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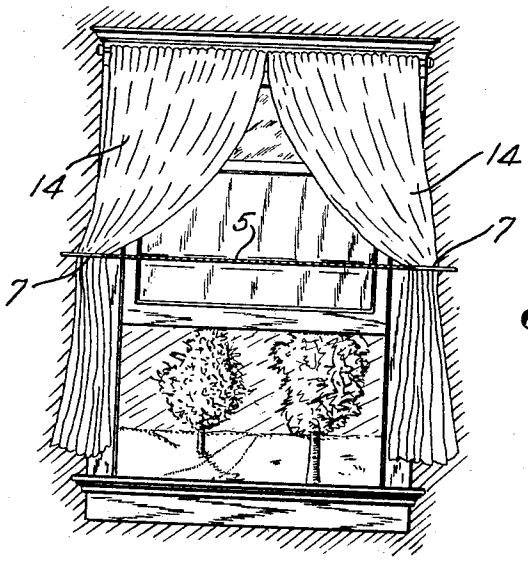


Fig. 1.

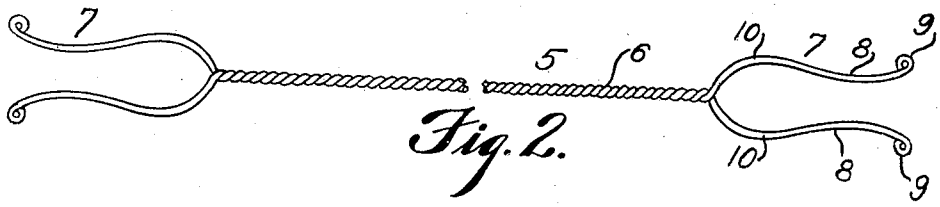


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMY MOORE PITKIN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Holders; and I do declare the following to a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in curtain holders, being more especially intended for use in connection with lace curtains, its function being to hold the curtains, particularly the lower portions thereof which ordinarily hang in front of the lower sash, outwardly away from the area of the sash, to prevent the curtains from being moved outwardly or inwardly by the wind. The device may also be used to hold the curtains away from the window in order to make the view therethrough more clear, whether the window is open or closed.

The device in its simplest form consists of a bar or stem or shank of suitable length and whose opposite extremities are forked to receive the curtains, the device being of such length that when each of the curtains is engaged by one of the forked ends of the structure, they will be held outwardly beyond the area of the lower sash whenever required and under circumstances heretofore indicated. The shank or stem of the device may be longitudinally adjustable, as by the employement of two telescopic members, or through the medium of any other suitable structure, so that the same device may be used in connection with windows of varying width.

It should be explained that this device, when applied to the curtains, is supported in place by and upon the latter, hence it is vertically adjustable as will be readily understood.

Having briefly outlined my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same in detain, reference being made to the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof. In this drawing:

Figure 1 is a front view of a window, showing my improved device applied to a pair of curtains, the lower sash of the window being shown raised.

Fig. 2 is a view of the device in detail and on a larger scale, the stem or shank being broken intermediate its extremities to show that it may be of any desired length.

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating another form of construction, the shank being longitudinally adjustable.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate my improved device, considered in its entirety and composed of a shank, 6, and forked extremities, 7, which may be of any desired shape.

As shown in the drawing, the arms, 8, of these forks are curved inwardly between their extremities, while their free ends are curved outwardly and formed into eyes, 9, to facilitate the entrance of the curtain. Again, the inner portions of the arms are outwardly curved, as shown at 10, to make ample room for a curtain. It will be understood, however, that these forks may be of any suitable or desired shape that may be found practicable for receiving the curtains in such a manner that the latter will support the device in place when applied, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 2, the device is shown formed of two wires, which are twisted to form the shank 6, while their outer portions are spaced to form the forks 7, or the parts which directly engage the curtains. It will be understood, however, that the device may be formed in any suitable manner, as the invention is not limited to any particular manner of construction so long as the device is adapted to perform the curtain-holding function.

For instance, in Fig. 3, I have illustrated a somewhat different form of construction, the shank 5 consisting of two telescoping tubes, 11 and 12, the tube 11 being slightly larger and adapted to receive the tube 12, a set screw 13 being employed to retain the two members in the desired position of longitudinal adjustment. The forks 7 of the structure, as illustrated in the drawing, are formed by splitting the tube members and bending or shaping them, as may be desired, to form the parts to receive and retain the curtain. It will, of course, be understood that these forked or curtain-receiving extremities are of such size that the curtains

will fill the same sufficiently to cause the holder to be retained or supported by the curtains against the natural tendency to fall by its own weight.

In the form of construction shown in Fig. 3, the two parts of the device are adjustable to fit windows of varying sizes within any reasonable range. The tubular structure is believed important, since it gives great rigidity to the shank for a given weight of material.

It is evident that the device may be made of any suitable material, though metal is, of course, preferable.

In Fig. 1 the curtains are designated by the numeral 14.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A device having its ends bifurcated and arranged to resiliently embrace and hold a pair of curtains separately draped, the device being supported in position by such engagement.

2. A drapery holder comprising a median rod-like member bifurcated at each extremity and arranged to resiliently engage and hold curtains in draped and spaced relation, the holder being supported by such engagement, the median member being adjustable in length.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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