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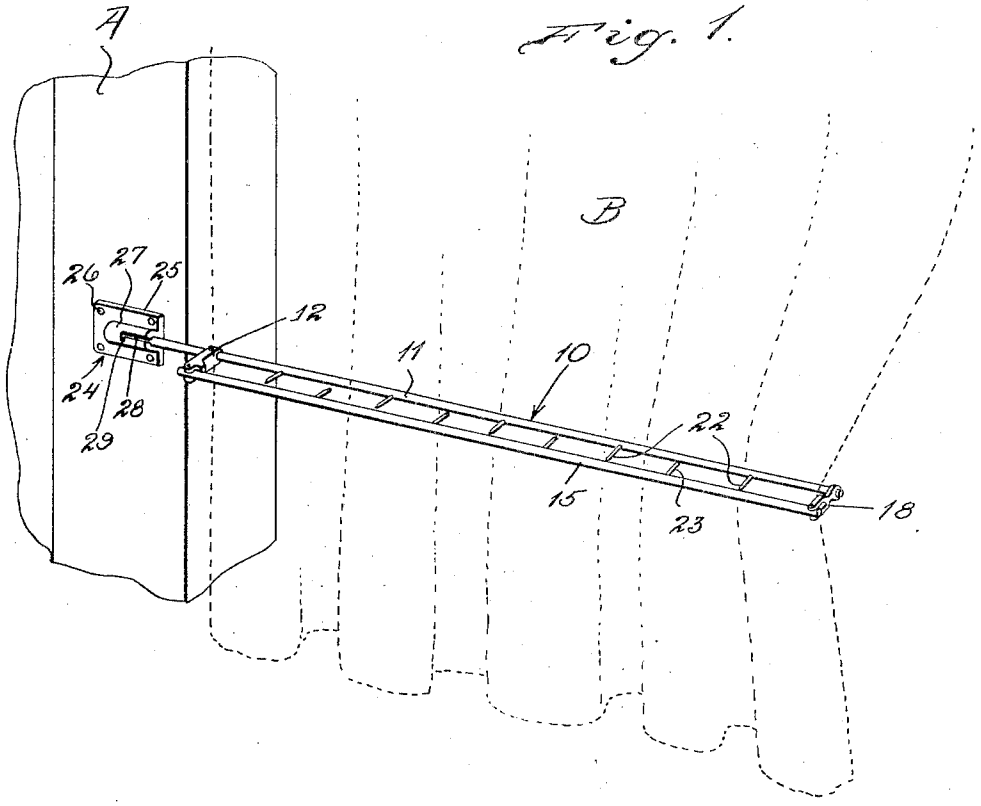


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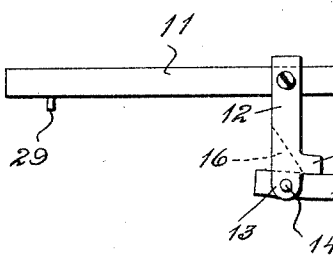
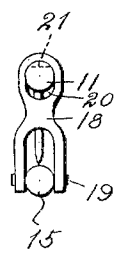


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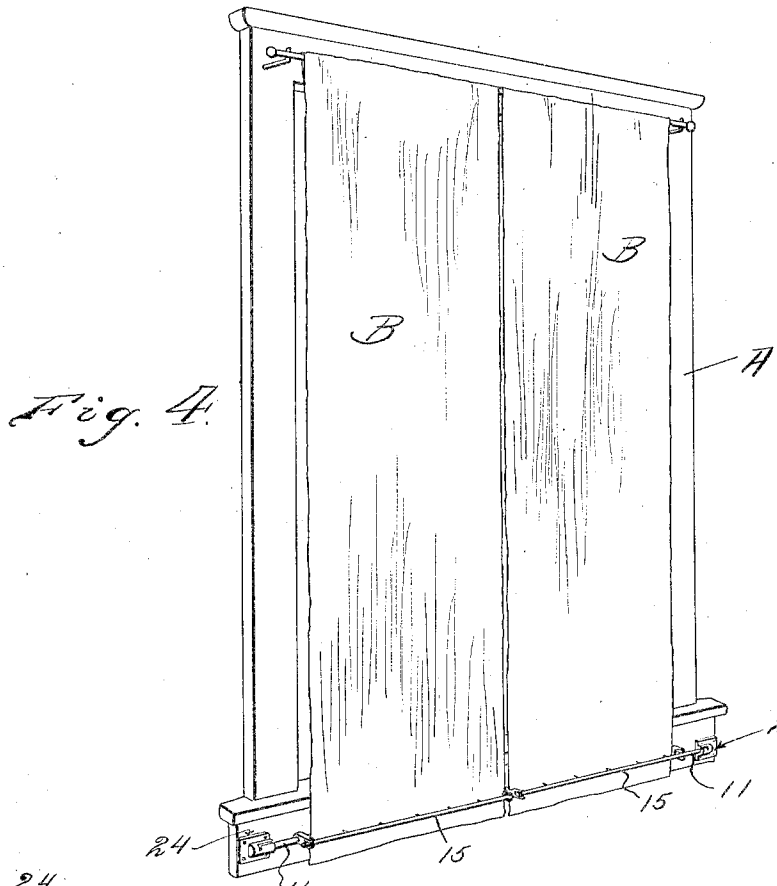


