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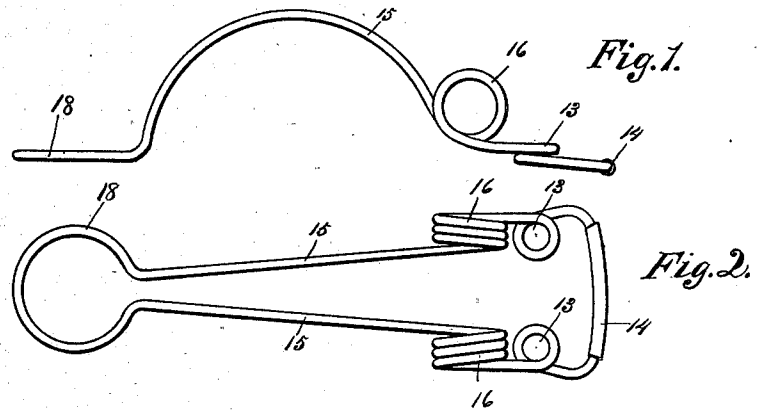


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Fig. 2.

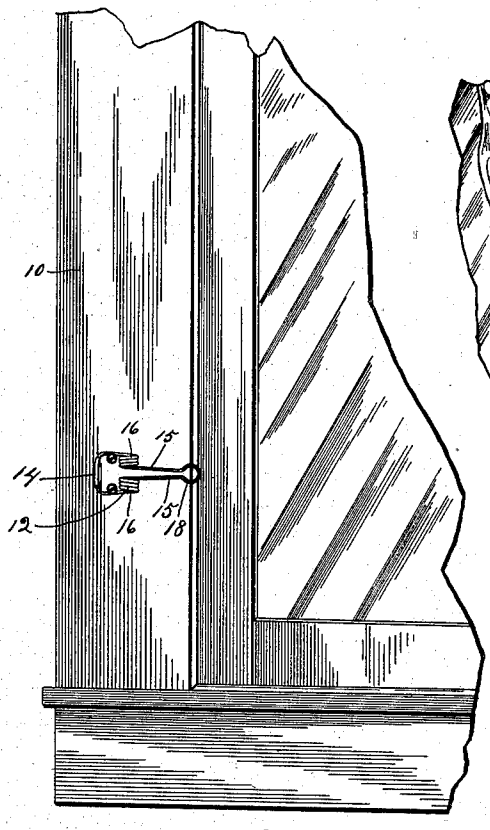


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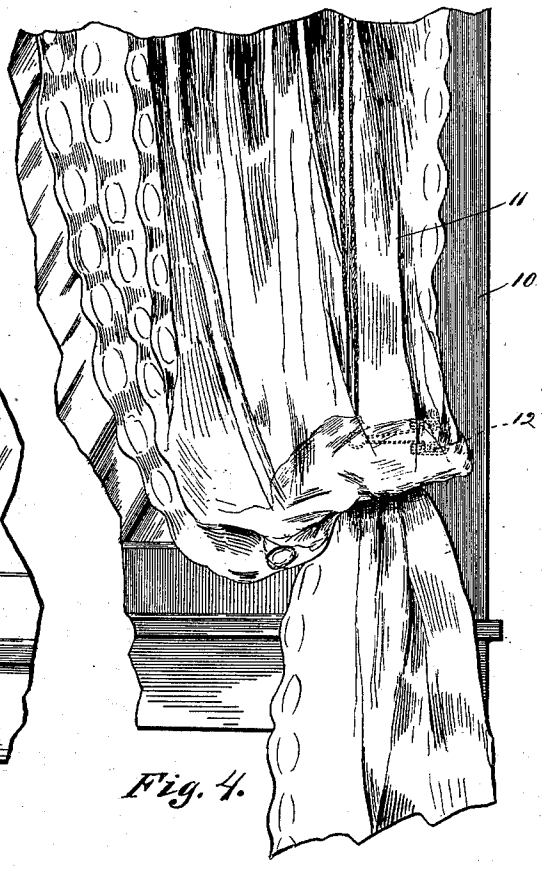


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIZZIE S. BJÖRNSTAD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Holders, of which the following is a specification and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

This invention relates to a holder for curtains, portières, &c., designed to be draped or hung from a window or door.

The invention has for its object to provide a device of this character which shall be capable of holding the curtain or portière in such manner that while it is securely fastened or clamped, yet at the same time the holder will readily yield and release the curtain in case the curtain is subjected to a sudden jerk or pull, thereby avoiding the tearing thereof, as might happen if it were not released.

The invention consists of the details and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, particularly designated in the claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the curtain-holder. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same. Fig. 3 illustrates the holder in position and applied to a window-casing; and Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the manner of draping the curtain, the holder being illustrated by dotted lines.

In Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings, 10 indicates a window-casing, 11 a lace or other curtain, and 12 the curtain-holder, which is designed to be secured to the window-casing at one side thereof, or if a pair of curtains is employed then a holder will be located at each side of the window-casing.

The holder (illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2) may be made of wire, although not necessarily so, and preferably of a single piece, and it comprises in general terms a base portion adapted to be secured to the window-casing and a spring clamping portion, between which and the window-casing the curtain is designed to be clamped and which is preferably bowed outwardly in order to better accommodate the curtain and has its free end overhanging the inner edge of the casing. The end of the clamping portion may be made in the form of a finger-piece for the purpose of lifting the clamp to release the curtain.

The strand of wire from which the holder is made is doubled upon itself and formed with eyes 13 for the passage of nails, screws, or other securing means, such eyes being formed by flat coils in the wire near the ends thereof, and the ends are bent toward each other and secured by a sleeve 14. The eye portion and connected terminals of the wire constitute the base of the holder.

The clamping portion 15 of the holder, formed of the two arms of the strand, is bowed outwardly in order to accommodate the bunched or gathered curtain and is of such length as to properly hold the curtain when so arranged.

The holder is designed to be made of a resilient wire, such as brass or steel, and there would therefore be sufficient spring action to effectively clamp the curtain against removal. I prefer, however, to provide a spring for the better securing of the curtain, and to this end bend the arms of the strand into outstanding coils adjacent to the eyes 13, thereby providing the springs 16, which react to hold the end of the strand opposite the base firmly though yieldingly against the window-casing when the holder is in place.

The looped outer end 18 of the strand is flattened out, so as to bear upon the window-casing, and the holder in position is so located that this end projects inward and partially over the edge of the window-casing in order that it may be readily grasped for the purpose of lifting the clamp to release the curtain.

The clamp being secured with its free end toward the window, any unusual pull or jerk upon the curtain will result in its being withdrawn from engagement with the holder, the spring being of sufficient strength to securely hold the curtain under ordinary conditions, but readily yielding to release it when subjected to a sudden pull or jerk, thereby avoiding tearing of the curtain.

I claim as my invention—

A curtain-holder comprising a single strand of wire bent back upon itself and formed with an eye at each end, and an outstanding coil between the bend in the strand and each eye and adjacent the latter, the portions of the strand between the bend and the coils bowing outwardly and terminating in a flattened finger-piece in substantially the same plane as the base.

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