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FIG. 1

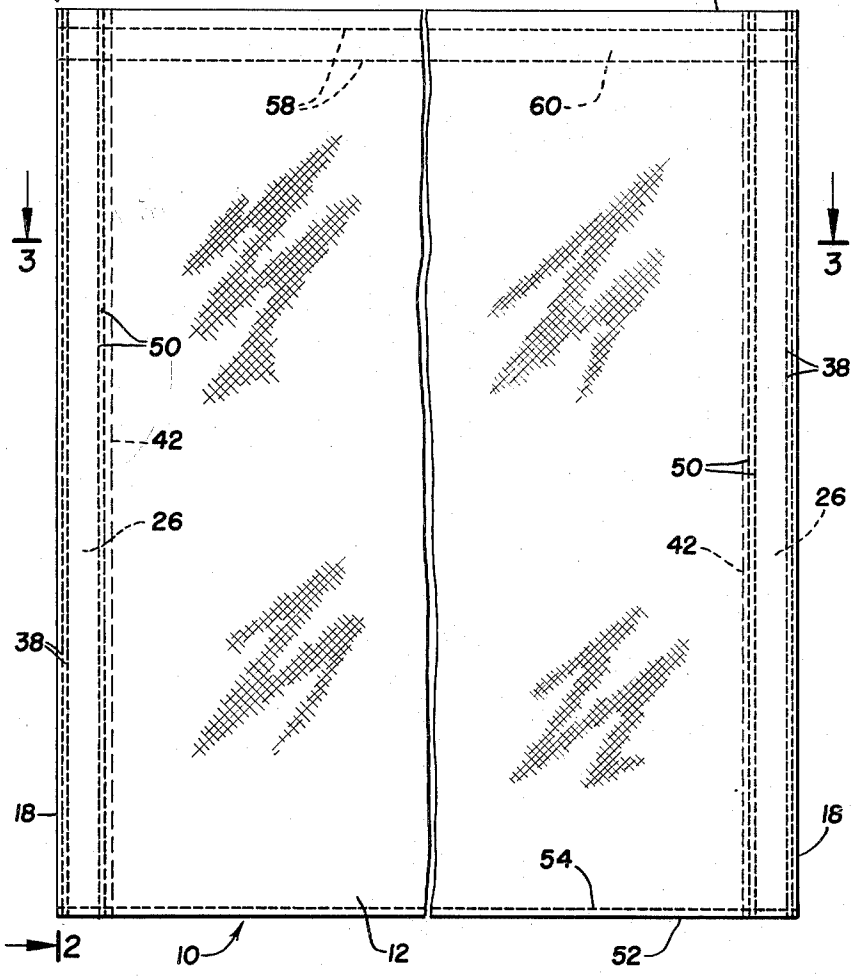


FIG. 2

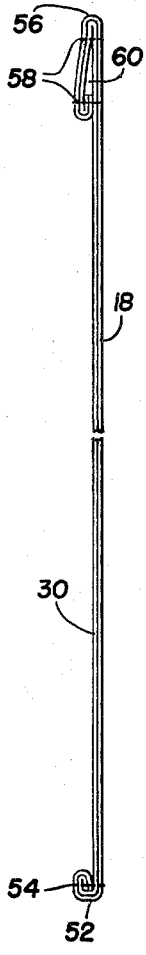
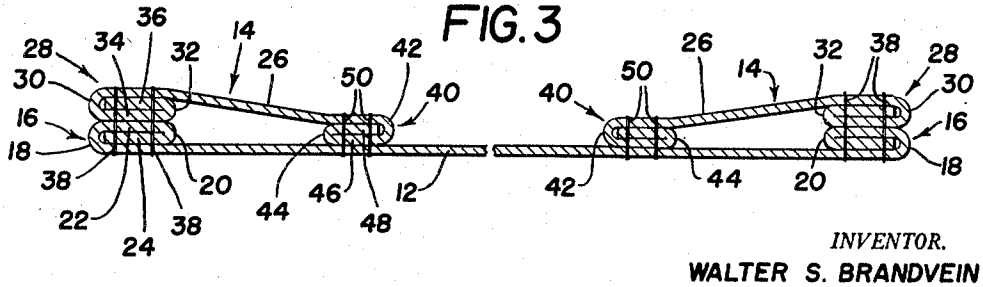


FIG. 3



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This invention pertains generally to curtains, and more particularly to window curtains or the like embodying improved features of construction.

Curtains constructed in accordance with this invention comprise three basic parts, namely, a piece of fabric constituting the curtain panel or body and a pair of relatively narrow strips of fabric, the lengths of fabric from which the body and strips are made being double-folded along their longitudinal sides and arranged in superposed relationship. One double fold of each strip bears against and is secured to a corresponding double fold of the body, thereby defining, with the double fold of the body, a side edge of the curtain. The other double fold of each strip is secured directly to a face of the body.

The aforementioned double folds are all relatively narrow, whereby the resulting curtains are substantially the full width of the body fabric. Further, curtains constructed in accordance with the invention hang more properly than conventional curtains and present a uniform balanced appearance when in use.

The strips may be considered as being in the nature of reinforcing edges or side hems which materially increase the strength and durability of a curtain. This is an important feature as it minimizes the possibility of the curtain being damaged at the time that it is washed or is dried on stretchers.

