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CURTAIN TIE-BACK DEVICE

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FIG. 1.

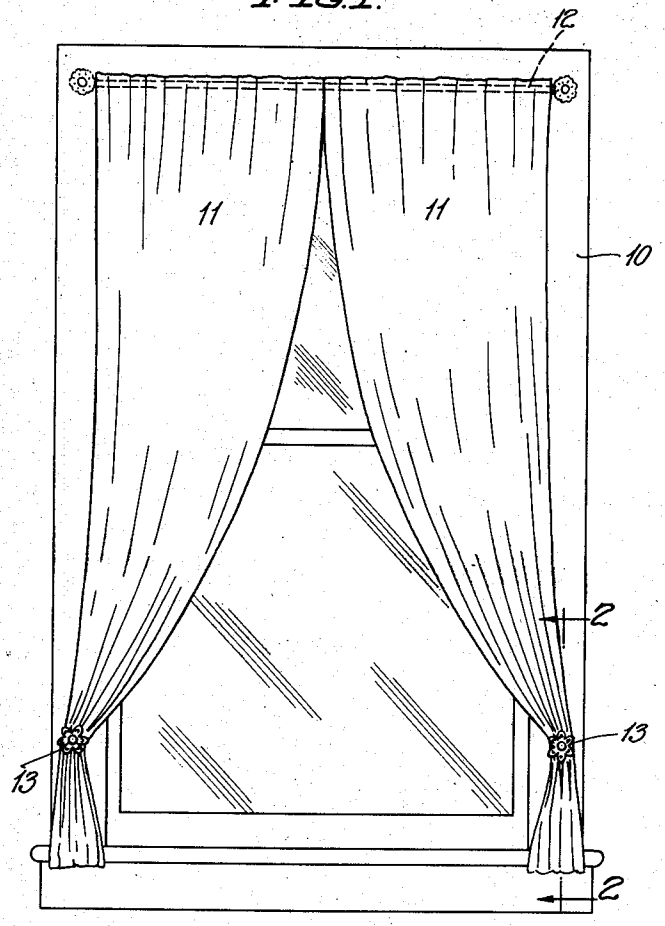


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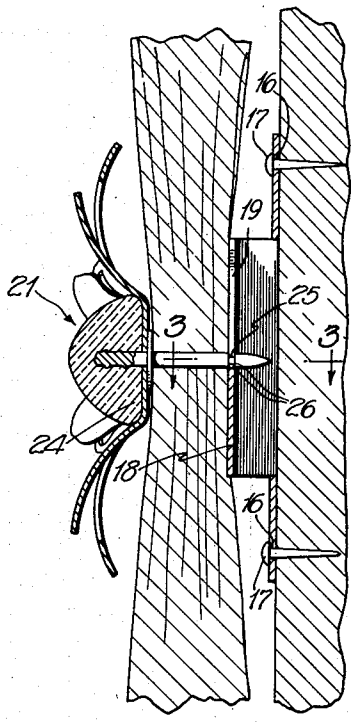


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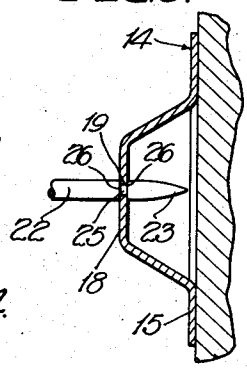
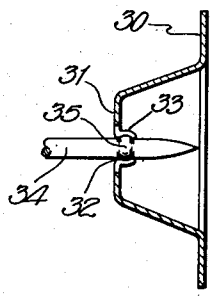


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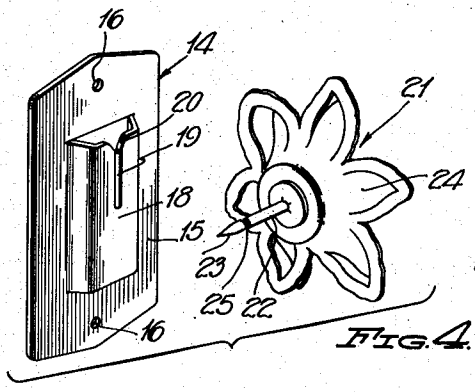
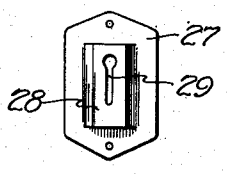


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This invention relates to improvements in curtain tie-back devices.

