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Fig. 1

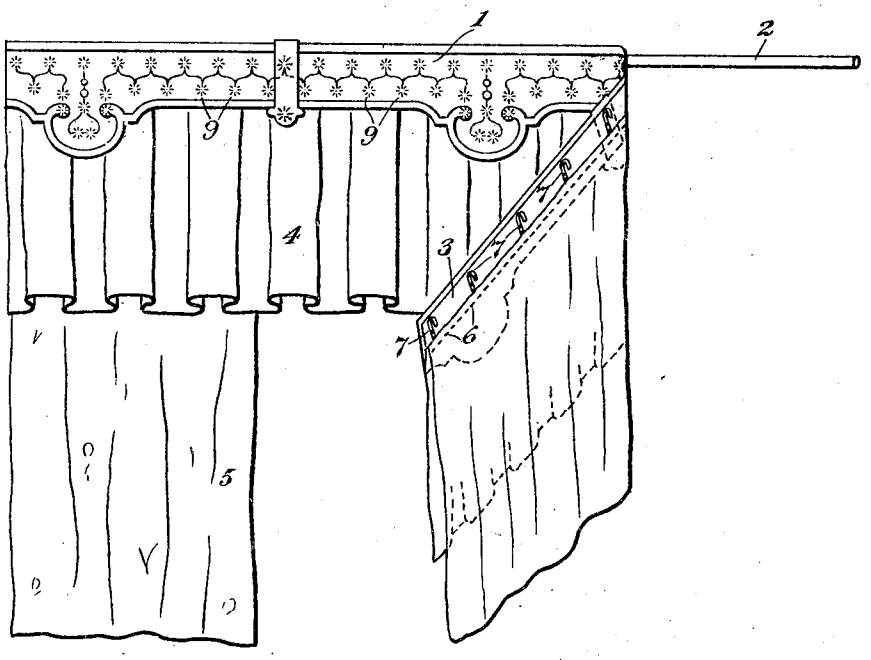


Fig. 2

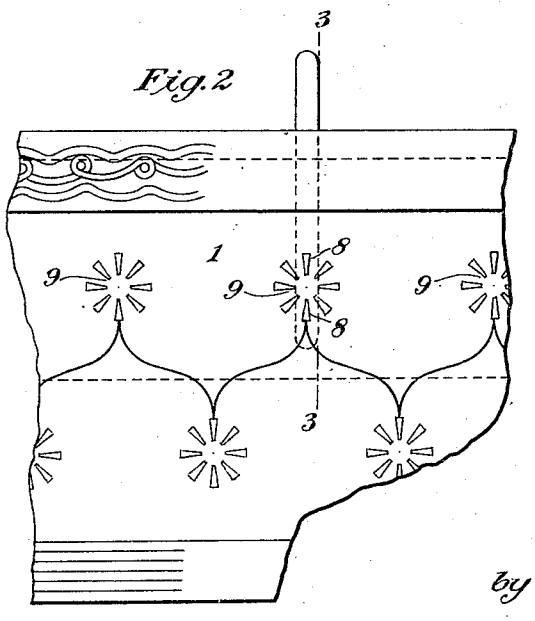


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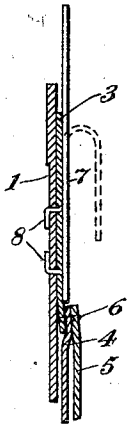
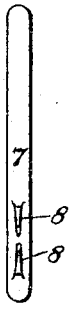


Fig. 4



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My invention relates to hanging curtains; and my principal objects are to produce an ornamental head band provided with supporting means, which may be readily attached to other portions of curtain hangings, such as the valance or the main curtains; and also to provide simple and efficient means whereby the elements of curtains, such as a head band and valance and, optionally, the main drapery of the curtain may be secured together in their proper relative positions by means which, while normally disposed in or parallel to the plane of the material of the hangings, for convenience in folding and handling the draperies, may be readily bent into the form of a hook whereby the hangings may be detachably attached to a curtain rod, while the portions of such means that may show upon the face of the hangings shall harmonize with, complete or merge into the ornamentation of the hangings.

