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CURTAIN FIXTURE.

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FIG. 1.

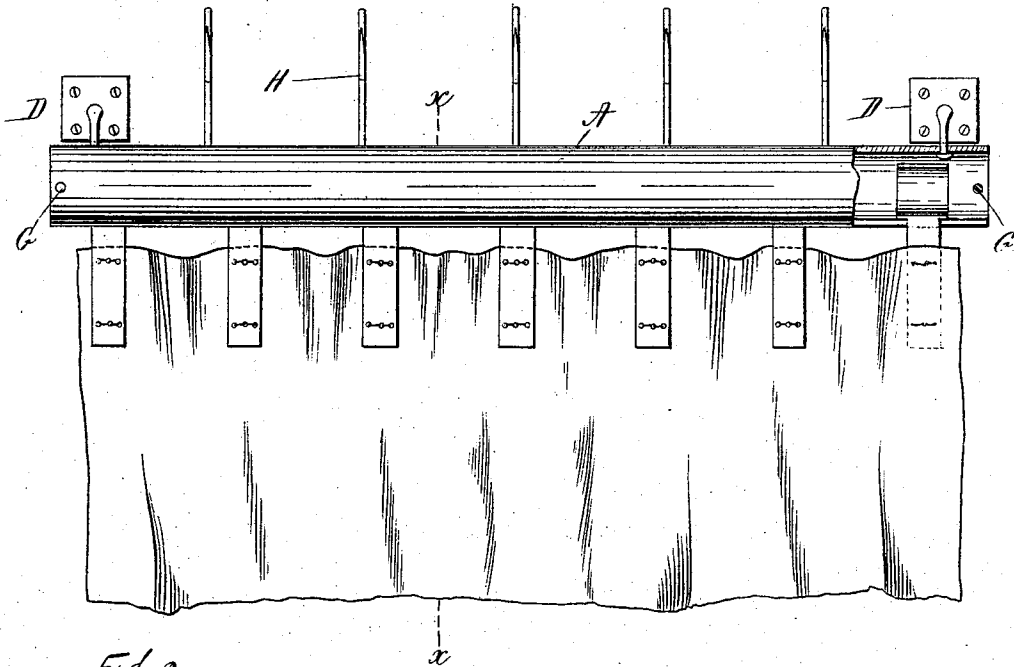


FIG. 2.

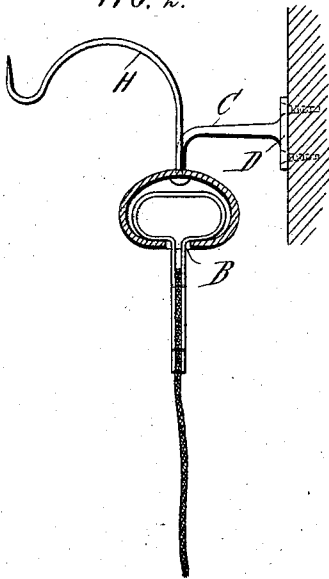


FIG. 3.

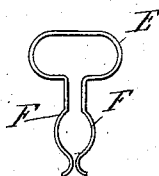


FIG. 4.

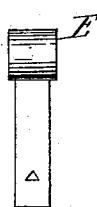
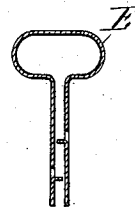


FIG. 5.



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CURTAIN-FIXTURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT N. RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mound Valley, county of Labette, and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to curtain-fixtures; and the object thereof is to provide an article of this class which shall be simple in construction and operation and comparatively inexpensive, and which is perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and which is also provided with means whereby bird-cages, flower-pots, or similar articles may be suspended therefrom when desired.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of my improved fixture, part of one end thereof being in section to show the interior arrangement; Fig. 2, a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Figs. 3, 4, and 5 represent different forms of clamps or hooks by which the curtain or other article is suspended from the pole or support.

In the practice of my invention I provide a tubular pole A, in the bottom of which is a longitudinal slot B, which extends throughout its length.

The pole A may be secured to the wall, window-frame, or other support in any desired manner, but I prefer to secure it by means of curved arms C, provided with plates D, the outer end of the arm being passed through and secured to the top of the pole and the plate D being afterward rigidly secured to the wall or other support by means of screws or otherwise.

The means for connecting the curtain or other article with the pole consist of clamps formed from sheet or spring metal cut into strips, which are bent or curved into the form of an ellipse E, from one side of which each end of the strip F is bent, preferably, at right angles to the body portion, as shown in Figs.

3, 4, and 5, and formed into spring-clamps, one form of which, that shown in Fig. 3, holds the curtain or other article simply by spring-pressure, while in the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5 the sides F of the spring-clamps are provided with inwardly-directed teeth or projections by which the curtain is grasped and held.

In connecting the curtain or other article with the pole the body E of the clamps is placed in the pole at one end thereof in such manner that the spring-clamp portion extends downwardly through the slot B in the lower side of the pole, as will be readily understood, and as clearly shown in the drawings, after which the curtain or other article may be connected therewith, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It will be understood, however, that the clamps may be first attached to the curtain, if desired, and afterward the body of the clamps may be inserted into the pole and adjusted to the required position therein.

After the clamps have been placed in the pole, as described, the ends thereof may be closed in any desired manner, one method of closing them consisting in passing pins or plugs G therethrough, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be understood, of course, that any number of clamps may be employed and that the same are longitudinally adjustable to any desired position within the pole, and that therefore the curtain or other article may be readily drawn to one side or the other or extended across the full length of the pole, as may be desired.

Secured to the pole preferably along its upper portion are a series of curved hooks H, (shown in Figs. 1 and 2,) which extend outwardly from the pole and which are adapted to suspend various articles, such as flower-pots, bird-cages, or other and similar articles, and which constitute convenient and effective devices for this purpose, it being frequently desired to suspend such articles in front of windows, communicating passageways between rooms in dwellings, and other similar places which are usually provided with supports for curtains, portières, or other articles.

I also contemplate ornamenting the pole A in any desired manner, as by scrollwork, of

galvanizing, plating, or otherwise, and it is evident that the pole may be formed of any preferred material.

My invention is not limited to the form of the hooks H or the method of connecting them with the pole A or to any particular means for connecting the pole with the wall or other support, as it is evident that changes therein or modifications thereof may be easily made; but,

Having fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination with a curtain-pole, having an elliptical bore, with which communicates a longitudinal slot, of a curved arm provided with an attaching-plate, the extremity of said arm being secured to said pole to support the latter, a series of curved hooks, one end of which is secured to the pole, and the outer end of each of which is

provided with a hooked portion adapted to support flower-pots, bird-cages, &c., and a clamping device formed of spring metal, the central portion of which is elliptical, the ends of which are bent at right angles thereto, and extending parallel to each other, said clamp being adapted to enter the elliptical bore of the pole, and the ends to extend through the slot, said ends being also provided with teeth or projections, whereby the curtain is securely held between the depending ends of the clamp, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 4th day of May, 1895.

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