

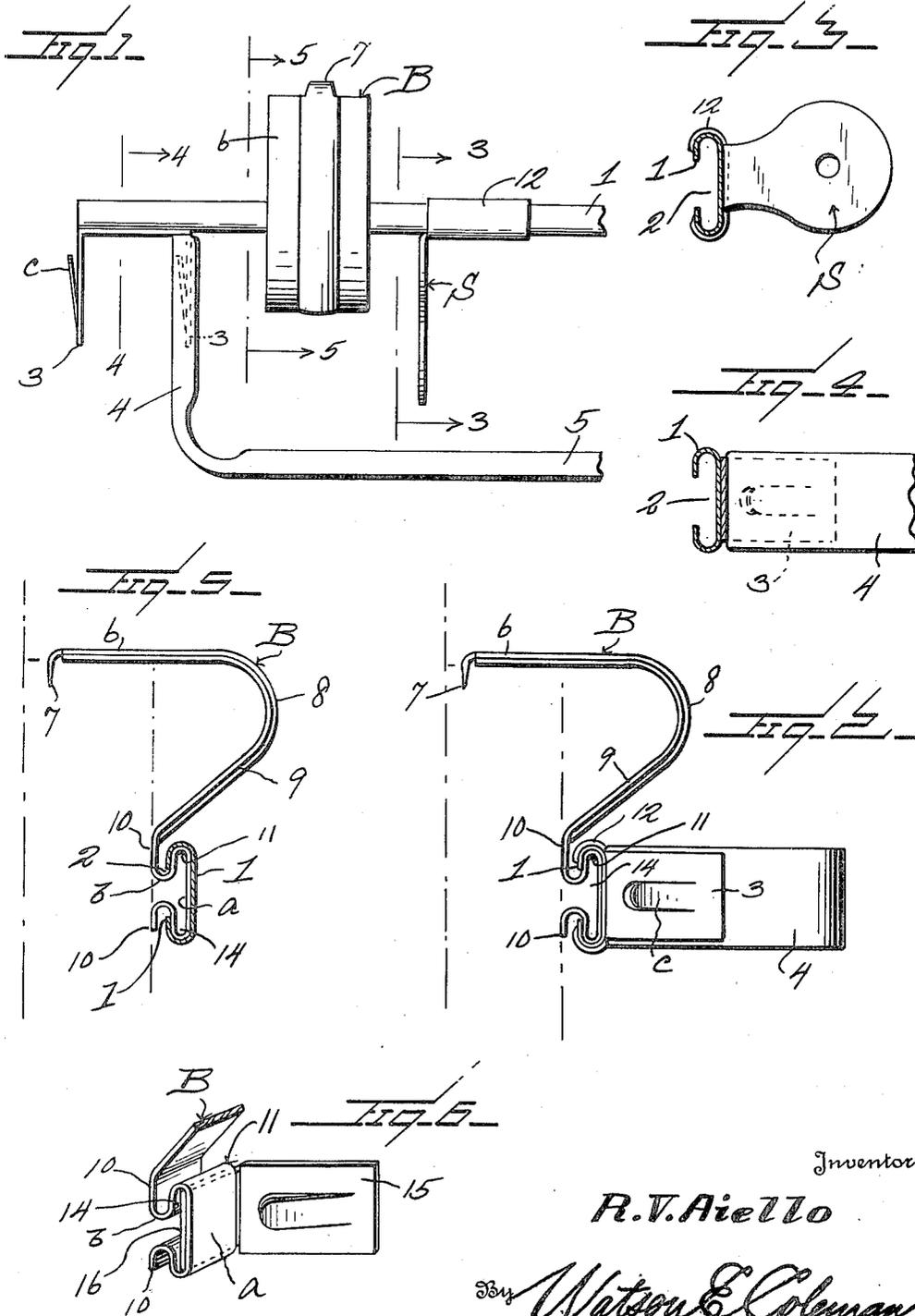
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This invention relates to a combined shade and curtain fixture, and it is primarily an object of the invention to provide a fixture of this kind which can be employed with facility to properly support a shade and a curtain, the feature of the curtain being also intended to include a drape.

Another object of the invention is to provide a fixture of this kind including a supporting bracket which may be effectively maintained in desired position without requiring the use of nails, screws or the like, and which bracket is so constructed as to be selectively adjusted along the supporting rod for the shade bracket as may be desired.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a fixture of this kind including a bracket which in addition to being capable of adjustable engagement with a supporting rod for a shade bracket may be independently employed for the supporting of a suitable fixture for a curtain rod or the like.

The invention also has for an object to provide a fixture of this kind including a rod upon each end portion of which is slidably engaged a bracket for a shade roller together with a supporting bracket slidably engaged with each end portion of the rod, said brackets being so constructed as to permit the unobstructed adjustment of either of the brackets along the rod beyond the other.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved combined shade and curtain fixture whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view in top plan of an end portion of a combined fixture constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention;

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation of the assembly as illustrated in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 1;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view in perspective illustrating an assembly wherein the supporting

bracket is employed independently of the rod as illustrated in Figures 1 to 5.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawing, 1 denotes an end portion of an elongated rod of a form in cross section of a flattened C with the longitudinally disposed slot 2 thereof rearwardly disposed. This rod 1 may be of a single length or, if preferred, may comprise telescopically engaged sections, as is well known, whereby the rod may be lengthened or shortened as the requirements of practice may prefer.