The strips or side hems are replaceable should they become damaged in the opening or closing of a window or caught by the slats of a Venetian blind or the rod of a conventional window shade. Experience has demonstrated that the side edges of window curtains may be snagged or otherwise damaged by children or on being clawed by domestic pets, such as cats. It is accordingly a desirable attribute that the curtains of this invention are capable of having their side portions replaced or reformed without appreciable reduction in overall width.

It is an important object of the invention to provide a curtain having its parts so arranged that the curtain will hang properly and present a neat, balanced appearance.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a curtain of the character indicated which is substantially the full width of the fabric that constitutes its body.

A further object of the invention lies in the provision of a curtain that has improved characteristics incorporated therein, and that is reasonable in manufacturing cost.

The foregoing objects, together with the advantages obtainable by the practice of this invention,

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will be readily understood by persons skilled in the art upon reference to the following detailed description, taken with the annexed drawing, that respectively describe and illustrate a curtain constructed in accordance with the invention.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a curtain embodying the invention;

Figure 2 is a view in enlargement, partly broken away, taken along line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is an enlarged view taken along line 3—3 of Figure 1, parts being omitted for better illustration.

Referring now to the drawing, wherein like reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, a curtain 10 comprises a panel or body portion 12 and a pair of identical side or hem strips 14. The body portion and side strips are preferably made of pieces of the same material to eliminate the possibility of distortion in the curtain due to non-uniform shrinkage. It is to be understood, however, that the body portion and strips may be made of different materials, if desired, which different materials may or may not be preshrunk.

A piece of fabric is double-folded rearwardly along each side to obtain a body portion 12 and overlying portions 16. The fold lines 18, formed by body portion 12 and each overlying portion 16, constitute the side edges of the curtain. Each overlying portion 16 is folded on itself along a line 20 to obtain fold portions 22 and 24. As will be noted from an examination of Figure 3, fold portion 24 is disposed intermediate body portion 12 and fold portion 22.

Each strip 14 comprises a relatively narrow strip of fabric 26, double-folded lengthwise, as generally indicated at 28, to obtain an outer fold edge 30, an inner fold edge 32, and folded portions 34 and 36, formed and arranged as shown in Figure 3, and secured to a corresponding overlying portion 16 and body portion 12 by one or more rows of stitching 38. Fabric 26 is double-folded along its other side, as indicated at 40, to obtain an outer fold edge 42, an inner fold edge 44 and fold portions 46 and 48. Double fold 40 bears directly against the inner face of body 12 and is joined thereto by one or more rows of stitching 50.

The lower portion of the piece of fabric and the corresponding portions of strips 14 are folded rearwardly along lower curtain edge line 52, as best shown in Figure 2, and are stitched to body 12, as indicated at 54, to form the curtain bottom hem.

In like manner, the upper portion of the piece

of fabric and corresponding portions of strips **14** are folded rearwardly along upper curtain edge line **56** and are joined to body **12** by rows of stitching **58** that are spaced from each other and from upper edge line **56** to define a rod-receiving pocket **60**.

Thus it will be seen that the construction herein shown and described is well adapted to accomplish the objects of the present invention. It will be understood, however, that the invention may be embodied otherwise than here shown, and that in the form illustrated certain obvious changes in construction may be made. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited precisely to the construction herein shown except as may be required by the appended claims considered with reference to the prior art.

I claim:

1. In a curtain a piece of fabric folded on itself along each of a pair of opposite sides to obtain a body portion and a pair of overlying portions, the fold line of the body portion and each overlying portion constituting a corresponding side edge of the curtain, each overlying portion having a part folded with respect to the remainder thereof and disposed intermediate said remainder and the body portion, and a pair of strips of fabric coextensive in length with the overlying portions and disposed to the same side of the curtain as the overlying portions, each strip having a double fold along each longitudinal side, one of the double folds of each strip abutting and secured to a corresponding overlying portion and the other double fold abutting and secured to the body only.

2. In a curtain, a piece of fabric folded on itself along each of a pair of opposite sides to obtain a body portion and overlying portions, the fold line of the body portion and each overlying portion constituting a corresponding side edge of the curtain, each overlying portion having a part folded with respect to the remainder thereof and disposed intermediate said remainder and the body portion, and a pair of strips of fabric coextensive in length with the overlying portions and disposed to the same side of the body portion as the overlying portions, each strip being folded on itself along each side to obtain a body portion and a pair of overlying portions, each overlying portion of each strip having a part folded with respect to the remainder thereof and disposed intermediate such remainder and the corresponding strip body portion, one overlying portion of each strip positioned against and secured to a corresponding overlying portion of the length of fabric and the other overlying portion of each strip positioned against and secured directly to the body of the piece of fabric.

3. In a curtain, a piece of fabric folded rearwardly on itself along each of a pair of opposite sides to obtain a body portion and narrow overlying portions, the fold line of the body portion and each overlying portion constituting a corresponding side edge of the curtain, each overlying portion having a part folded along a line parallel to the corresponding side edge of the curtain and disposed intermediate the remainder thereof and the body portion, and a pair of strips of fabric, each strip being folded on itself along its side to obtain a body portion and a pair of overlying portions, each overlying portion of each strip having a part folded with respect to the remainder thereof and disposed intermediate such remainder and the corresponding strip body portion, one overlying portion of each strip coextensive with, positioned against, and secured to a corresponding overlying portion of the piece of fabric and the other overlying portion of each strip positioned against and secured to the rearward face of the body of the piece of fabric.

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