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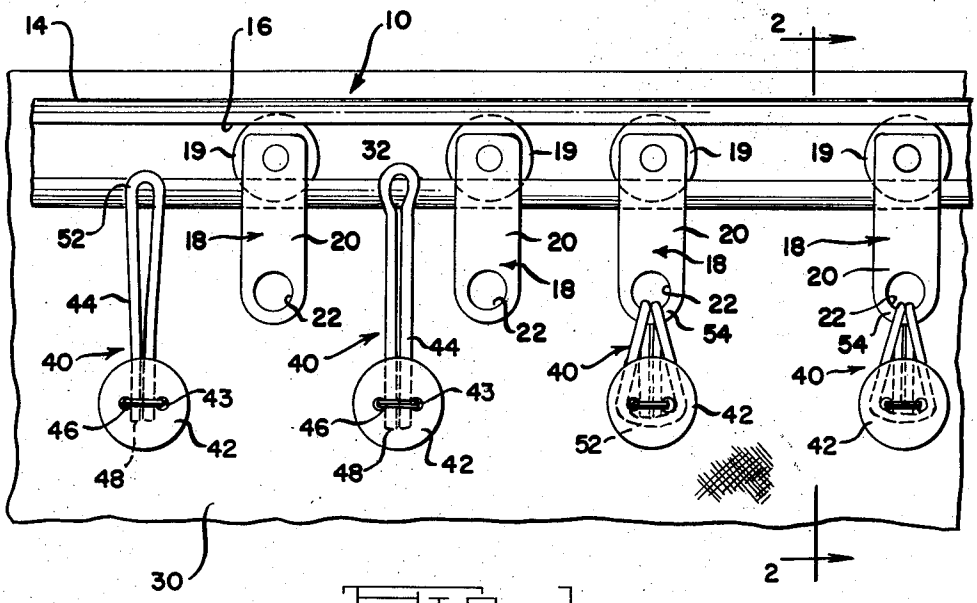


Fig. 1

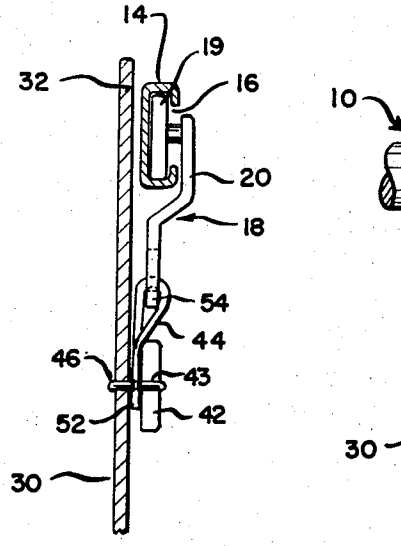


Fig. 2

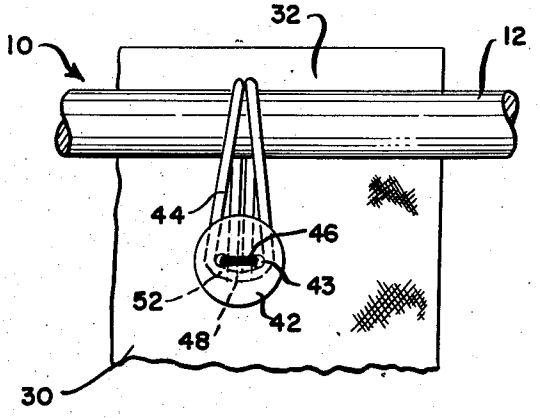


Fig. 3

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This application relates to the art of drapery hanging and aims to provide drapery hangers made of flexible cord loops permanently secured to the rear surface of the upper portion of a drapery and which remains with the drapery at all times, even during laundering and cleaning.

The most commonly used means used in custom high quality workshop type of drapery manufacture for hanging drapes to supporting rods and particularly to the sliders of such rods as have traverse sliders are wire hooks which may be stitched in place in the drape and which serve satisfactorily until it comes time for laundering or cleaning the drapes.

For laundering or cleaning the drape it is necessary to sever the stitches which secure the wire hooks to the drape and remove the wire hooks whereupon the drape can be laundered or cleaned. After the drape has been laundered or cleaned and pressed and shaped properly, it then becomes necessary to align the wire hooks properly to the drapes and then stitch the wire hooks again to the drapes and this is an expensive and time consuming task requiring the services of skilled workers.

By my invention, I provide flexible cord loops which are permanently stitched to the drape for hanging it. Because they are of flexible washable cord, these hangers can remain secured to the drape during the laundering and cleaning and consequently need not be removed from and then be again secured to a laundered or cleaned drape. In this way, I eliminate from the laundering and cleaning operation, two steps, first, removing the wire hooks or hangers, and secondly, replacing them after the laundering or cleaning is completed.