Each end portion of the rod 1 has fixed to the front face thereof the outstanding brackets 3 each of which is adapted to telescopically engage within a lateral extension 4 of a rod 5. To assure the effective frictional engagement of each of the brackets 3 within the lateral extension 4, the bracket has struck therefrom a spring tongue c.

In Figure 1 is illustrated only a single rod 5 from which is adapted to be hung in a well known manner lace curtains or the like. It is believed to be obvious that another rod may be readily engaged with the second bracket 3 and which additional rod is intended to support draperies.

Each end portion of the rod 1 has associated therewith a supporting bracket B. This bracket B comprises a substantially straight arm 6 of desired dimensions and which is provided at one end with a laterally or downwardly directed pointed tang 7 which is adapted to be forced into the upper surface of the top or crown member of a window frame or the like whereby said bracket B may be effectively maintained in desired applied position without requiring the use of nails or the like as is now the general practice.

The opposite or forward end portion of the arm 6 is continued by a laterally disposed rounded extension 8 disposed in the same general direction as the tang 7, or downwardly. This portion 8 is continued by the elongated straight arm 9 which diverges from the arm 6 in a direction inwardly of said arm 6. The arm 9 is continued by a short supplemental arm 10 substantially at right angles to the arm 6. This arm may be termed a bearing member and has direct contact with the outer face of the member with which the tang 7 is engaged or to a suitably provided surface therebelow.

The intermediate portion of the arm 10 is so folded or formed to provide an outstanding head 11 of substantially a T-form. A cross member a of the head 11 snugly engages within the rod 1. As is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the stem or neck b of the head is of a width materially less than the width of the slot 2

whereby the bracket B may be readily slid in either direction on the rod 1 to a selected location thereon. It is also to be noted that the neck or stem b of the head 11 is of a length to materially space the rod 1 with which the bracket is engaged from the arm or bearing member 10 of the bracket B. This is of importance and advantage as it permits the bracket B to be readily adjusted beyond the shade bracket S slidably mounted on the rod 1 and extending outwardly or forwardly therefrom. It also permits an adjustment of this shade bracket S beyond the basket B without interference or obstruction by the bracket B and also provides for an adjustment wherein the bracket B and S may be one above the other. This shade bracket S, as herein disclosed, is provided at its rear with a laterally directed plate 12. This plate 12 is C-shaped in cross section and snugly receives the rod 1.

As illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the head 11 of the bracket B is formed by bending the intermediate portion of the arm or member 10. This results in the formation of a socket 14 extending transversely of the arm or member 10 and open at both ends. The provision of this socket 14 permits the bracket B to be separately employed or to be used independently of the rod 1 or its equivalent. When so used the desired bracket 15 may be operatively engaged within this socket 14 at either side of the bracket B. As illustrated in Figure 6 the bracket or fixture 15 is provided at its inner end with a laterally extending plate 16 which snugly engages within the socket 14. While this bracket or fixture 15 in Figure 6 is illustrated to be used with a curtain or drapery rod, it is believed to be obvious that if desired a fixture or bracket for a shade roller could be similarly engaged with a socket. It is also believed to be obvious that if the bracket B is desired to be separately used as supporting means for both a curtain rod and a drapery rod, a bracket such as 15 can be operatively engaged within the socket 14 at opposite sides of the bracket B.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a combined shade and curtain fixture constructed in accordance with my in-

vention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. A shade fixture comprising an elongated rod substantially C-shaped in cross section with the slot rearwardly disposed, a shade bracket extending forwardly from said rod, said bracket including a plate substantially C-shaped in cross section frictionally engaging over the rod, the engagement of the plate with the rod permitting the shade bracket to be selectively slid along the rod, a supporting bracket for the rod including a top arm having a penetrating tang at one end portion, the opposite end portion of the arm being continued downwardly and inwardly and terminating in a bearing arm substantially at right angles to the portion of the arm carrying the tang, the bearing arm intermediate its ends being provided with an outstanding head substantially T-shaped in cross section, the cross member of the head snugly engaging within the rod, the stem portion of said head extending out through the slot of the rod, said stem being of a length to permit the shade bracket or the supporting bracket to be moved one beyond the other without hindrance or obstruction.

2. A curtain and shade fixture including an elongated supporting rod substantially C-shaped in cross section with the slot rearwardly disposed and a supporting bracket for said rod comprising a top arm for securement to a window frame or the like, said arm being continued downwardly and inwardly to provide a bearing arm substantially at right angles to the top arm, said bearing arm having its intermediate portion folded to provide an outstanding T-head for engagement within the rod.

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