It is the general practice to secure the lower end of a curtain in a tied or pinned back position by the use of an ornamental or rosette pin, the pin piercing the gathered folded portions of the curtain and being secured to the window casing by pressing the pointed end of the pin thereinto. This present practice causes mutilation of the woodwork of a window casing, for when the pin is withdrawn for dropping of the curtain or for cleaning of the same, the pin may not be inserted in the previously formed hole in the window casing, with the result that another hole is formed therein and over a period of time, the woodwork of a window casing is rendered unsightly and beyond repair, due to the many pin holes which will appear therein. This invention aims to prevent the unsightly marring of the window casing when utilizing pin members for tying back a window curtain.

Another feature of the invention resides in a curtain tie-back device which includes an ornamented pin member adapted to pierce the gathered folds of a curtain and be releasably supported upon a window casing in a novel manner to maintain the pointed end of the pin member in spaced relation to the window casing and impart the appearance to an observer that the pin member is stuck into the window casing.

Another feature of the invention is the provision of a curtain tie-back device which is simple and inexpensive of construction, easy to apply for use, and which does not detract from the artistic appearance of the window and its curtain drapery.

Other features of the invention will appear as the following specification is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is an inside front elevational view of a window showing my improved curtain tie back device in use thereon.

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, but omitting the curtain.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the tie back device per se, and with parts in separated relation.

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of a modified form of supporting bracket.

Figure 6 is a horizontal sectional view of a modified form of interengaging means between the pin member and the bracket.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, the numeral 10 designates a conventional inside window casing which is decorated by a pair of curtains 11—11 supported upon a curtain rod 12 from the top of the casing 10. The lower ends of the curtains 11—11 are pulled back to separate the curtains and are held in pulled back or tied back position by my improved curtain-tie back devices 13. Whereas the tie-back devices 13 will be sold and used in pairs, a description of one is believed sufficient.

Each curtain tie back device 13 includes an attaching bracket 14 which comprises a flat elongated plate 15 having openings 16 adjacent the top and bottom thereof for the passage of nails or other like fastening elements 17. The plate 15 is placed flat against the window casing 10 after first being properly located with respect to the curtain to be held back, after which the nails or other fastening elements 17 are passed through the openings 16 and into the window casing 10. Formed integral with and pressed forwardly of the plate 15 is a front wall 18, the said wall being disposed forwardly of the plane of the front of the plate 15 for a purpose to be presently explained. The forwardly disposed wall 18 is provided with a slot 19, which extends from the top edge of the wall 18 to a point approximately half way of its length. The upper portions of the side walls of the slot 19 are flared or beveled as at 20 to provide an enlarged mouth or entrance to the slot 19.

Associated with the supporting bracket 14 is a pin member 21 which includes a shank 22 having a pointed end 23, while fixed to the opposite end of the shank 22 is an ornamented head or rosette 24. The shank 22 adjacent the pointed end 23 is provided with a reduced portion 25, the said reduced portion being of a thickness approximating the width of the slot 19. The reduced portion 25 provides a pair of flat shoulders 26—26 which respectively embrace opposite sides of the wall 18 when the reduced portion 25 is inserted into the slot 19.

After the supporting bracket 19 has been properly located and fixedly secured to the window casing 10, the lower portion of the curtain 11 is drawn back and folded into bunched gathered formation, and the pointed end 23 of the shank 22 is inserted through the folded portions of the curtain, and the pierced portions of the curtain pushed inwardly of the shank clear of the reduced portion 25. The pin member 21 with the folds of the curtain threaded thereon is now ready to be attached to the bracket 14, whereupon the

operator inserts the reduced portion 25 of the shank into the slot 19, the flared mouth or entrance 20 serving to guide the reduced portion into the slot 19. When inserted into the slot, the shank of the pin comes to rest at the lower end of the slot 19 and the straight shoulders 26 embrace the front and rear sides of the wall 18. It will now be understood that the pin member 21 is rigidly fastened to the bracket 14 and the said bracket is hidden from view by the lower portion of the curtain 11. The distance between the tip of the pointed end 23 of the shank 22 and the reduced portion 25 is such that when the shank is in interengaging relation with respect to the bracket, the pointed end 23 is disposed in spaced relation to the window casing 10 as best seen in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing.

