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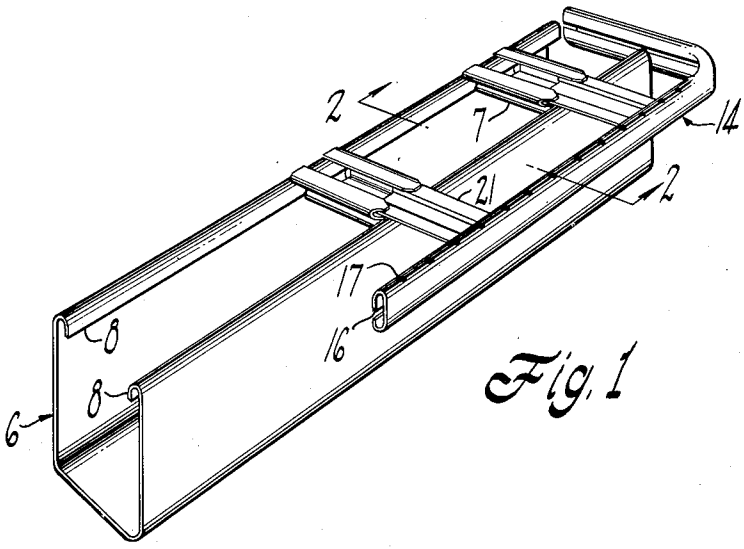


Fig. 1

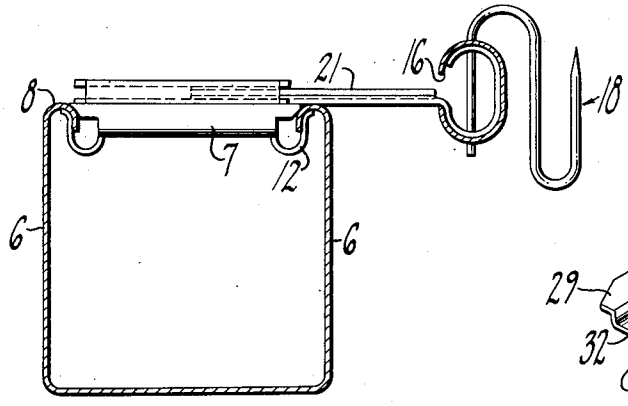


Fig. 2

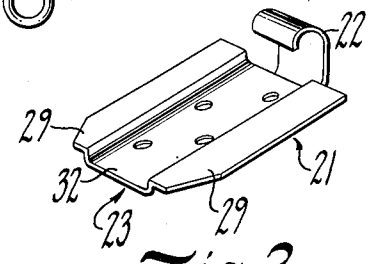


Fig. 3

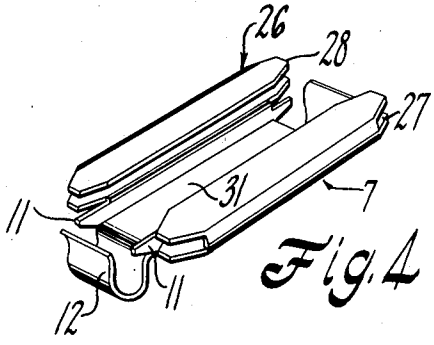


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to an improvement in decorative mountings and particularly to the mounting of a drapery or curtain support upon the header structure provided for a Venetian blind or the like.

It is usual to employ a header rail structure in the various light control devices provided over a window, such as a Venetian blind; this is usually fabricated of metal in a U-shaped cross section and of a box-like nature. The mounting of a drapery or curtain upon such a structure is relatively difficult and expensive.

In accordance with the present invention, I provide a relatively simple and novel form of mounting which is particularly characterized by its simplicity, ruggedness and ease of manipulation.

The invention includes other features and objects of advantage, some of which, together with the foregoing, will appear hereinafter.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part hereof,

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the construction embodying the present invention.

Figure 2 is a section taken along the line 2—2 in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the mounting utilized to connect the drapery support with the remainder of the structure.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the mounting structure employed upon the header rail.