In the arrangement of curtain draperies it is often desirable to provide a specially designed or ornamented head band which may be readily assembled or combined with other selected draperies, so as to enrich the appearance of the assembled draperies and to give opportunity for the formation of attractive variations and combinations of the drapery elements.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a front view of draperies illustrating an embodiment of my invention, the right hand end of the draperies being unhooked from the carrying rod and swung forward the better to illustrate the arrangement; Fig. 2 is a front view of a section of the head band showing the carrying element lying flat; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the upper portion of Fig. 2, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 looking to the left; and Fig. 4 is a front view of one of the carrying elements. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are on a considerably enlarged scale as compared with Fig. 1.

The head band 1 is composed of any suitable material, preferably embroidered or ornamented textile material, and is designed to harmonize with the rest of the drapery hangings and to be adjusted to cover the upper ends thereof as well as to conceal the curtain rod 2.

To the back of this head band I preferably attach a textile strip 3, to which the valance 4 or the main curtain 5, or both of them, may be secured as by stitching 6.

The strip 3 is preferably attached to the head band 1 by means of elements carried by the hook elements 7, 7. These elements are shown as consisting of prongs 8, 8, integral with the hook elements and adapted to be pushed through the material of the strip 3 and head band 1 and to be bent down or clinched to hold the parts together.

As the ends of these prongs show upon the face of the head band it is desirable to make them harmonize with or merge into its design.

Thus I have illustrated the head band as being embellished with rosettes, 9, 9, the rays or petals 10, 10 of which are of a form similar to that of the clinched ends of the prongs 8, 8; so that if the ends of the prongs are passed through the material and clinched down as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 they may register with similar elements of the design, so that their character as fastenings will not be obvious. If, for instance, the rosette 9 is of gold thread, and the prongs 8, 8, are gilt, it is obvious that they will appear as parts of the ornamental design, and not as unrelated elements. Furthermore, if preferred, in preparing the design the spaces to be occupied by the clinched prongs may be left blank, so that the prongs will complete the design when they are bent into place. The character of the designs may be varied at will; so long as the design is such that the prongs will complete it, or merge into it when they are inserted in their proper places.

These head bands are preferably prepared for the market with the strips 3 and hook elements 7 attached. In packing, handling and displaying them it is desirable to have them lie flat, so far as possible, and not to be wrinkled or distorted or abraded by the projections caused by the attaching elements when bent into hooked form as shown by the broken line in Fig. 3. Furthermore, it is desirable to have a certain amount of leeway for the vertical adjustment of the head band relative to the curtain rod.

I, therefore, make these attaching elements of metal which can be bent over by the fingers into the form of a hook of such size and proportions as the size of the curtain rod and the desired adjustment of head band relative thereto may indicate. And I fasten them, unbent, to the strip and head band and prefer to furnish them to the user in that form. This also facilitates the fastening, as by sewing, of the other drapery elements to the strip,

which may be accomplished by sewing with a machine while the hook elements remain flat.

In this way I secure a head band for curtains to which a drapery carrying strip is attached and secured by metallic hook elements without injury to the ornamental character of the head band; and in which the hook elements are so disposed as to lie flat and not to interfere with the ordinary folding and packing of the head bands but to be easily bendable into hooks of sizes and disposition adaptable to the varying conditions under which the head bands may be used, thus increasing the desirability of the head bands to the general trade.

I wish it to be understood that I have shown and described a typical but not an exclusive embodiment of my invention. For modifications may be introduced as by the use of mechanical equivalents without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. The combination of a curtain heading provided upon its back with a textile drapery-carrying strip, and flexible metal carriers attached thereto and being normally flat and disposed parallel to the plane of the hanging curtain but readily bendable into hooks adapted to cooperate with a curtain rod.

2. The combination of a curtain heading provided upon its back with a textile drapery-carrying strip, and flexible metal carriers provided with prongs whereby they may be attached thereto and being normally flat and disposed parallel to the plane of the hanging curtain but readily bendable into hooks adapted to cooperate with a curtain rod.

3. The combination of a curtain heading provided with ornamentation upon its face and also provided upon its back with a textile drapery-carrying strip, and flexible metal carriers provided with elements adapted to pass through the strip and heading and to merge with the ornamentation of the heading when secured thereagainst.

4. The combination of a curtain heading provided with ornamentation upon its face and also provided upon its back with a textile drapery-carrying strip, and flexible metal carriers provided with elements adapted to pass through the strip and heading and to merge with the ornamentation of the heading when secured thereagainst, the said carriers being normally flat but readily bendable into hooks adapted to cooperate with a curtain rod.

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