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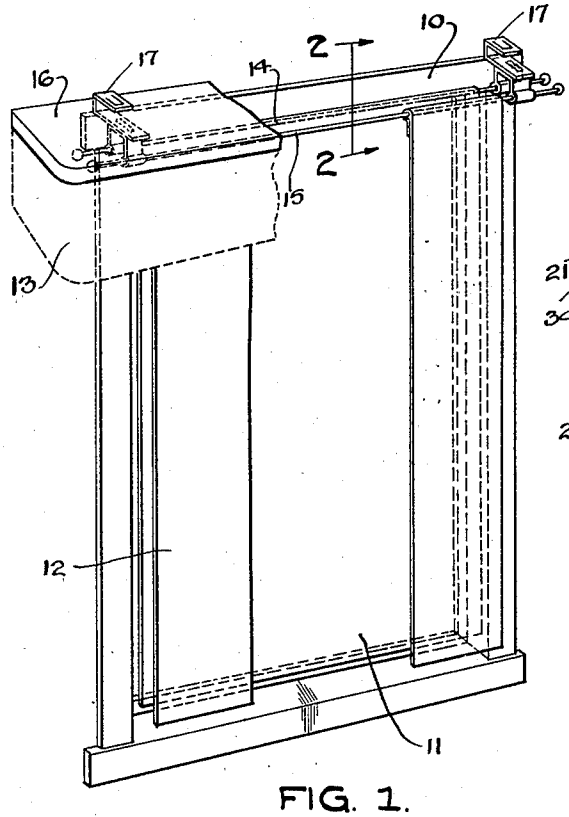


FIG. 1.

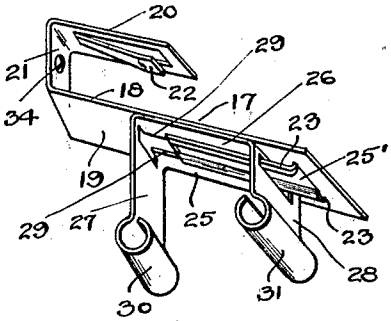


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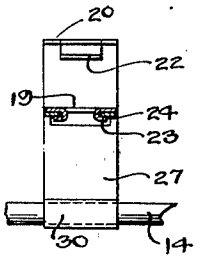


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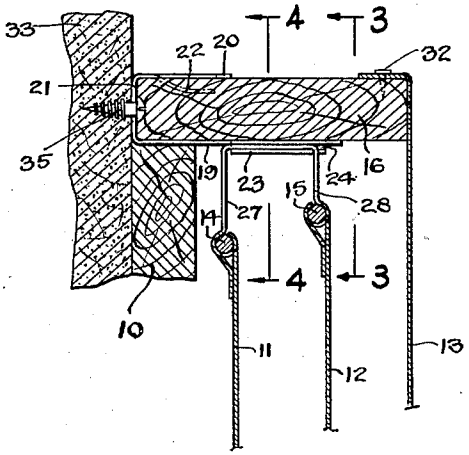


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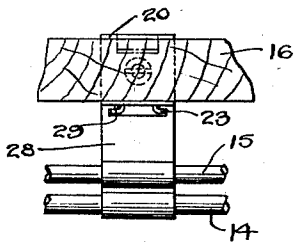


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This invention relates to devices adapted for use in hanging curtains, draperies, valances and the like and more particularly to improvements in the construction of a combined valance board support and curtain rod bracket.

Heretofore and prior to this invention it has been the general practice to hang curtains and draperies from rods carried by suitable brackets secured directly to the face of the window or door trim. This practice, of course, necessitated driving the securing elements into the trim the external surface of which was in consequence injured or marred. Also, in a number of instances it was difficult, due to the particular configuration of the trim, to properly and securely position the brackets thereupon without resorting to more or less complicated and expensive expedients. And once these brackets were mounted in position no provision was made for adjusting the same toward or away from the trim in order to move the curtains and draperies closer to or farther away from the woodwork surrounding the window or door. For supporting the valance in position it has been more or less common practice to employ a board which extends shelf-like across the upper trim and to the outer edges of which is suitably secured the depending valance. This board which is removable at will, has been usually supported upon suitable angle brackets secured to the face of the trim. Not only are these angle brackets extremely unsightly when the valance is removed but their application to the face of the trim of necessity causes the latter to be permanently disfigured and injured.

It is among the objects of this invention to overcome the above mentioned difficulties and objections by the provision of a combined valance board support and hanging rod bracket which is adapted to be mounted above the trim in such manner as to obviate the necessity for disfiguring or otherwise injuring the external finish of the trim.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a bracket for supporting one or more curtain or drapery rods which is capable of being secured to the wall above the trim and in which the rod supporting portion is adjustable toward or away from the vertical face of the trim.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a support for a valance board which is capable of being mounted in position above the trim, said support being provided with means for frictionally retaining in place boards the thicknesses of which vary within certain limits.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a combined valance board support and hanging rod bracket which is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction, and at the same time efficient, strong and durable in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent more fully hereinafter.

The invention consists substantially in the combination, construction, location and relative arrangement of parts, all as will be described more fully hereinafter, as shown in the accompanying drawings, and as finally pointed out in the appended claims. In the accompanying drawings, wherein has been illustrated a preferred form of construction embodying the principles of this invention:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of the combined support and bracket constructed in accordance with this invention;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a transverse view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the combined support and bracket constructed in accordance with this invention.