Referring to the drawing, the header rail structure is generally indicated at 6. As is well known in the art, this is generally made of metal and is of a U-shape cross section and of a box-like nature. The header rail is of a suitable size and length to support the light control device, e. g., a Venetian blind or other structure. For convenience and illustration, the operating mechanism usually contained in the header rail is omitted, since this forms no part of the present invention.

In accordance with this invention, I provide a clip structure generally indicated at 7, and which is adapted to be mounted upon the header rail, preferably slidably, so that the position of the clip along the rail can be adjusted as desired. Each clip, as appears particularly in Figure 2, includes means adapting the clip to be mounted upon the crimped-over opposite parallel edges 8 of the header rail; in the form shown, such means comprises a tongue 12 extending cooperatively with respect to a spaced, resilient finger 11. Preferably, two fingers 11 are provided on opposite sides of each tongue 12, these engaging

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the crimped-over opposite parallel edges 8, as appears in Figure 2 and supporting the clip in position.

A typical drapery support member is indicated at 14 in Figure 1. This comprises a metal element, generally of an ovoidal cross section and having a slot 16 extending along the inner face thereof. To permit of the attachment of draperies or curtains, suitable apertures 17 are provided for reception of a suitable drapery hook, such as is indicated at 18 in Figure 2. The support is generally bent to fit around the header rail.

To mount the drapery support member 14, an extension, generally indicated at 21, is provided and is shown particularly in Figure 3. This includes a portion 22 thereon of a generally ovoidal shape adapted to be received slidably within the drapery support member 14. An extension 23 is provided on the portion 22, such extension being adapted to be mounted within a receptacle portion, generally indicated at 26, provided upon each clip 7 above the top of the header rail. Thus each clip is provided with opposite slide receptacles 27 and 28, adapted to receive wings 29 on the extension 21, the intermediate portion 31 of the clip 7 engaging intermediate portion 32 on extension 21. The fit between the parts is a tight one so they remain fixed in position.

In use, the clips 7 can be positioned along the header rail at any desired distance and in any relation to the edge of the window or casement above which the header rail is usually mounted. The extensions 21 can then be engaged with the receptacle portions 26 on clips 7 to mount the drapery support member in any position of adjustment laterally with respect to the header rail and the window casement.

From the foregoing, I believe it will be apparent that I have provided a relatively novel, simple and improved drapery mounting.

I claim:

1. In combination, a U-shaped box-like header rail having opposite spaced parallel edges each crimped over and depending into the header, a clip mounted thereon, said clip having a tongue and finger on each end thereof, each finger being engaged with an upper surface and each tongue being engaged with a lower surface of said crimped over edges whereby the clip is slidably supported by said crimped over edges, a drapery support member, and an extension slidably mounted on said support member, said extension being in turn slidably mounted on said clip.

2. In combination, a U-shaped box-like header

rail having opposite spaced parallel edges each crimped over and depending into the header, a clip mounted thereon, said clip having a tongue and finger on each end thereof, each finger being engaged with an upper surface and each tongue being engaged with a lower surface of said crimped over edges whereby the clip is slidably mounted on said crimped over edges, a drapery support member of ovoidal cross section and having an opening along one face thereof, an extension having a portion slidably mounted in said drapery support member and extending through said opening and being slidably engaged by said clip.

3. In combination, a U-shaped box-like header rail having opposite spaced parallel edges each crimped over and depending into the header, a clip mounted thereon, said clip having a tongue and a finger on each end thereof, each finger being engaged with an upper surface and said tongue being engaged with a lower surface of said crimped over edge whereby the clip is slidably supported by said crimped over edges, said clip having a receptacle portion above the edges of the rail, a drapery support member of an ovoidal cross section and having an opening along one face thereof, an extension having a portion slidably mounted on said drapery support member and extending through said opening for engagement with the receptacle portion of said clip.

4. A clip adapted to slidably engage a U-shaped box-like rail member having opposite spaced parallel edges each crimped over and depending into the open portion of the U, said clip having a finger and a tongue on each end thereof, each tongue being adapted to engage with a lower surface of said crimped over edge and each finger being adapted to engage with an upper surface of said crimped over edge and an upstanding flange on said clip adapted to slidably engage a member placed at right angles to a rail engaged by the clip.

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