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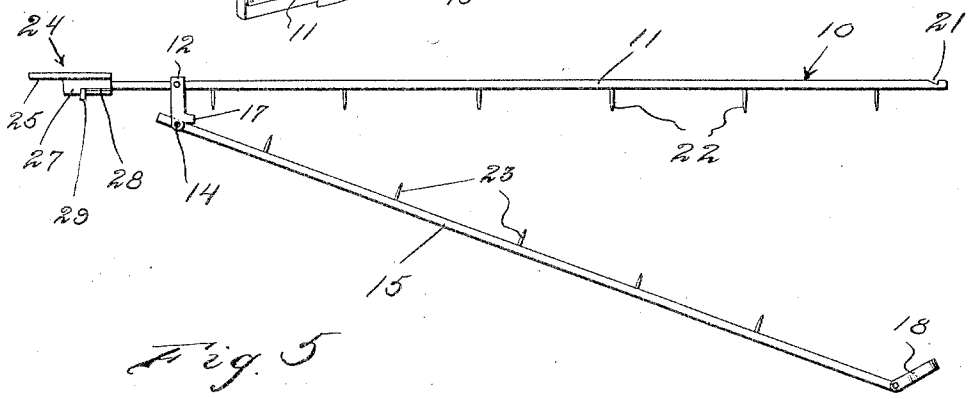


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This invention relates to securing or retaining devices, and has for its object the provision of a novel device adapted to be mounted at the side of a window either above or below the sill for the purpose of holding a curtain straight or drawn back, as preferred, without the use of cords, ribbons, loops or other similar means.

An important object of the invention is to provide a curtain holder or retainer which will maintain a curtain in the desired position either straight or gathered, as preferred, and in such a way that it will be maintained even and the attractiveness consequently enhanced.

A more specific object of the invention is to provide a holder for this purpose constructed in the nature of a clamp capable of being opened to receive the curtain and provided with means for holding it shut to effect the proper securing action, penetrating elements being provided which will pass through the curtain for holding it against any longitudinal movement so that it could not become loose as the result of an ordinary pull thereon or by pressure of wind thereagainst.

Yet another object is to provide a device of this character having an attaching member with which it is detachably engaged so that in case such is desired the entire device may be removed from its accustomed location and be subsequently replaced without any necessity for disturbing the securing screws or other fastening elements provided for mounting the attaching member.

The invention further contemplates the provision of a device of this character which embodies various features and characteristics of advantage which will distinguish it from other devices of a more or less similar nature, the holder being moreover simple and inexpensive to manufacture, easy to mount and adjust, positive in action, efficient and durable in service, and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in closed or clamping position upon a curtain, indicated by dotted lines, the curtain being shown as gathered or drawn back,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary plan view, only the end portions being shown and the central portion being broken away,

Figure 3 is an end elevation,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a pair of the devices used for holding curtains straight and even,

Figure 5 is a plan view of the device in open position.

Referring more particularly to the drawings the letter A designates the window frame at which is mounted a curtain or pair of curtains B.

In carrying out the invention I provide a holder designated broadly by the numeral 10 and this holder is represented as comprising a rod or tube 11 of any desired length, diameter and material. Secured or formed upon this rod at a point spaced from one end thereof is a bracket 12 having its free end preferably bifurcated to define spaced ears 13 between which is pivoted, at 14, an arm 15 which may, likewise, be formed as a rod or tube similar to the element 11 Within the bifurcation the bracket 12 is shown as recessed at 16 to avoid interference with the pivoted end of the arm 15 so that this arm may be swung away from the rod 11 when occasion demands. At its side toward the free end of the arm, the bracket 12 may be provided with a lateral lug 17 engageable by the arm 15, when the latter is swung toward the rod 11, whereby to spring the arm 15 slightly so that it will have a natural tendency to move away from the rod.

