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Fig. 1

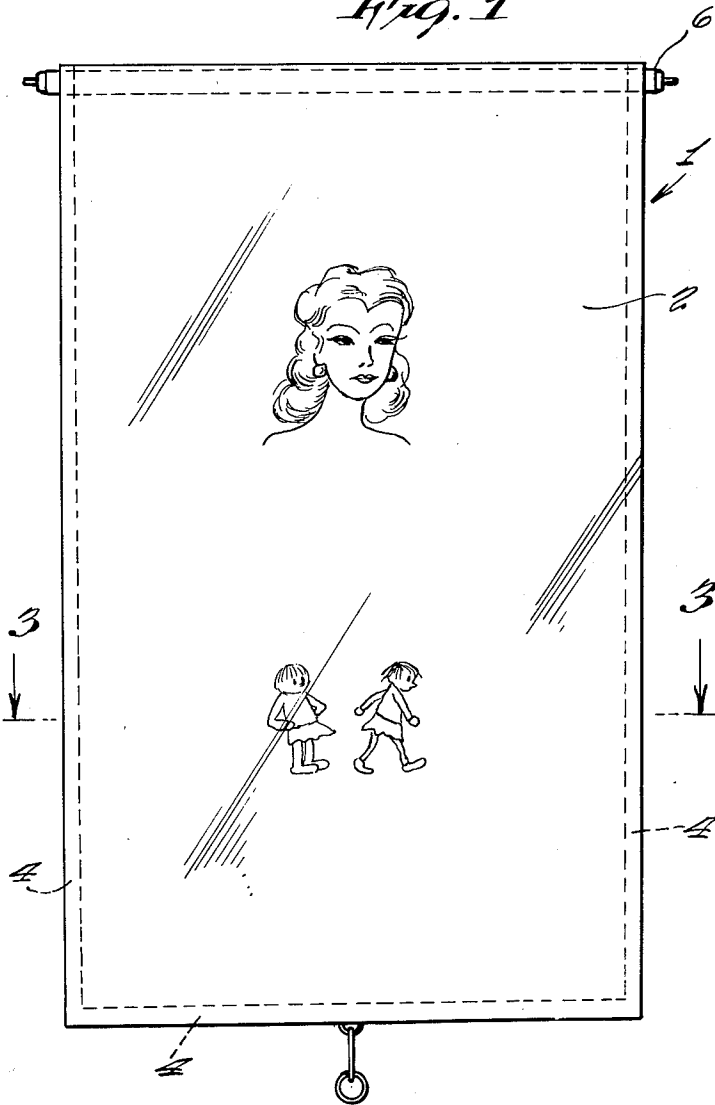


Fig. 2

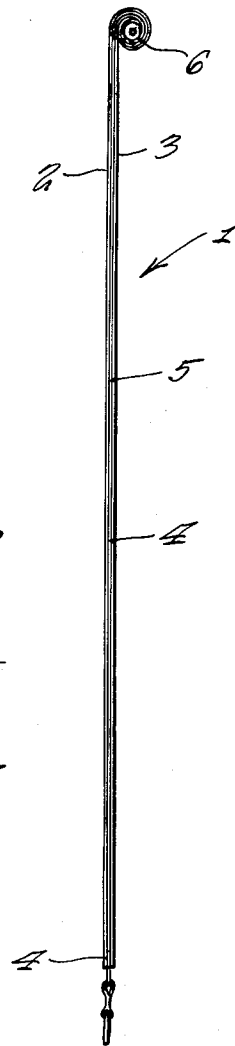
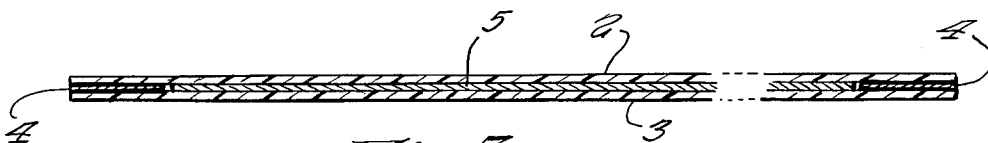


Fig. 3



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The present invention relates to improvements in window shades and, more specifically, to shades which not only serve the utilitarian purposes of providing privacy and protecting against sunshine, but which also serve for beautifying the rooms in which they are used.