Referring now to the drawings and more particularly to Figure 1 thereof, the numeral 10 designates generally the framework of a window or door adapted to be fitted with hangings, such as the curtain 11, the draperies 12 and the valance 13. The curtain 11 and the draperies 12 are respectively supported from suitable rods 14 and 15 arranged to extend across the top of the framework,

these rods being in turn supported by the brackets constructed in accordance with this invention. The valance 13 is secured in any suitable manner to the outer edges of a valance board 16 supported by the same brackets as support the rods 14 and 15. The brackets which thus serve as a common support for the rods 14—15 and the valance board 16 are designated generally by the numeral 17, it being observed that two such brackets are employed at opposite sides of the framework 10. Inasmuch as both brackets are similar in every respect only one of them will be described in detail.

As appears most clearly in Figures 2 to 5, the brackets 17 each includes a substantially channel shaped member 18 having a horizontally disposed bottom flange 19, a similarly disposed top flange 20 and an interconnecting vertically extending base or web 21. The top flange 20, which is shorter than the bottom flange 19, is provided with a struck-in spring finger 22 engageable with the upper surface of the valance board 16 when the latter is inserted between the flanges 19 and 20. By virtue of the resiliency of this spring finger 22 the valance board is frictionally retained in position as shown in Figure 2 irrespective of varieties in its thickness. Preferably the valance board 16 is of a width such that its outer edge projects beyond the outermost ends of the supporting flange 19.

Provided in the lower surface of the bottom flange 19 of the channel shaped member 18 are a pair of opposed outwardly turned lips 23 which form with the under surface of the flange 19 a pair of parallel, longitudinally extending channeled guides 24. The outwardly turned lips 23 are preferably formed integrally with the flange 19 by providing the latter with a longitudinally extending slit or opening 25′ the opposed free edges of which are then turned downwardly and outwardly to form the channels 24. Arranged to be slidably mounted within the channeled guides 24 is the member 25 for supporting the curtain and drapery rods 14 and 15.

This rod supporting member 25 is provided with a substantially flat body 26 from the front and rear edges of which respectively depend the flanges 27 and 28. The body 26 of the members 25 is of a transverse width substantially equal to that of the flange 19 of the member 17, the central portion thereof being cut out to provide a pair of opposed inwardly extending lips 29 arranged to be respectively received within the channeled guides 24 formed in the member 17. The members 17 and 25 being thus slidably associated with each other are capable of relative adjustment. The free ends of the flanges 27 and 28 are rolled to provide a pair of parallel tubular sockets 30 and 31 extending transversely of the bracket within which are respectively received the ends of the rods 14 and 15. It is customary to suspend the curtain 11 from the inner rod 14 and the draperies 12 from the outer rod 15. As has been already pointed out, the valance 13 is suspended from the outer edge of the valance board 16, the valance being secured in place by any suitable securing elements, such as the tacks 32.

Among the principal advantages of the bracket hereinbefore described is the ease with which it may be mounted and the fact that it may be secured in position without disfiguring or otherwise injuring the framework or trim 10. As appears most clearly in Figure 2 the upper member 17 of the bracket is positioned in such manner that the bottom flange 19 thereof rests upon the top of the trim 10 while the base or web 21 thereof lies against the wall 33. The base or web 21 is provided with a suitable aperture 34 through which a securing element, such as the screw 35, is driven into the wall. The valance board 16 is then inserted between the flanges 19 and 20 of the member 17, said board being retained therein against displacement by the action of the spring finger 22. Due to the slidable engagement between the member 17 and the rod supporting member 25 it becomes possible to adjust the latter in such manner as to move the curtain and draperies either toward or away from the trim 10 as may be desired.

From the foregoing it will be observed that there has been provided a combined valance board support and hanging rod bracket which is extremely simple in construction, efficient in use and capable of being rigidly secured in position without disfigurement of the trim. It will be understood, of course, that various changes may be made from time to time without departing from the spirit or principles of the invention and it is intended therefore to claim the invention broadly as well as specifically as indicated by the appended claims.

What is claimed as new and useful is:

1. In a combined valance board support and curtain rod bracket, a substantially channel shaped member arranged to be secured in position above a trim with the open end thereof presenting away from the frontal face of said trim, resilient means for frictionally retaining a valance board within said channel, and means slidably associated with the bottom wall of said member for supporting one or more curtain rods in advance of the frontal face of said trim.

2. In a bracket of the character described, a horizontally presenting substantially channel shaped member the bottom flange of which is substantially wider than the top flange thereof, means for securing the base wall of said member in position with said bottom flange resting upon the upper surface of a window or door trim, a valance board adapt-

ed to be inserted between said top and bottom flanges of said channel shaped member so as to form a substantially shelf-like projection extending forwardly from the top of said trim, and resilient means provided in said member for frictionally retaining said board in position.

3. In a fixture adapted to support decorative hangings across a window or door trim, in combination, a main body member having a horizontally extending flange adapted to support a valance board, a pair of opposed outwardly turned lips forming conjointly with said member a pair of substantially parallel longitudinally extending channeled guides, and a curtain rod supporting element having a base adapted to be supported by and adjustable longitudinally of said channeled guides, and a depending flange the lower end of which is adapted to receive a curtain rod.

4. In a fixture adapted to support decorative hangings across a window or door trim, in combination, a main body member having a horizontally extending flange adapted to support a valance board, a pair of opposed outwardly turned lips forming conjointly with said member a pair of substantially parallel longitudinally extending channeled guides, and a curtain rod supporting element having a base adapted to be supported by and adjustable longitudinally of said channeled guides, and a depending flange the lower end of which is adapted to receive a curtain rod, said outwardly turned lips being struck out of said main body member.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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