The rod 11 and arm 15 are intended to be located at opposite sides of the curtain to be held, and for maintaining a clamping action thereupon, I provide a yoke 18 pivoted at 19 upon the free end of the arm 15 and having a slot 20 permitting it to be engaged upon the end of the rod 11, the latter being notched at 21 to receive the yoke and prevent it from becoming accidentally disengaged. The above mentioned springing of the arm 15 by engagement with the lug 17 will operate to hold the yoke in firm engagement within the notch 21, as will be readily apparent.

The confronting faces or edges of the rod 11 and arm 15 are preferably provided with pins 22 and 23, respectively, arranged in staggered relation as shown and adapted to penetrate the curtain for holding it firmly and preventing it from being drawn out from between the rod 11 and arm 15.

While it is conceivable that various means might be provided for mounting the entire device upon the side A of a window opening, I preferably employ an attaching device indicated generally by the numeral 24, which device includes a plate 25 adapted to be fastened flat against a convenient portion of the window frame by suitable nails, screws or the like indicated at 26, this bracket further including a sleeve portion or socket 27 receiving one end of the rod 11. The socket or sleeve is represented as having a bayonet slot 28 therein receiving a lateral lug 29 on the rod 11 so that to effect disengagement of the entire holder from its attaching member it is merely necessary to rotate the device slightly to disengage the lug 29 from the inner end of the bayonet slot so that a subsequent outward pull will withdraw the rod 11 from the sleeve or socket. Connection or installation is effected by the reverse operation.

In the use of the device it will be seen that it is first mounted upon its holder or supporting bracket with the yoke 18 swung out of engagement with the rod 11 to permit the arm 15 to be swung away from the rod 11 into the position shown by dotted lines in Figure 1. The curtain is then placed against the rod 11 and the arm 15 is swung into clamping relation to the rod 11, as shown clearly in Figure 1, and the yoke 18 reengaged within the notch at the end of the rod. The pins penetrate the curtain and maintain it in the proper condition so that it cannot bulge or become displaced in the event of a strong wind or in case some other unforeseen condition should arise. Figure 1 shows the device used for holding a curtain gathered or draw back, while Figure 4 shows a pair of the devices used for holding a pair of curtains straight.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings it will be apparent that I have thus provided a very simple, neat and easily operated device for the purpose specified which will be a saver of time and annoyance in facilitating the proper holding of curtains of all kinds. Naturally, there are no restrictions or limitations as to the dimensions, material, finish and such details as the right is reserved to make all such changes in the construction as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. Means for holding taut the lower end of a suspended curtain comprising an attaching member stationarily mounted at the side of a window frame, and a clamp detachably connected at one end with said member and including a fixed element and a movable arm disposable against opposite sides of a curtain, and means for holding said arm and fixed element in clamping relation comprising a yoke straddlingly pivoted on the arm and having an opening therein engaged upon the fixed element, the fixed element being notched for the reception of the yoke.

2. A curtain holdback comprising an attaching member adapted to be stationarily mounted at the side of a window frame, a clamp detachably connected with said member and including a relatively fixed element and a movable arm disposable against opposite sides of a curtain, means for holding said arm and fixed element in clamping relation, said attaching member having a sleeve portion formed with a bayonet slot, and a lug on the fixed element of the clamp engaged within said slot.

3. A curtain holdback comprising an attaching member adapted to be stationarily mounted at the side of a window frame, and a clamp detachably connected with said member and including a fixed element and a movable arm disposable against opposite sides of a curtain, means for holding said arm and fixed element in clamping relation comprising a yoke pivoted on the arm and having an opening therein engaged upon the fixed element, the fixed element being notched for the reception of the yoke, and means normally springing the arm away from the fixed element for holding the yoke within the notch.

4. A curtain holdback comprising a rod, means for mounting the rod at the side of a window frame, a bracket projecting laterally from the rod, an arm pivoted on the bracket and cooperating with the rod to define a clamp, said bracket having a lug engaged by the arm and tending to spring the same away from the rod, and a retaining element detachably connecting the rod and arm at the free ends thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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