By the use of my improved tie-back device 13 it will be seen that the pin member 21 may be detached from the bracket 14 by sliding the shank 22 upwardly and out of the slot 19, and when desired to replace the pin member, the reverse operation takes place, and regardless of the number of times that the pin member is released for dropping the tied back curtain, there is no marring of the window casing 10.

In Figure 5 of the drawing, I have illustrated a modified form of supporting bracket which is designated in its entirety by the numeral 27. The bracket 27 is formed with a forwardly projecting vertical wall 28 similar to the wall 18 but instead of providing a slot which opens at the top of the vertical wall, I provide therein, a key-hole shaped slot 29. The pin member 21 may be used in connection with the bracket 27 by inserting the pointed end 23 of the shank 22 in the enlarged portion of the key-hole shaped slot 29, and then lowering the shank into the restricted portion of the key-hole shaped slot in the same manner that the shank 22 enters the previously described slot 19.

In Figure 6 of the drawing I have illustrated a further modification wherein the attaching bracket is designated at 30, the same being provided with a forwardly disposed front wall 31 having a pin receiving opening 32 therein, the walls of the opening constituting resilient socket forming jaws 33. The shank 34 of the pin member is provided with an enlargement 35 which is engaged by the resilient socket forming jaws 33 when the pointed end of the pin member is inserted through the opening 32. This construction functions in a manner similar to an ordinary male and female snap fastener device, and may be used in lieu of the reduced portion 26 and slot 19 hereinbefore described.

While I have shown and described what I consider to be the most practical embodiment of my invention, I wish it to be understood that such changes and alterations as come within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:—

1. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket, a pin member adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back and releasable interengaging means on said bracket and pin member for securing the same together.

2. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket adapted to be fixedly secured to a window casing, a pin member adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back, and means for releasably connecting said pin member to said supporting bracket.

3. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket adapted to be fixedly secured to a window casing and having a forwardly disposed front wall, a pin member including a pointed shank having an ornamented head at one end thereof, said pointed shank adapted to penetrate a curtain to be tied back, and releasable interengaging means between said shank and said front wall for securing said pin member to said supporting bracket with the ornamented head projecting forwardly thereof.

4. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket including a flat attaching plate, a front wall integral with said attaching plate and disposed forward of the plane of said attaching plate, a pin member adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back, and releasable inter-engaging means between said pin member and said front wall for securing said pin member in a forwardly projecting position upon said supporting bracket.

5. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a pin member adapted to pierce the gathered folds of a curtain to be tied back, and means for releasably supporting said pin member upon a window casing with the pin member in spaced relation to a window casing.

6. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a pin member including a shank having a point at one end thereof adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back, an enlarged head on the other end of said shank, a supporting bracket including a flat attaching plate having a forwardly projecting wall, and releasable interengaging means on said shank and said forwardly projecting wall for supporting said pin member upon said bracket with the pointed end of said shank disposed inwardly of the plane of the rear face of said attaching plate.

7. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket provided with a forwardly disposed vertical wall, said wall having a vertical slot therein, a pin member including a shank adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back and having a groove extending thereabout to provide a reduced portion and spaced shoulders, the reduced portion being slidably received in said slot with the shoulders embracing opposite sides of the vertical wall.

8. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket provided with a forwardly disposed vertical wall, said wall having a slot therein extending downwardly from the top edge thereof, a pin member including a shank of a cross sectional area greater than the width of said slot and pointed at one end, an enlarged ornamental head at the other end of said shank, a reduced portion on said shank adjacent the pointed end thereof of a cross sectional area to slidably enter said slot through the open top end thereof, and shoulders provided on said shank formed by said reduced portion for embracing opposite sides of said wall.

9. A curtain tie-back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket, a pin member adapted to pierce the curtain to be tied back, and releasable male and female engaging means on said bracket and pin member for removably securing the same together when said bracket is in fixed supporting position upon a supporting structure.

10. A curtain tie back device comprising in combination, a supporting bracket adapted to be

fixedly secured to a window casing including a forwardly disposed wall having a pin receiving opening therein, resilient socket forming walls surrounding said opening, a pin member including a shank pointed at one end, an enlarged ornamental head on the other end of said shank, and an enlargement provided on said shank adjacent the pointed end thereof for gripping engagement by said resilient socket forming walls when the pointed end of said shank is inserted through said pin receiving opening.

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