6, and the other edges of the window openings may be provided with conventional brackets to support the ends of the Venetian blinds that do not coincide with the ends of the cornice.

Although I have described a preferred embodiment of my invention in considerable detail, it

will be understood that the description is intended to be illustrative, rather than restrictive, as many details may be modified or changed without departing from the spirit or scope of my invention. Accordingly, I do not desire to be restricted to the exact structure described.

I claim:

A support for a Venetian blind tilt rail having a cord lock swiveled at one end thereof and a key projecting from the other end thereof, a plate having means for engaging said cord lock to support one end of said tilt rail, a second plate having rigidly secured thereto means for engaging said key to support the opposite end of said tilt rail, a cornice having opposing end portions, said end portions having opposing flanges extending from the top and bottom edges thereof for supporting said plates in opposed parallel

relationship, and a pair of brackets for supporting opposite end portions of said cornice.

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