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SHADE ROLLER HOOD.

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Fig. 1

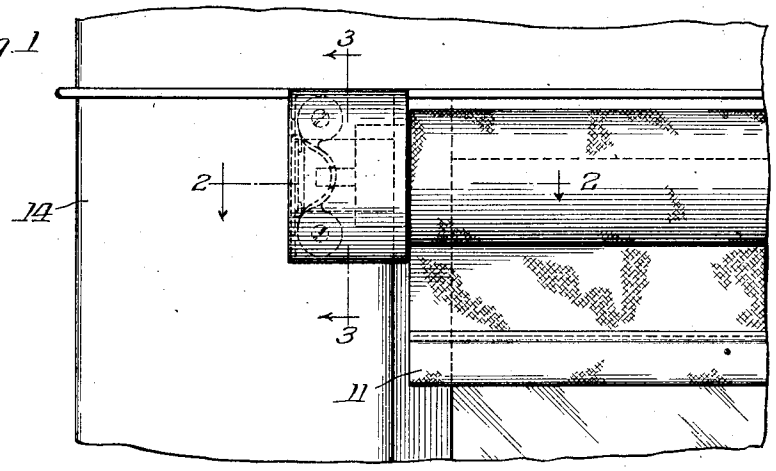



Fig. 2

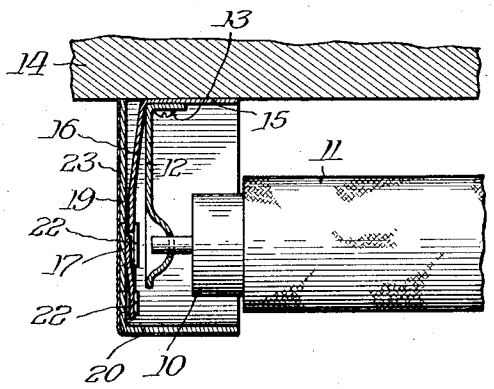



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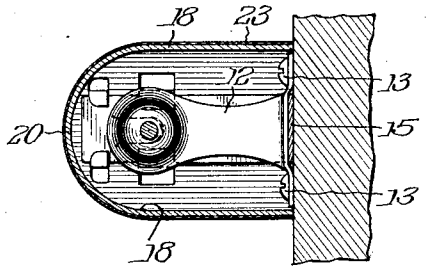



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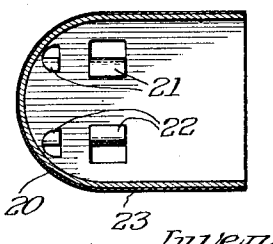
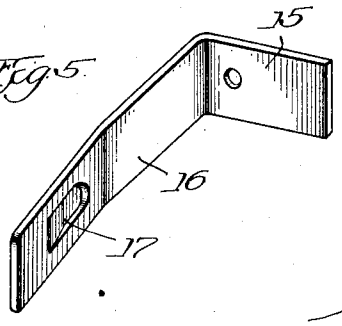



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## SHADE-ROLLER HOOD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. KIRSCH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Sturgis, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Shade-Roller Hood, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to window-shades and particularly to novel means for concealing or shielding the otherwise bare ends of said rollers and the shade-roller brackets on which the rollers are mounted.

It is practically universal practice to employ shade-rollers, said rollers having a bearing at their ends in suitable brackets adapted to be secured by screws to a window-casing. The shade cannot conveniently be made of such width as to completely cover the roller from end to end and the uncovered ends together with the bracket are unsightly. It has been realized that means should be provided for covering these ends thereby producing a more complete, finished and sightly fixture but as the shade-rollers are frequently removed, any hood must be of such construction as to enable such removal and replacement. Furthermore as such shades are frequently manufactured from fabrics or silks of different colors and patterns it is desirable that the hoods should be similarly covered.

In the device here illustrated I have provided a hood which fulfils the specified requirements and is of very simple and practical construction.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is an elevation of one end of a shade-roller mounted in position in a window-frame;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 with the bracket and shade-roller omitted; and,

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the hood bracket.

In the drawings it will be seen that a shade-roller 10, of common form, has mounted thereon on a shade 11 which may be of common shade material or of colored or printed fabric. The shade is mounted for rotation in a bracket 12 of common form, the latter being secured by means of screws 13 to the frame or sash 14.

The hood of my invention comprises a bracket having a short arm 15 and another arm 16 arranged at right angles and adapted to project substantially perpendicularly from the wall on which the shade-roller bracket is mounted. The arm 15 will be of such width that it may be received within or beneath the usual shade-roller bracket, as shown in Fig. 3, and securely clamped in position. Near the outer end of the arm 16 I provide a tongue or upset portion 17 adapted to facilitate the interlocking of the bracket with the hood about to be described. This hood or shield is in the form of a cup having four closed and two open sides, the top and bottom sides being lettered 18, the end 19, and the front side 20. Arranged interiorly of the wall 19 are tongues 21, 22, which act as guides for engagement with the projecting end of the arm 16. As shown in Fig. 2, the tongue 17 provides for frictional spring contact and prevents disengagement of the two parts except by the expenditure of some force. The parts may, however, be readily disengaged as required when the shade-roller is to be removed from or replaced in the brackets, separation being effected by exerting an outwardly directed pull on the hood.

It will be noted that I have illustrated the hood as covered with a fabric 23. This, of course, may be omitted if desired and for shades of plain color the hood member may merely be painted or enameled to match the color of the shade cloth.

Obviously the idea is capable of considerable modification and I do not wish to be limited except as indicated in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In combination with a shade-roller and its bracket, a second bracket adapted to be secured adjacent to the first bracket, a cover member, and means on said second bracket and cover member for effecting removable engagement therebetween.

2. In means for concealing the pivot ends of window-shade rollers, the combination of a bracket adapted to be secured to a window-frame or sash and to be engaged by the pivots of a shade roller, and a hood adapted to slidably engage said bracket and when in position to overlie and conceal the end of a shade-roller.

3. In combination with the bracket of a shade-roller, of a second bracket adapted to be clamped and held in position by the first bracket, and a hood adapted to engage said second bracket and when in position to overlie and conceal the end of the shade-roller and said first bracket.

4. In combination with a bracket adapted to provide a bearing for a shade-roller, a second bracket having a portion adapted to underlie said first bracket and be thereby clamped in position, said second bracket having a portion extending substantially parallel with said first bracket, and a hood adapted to interlock with said second bracket and to be disengaged therefrom by a sliding movement.

5. The combination with a shade roller having pivots, of brackets adapted to engage said pivots, second brackets secured adjacent to said first mentioned brackets, and a hood adapted to overlie the ends of a shade roller and to slidably engage said second brackets.

Signed at Sturgis, Michigan, this 5th day of January, 1921.

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