One object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which is provided with ornamental matter to suit the taste of the user, or the interior decorating scheme, or a wall paper arrangement, or the like.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which allows a sheet, on which ornamental matter or the like is printed or otherwise reproduced, to be exchangeably attached to a shade, so that at various times, seasons or occasions a user can provide it with different ornamental or design matter; this makes it possible, for instance, to use an album of various decorative items, from which one may select ornamentations for the shades of a room or the like.

A further object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which is constructed and designed in such a manner as to allow a user to exchange ornamental matter on a shade quickly and easily, without the use of any tools and without the application of any appreciable amount of skill.

Still another object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which protects the ornamental matter against dust and humidity so that even artistically valuable decorative designs can be used for any length of time in connection with my new and improved decorative window shades.

Yet still a further object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which can be cleaned easily and simply, which is inexpensive to manufacture and simple in construction, which does not require any alterations on the presently used shade supports on window frames, and which also is sturdy, durable and well adapted for withstanding the rough usage to which devices of this type customarily are subjected.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing a preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a plan view of a preferred embodiment of my invention;

FIG. 2 is a side view of the same; and

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fractional sectional view on the line 3-3 of FIG. 1.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing the numeral 1 denotes a window shade, consisting of two sheets 2 and 3 having pliable edge portions of which are joined to each other by any suitable means, preferably by means of tapes 4. The tapes 4 are adhesively attached to the edge portions of the sheets 2 and 3, so as to form an envelope adapted for

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receiving an ornamental sheet 5 of thin fabric material, or of paper, or of plastic material, or the like. The sheet 5, which is somewhat smaller than the sheets 2 and 3, is provided at either one side or at both sides with ornamental design matter or the like, and the sheets 2 and 3 are made of transparent material, through which the sheet 5 is visible.

The tapes 4 preferably are provided at both sides with an adhesive, which permits a repeated attaching thereto and removal therefrom of transparent plastic sheets such as the sheets 2 and 3, so that it will be easy to exchange one sheet 5 for another ornamental sheet 5. For this purpose one of the edge portions of the sheets 2 and 3 can be left unconnected. The shade 1, formed by the elements 2, 3 and 5 can be wound upon any ordinary reel or rod 6, and the upper horizontal edge portion of one or of both of the sheets 2 or 3 can be attached to the element 6.

When a sheet 5 has been placed into the envelope formed by the sheets 2 and 3, and the edge portions of the sheets 2 and 3 have been fastened to one another by means of the adhesive tapes 4, or by any other suitable, preferably detachable, means, the sheet 5 is hermetically enclosed, so that it is safely protected against dust, humidity and the like. Moreover, any dust or dirt accumulated on the outer side of the sheets 2 and 3 can be wiped off easily and speedily.

The sheets 2, 3 and 5 may be made of any thin material, and one sheet 2 or 3 may be made opaque or of non-transparent material, so as to afford complete privacy when a shade has been drawn. If, for instance, the sheet 2 faces the interior of a room and is made transparent, while the sheet 3 is non-transparent, the sheet 5 can be seen from inside of the room, but the room is protected against viewing into it from the outside when the shade has been drawn.

If it is desired to provide the outer side as well as the inner side of a shade with exchangeable designs, or with advertising matter, or the like, both outer sheets 2 and 3 are to be made transparent and two thin sheets 5 (not shown) can be inserted therebetween, one sheet 5 to be seen from within and the other sheet 5 from without, or one sheet 5 can be provided at both sides with designs or ornamental matter, or with advertising matter, or the like. It also would be possible to use only one transparent sheet, in which case the ornamental sheet 5 would be protected by the transparent sheet only on one side.

Since further changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also understood that the following claim is intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which as a matter of language might be said to fall therebetween.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent in the United States is:

A decorative window shade comprising a pair of longitudinal continuous very thin transparent sheets of rectangular shape, each of said sheets having three pliable edge portions, thereby preventing the breaking of said edge portions when the shade is rolled up or unrolled, pressure sensitive adhesive tape having both sides covered with adhesive connecting the respective edges of said sheets while the fourth edge portions are unconnected, a decorative sheet removably inserted between said trans-

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parent sheets, and a rod member upon which said sheets can be wound being attached to one of those edge portions of said transparent sheets which are not connected to each other.

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