For an understanding of my invention, an embodiment of which is shown in the appended drawings, reference should be had to these drawings and to the specification which follows:

In these drawings:

Fig. 1 is a rear face view of a drapery with a series of hangers secured to the rear surface thereof at the upper portion thereof, and with various ones of these hangers being shown in various positions, all in conjunction with a short length of drapery supporting means such as track and sliders;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view as if in section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 showing the drapery in supported position;

Fig. 3 is a view like Fig. 2 but showing a different form of supporting means used with the drapery and its hangers.

The drawings show a combination which includes a horizontally disposed drapery supporting means **10**. The latter may be of a variety of forms, two of which are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 3 shows the drapery supporting means as comprising nothing more than a rod **12**, whereas Fig. 2 shows the drapery supporting means, as comprising a slotted C-shaped track **14** having on its rear surface a slot **16** in which are disposed a plurality of horizontally spaced sliders **18**, each of these having a headed portion **19** and a depending portion **20** with an

aperture **22**. The construction of Fig. 2 which is shown also in Fig. 1 is very commonly used, particularly where the drapes are traversed and the sliders are moved horizontally along the track.

The combination further includes a drapery **30** depending from and positioned forward of the supporting means **10**, with its upper portion **32** being shown as extended upwardly so as to be in front of and thus conceal the supporting means.

The combination further includes a plurality of horizontally spaced vertically disposed drapery hangers **40** comprising buttons **42** and loops **44**. The hangers are positioned on and secured only to the rear surface of the drapery and at the upper portion of the drapery, and except for the possibility that some of the stitching **46** which stitches button **42** to the drape may be exposed on the front surface, it is intended that no part of the hangers are exposed to the front of the drape. There are a plurality of these hangers and these are horizontally spaced and vertically disposed along the upper part of the drape at the rear surface. These hangers are interlockingly engaged with the supporting means so as to function for hanging the drape from such means.

Each hanger, in the form disclosed herein, comprises a button **42** having stitch holes **43** enabling it to be stitched by a stitch **46** to the rear surface of the drape, and also includes a flexible cord loop **44** of synthetic or natural fibers or fabric with each loop having its free ends integrally secured to the button **42**, as for example, by being fused or molded with it. Each loop further has its end **52** passed under the button **42** in a double fold or bend. Loop **44** is passed over and above a portion of the supporting means, such portion being either the part **54** below aperture **22** of depending portion **20** of slider **18** in Fig. 2 or being the upper surface of the rod **12** in Fig. 3.

The use of the hangers **40** in the combination shown is as follows:

Hangers **40** in the condition shown at A in Fig. 1 are stitched on the rear surface only of the upper portion of the drape in proper position, substantially as indicated. Thereupon, the loop ends **52** are threaded through holes **22** of sliders **18** or over a rod **12** and continued as shown at B in Fig. 1 in a double fold or bend and then passed under the buttons **42**. This completes the interlocking of the hangers secured to a drape with respect to the supporting means and thus completes the attachment of the drape to the supporting means.

When the drape is to be removed from the supporting means for any reason whatever, the ends **52** of loops **44** are simply worked out from under the buttons **42** and out of the sliders **18** or free of the rod **12** to free the drape from the supporting means.

A drape with its hangers **40**, comprising loops **44** and buttons **42**, is launderable or cleanable without requiring the removal of the hangers from the drapes. These parts are so formed and of such material that they can pass through the laundering or cleaning process and equipment without harm either to the hangers or the drapes or the equipment. Once the laundering or cleaning operation is completed, the drape is again in its original condition without there having been the necessity for removing the hangers from the drape for laundering or cleaning and restoring them to the drape after the laundering or cleaning is completed.

Variations in details of construction may easily be contemplated and are considered to be within the purview of this invention whose scope is determined by the claims which follow.

I claim:

1. The combination of a horizontally disposed drapery supporting means, and a drapery forward of said means,

but with the upper edge of the drapery concealing said means, and with the major part of the drapery being below said means, the drapery having a plurality of horizontally spaced vertically disposed drapery hangers attached and positioned on the rear surface of and at the upper portion of the drapery and interlockingly engaged with said means whereby to hang the drapery from said means, said hangers each comprising a button positioned on and fixed to the rear surface of the drapery and a flexible cord loop also on the rear surface of the drapery and having one end integrally secured to the button and having its other end passed under the button, with the loop double bent and passed over and above a portion of said supporting means.

2. The combination of a horizontally disposed drapery supporting means comprising a slotted rod of C cross-section and sliders having headed portions inside the rod and apertured depending portions below the rod, a drapery forward of said rod, but with the upper edge of the drapery concealing said means, and with the major part of the drapery being below said means, the drapery having a plurality of horizontally spaced vertically disposed drapery hangers secured to and positioned on the rear surface of and at the upper portion of the drapery and interlockingly engaged with the sliders through their apertures whereby to hang the drapery from the sliders, said hangers each comprising a button positioned on and fixed to the rear surface of the drapery and a flexible cord loop also on the rear surface of the drapery and having one end integrally secured to the button and having its other end passed under the button, with the loop double bent and passed through the aperture of the depending portion of a slider of the supporting means.

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