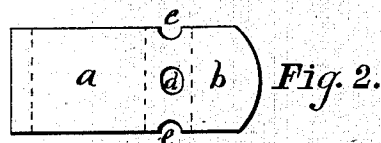
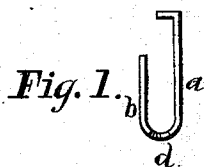
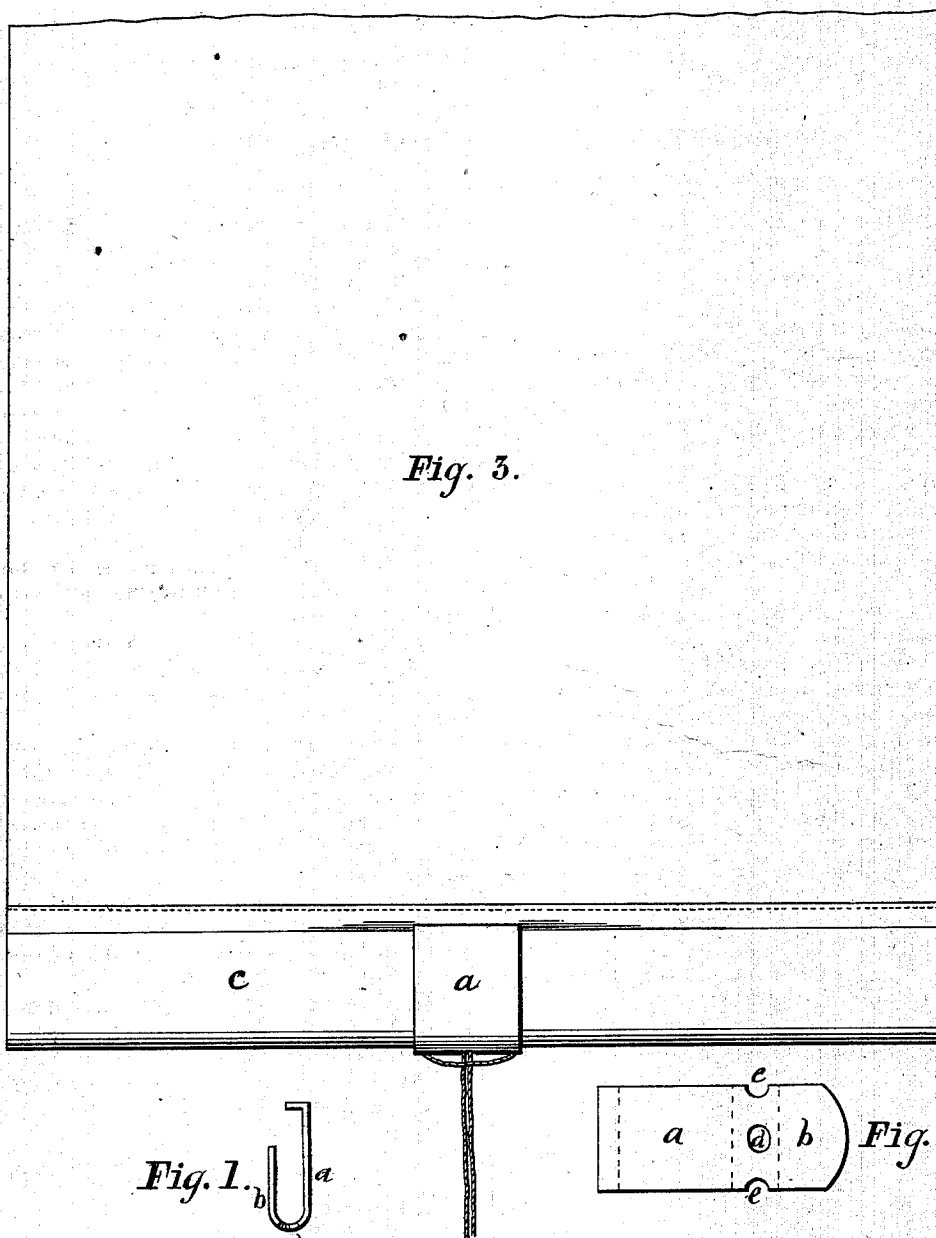


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IMPROVEMENT IN CURTAIN-TASSEL CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALSON A. LOTHROP, of Neponset, county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a Curtain-Tassel Clasp, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and convenient device for attaching the cords of tassels to window curtains or shades to take the place of the ring and screw in ordinary use, and the invention consists in a clasp formed from a single piece of sheet metal, and bent so as to enable it to be firmly attached to the lower end of the curtain in which the curtain rod or slat is placed. A hole is made in the center of the bent portion of the clasp, and a notch at each side of the same, in which the loop of the tassel-cord is fastened.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of the clasp. Fig. 2 shows the metal plate before it is bent into form, and Fig. 3 shows the application of the device to a curtain.

The clasp is formed of a single piece of metal, as shown in Fig. 2, and bent into shape for use, as in Fig. 1. The front portion of the clasp extends up the whole width of the curtain stick or slat *c*, which is incased in the lower portion of the curtain, as seen in Fig. 3. The upper edge of the clasp is bent a little inward so as to catch over the slat. The rear portion *b* of the clasp extends about half-way up the rear of the curtain-slat. In the bent portion of the clasp is a hole, *d*, and at each end of the bent portion are notches *e e* to hold the loop of the cord. In attaching the cord to the clasp the end of the loop is passed through

the hole *a*, and carried over the sides of the clasp, and fitting in the notches at the sides in the form of a slip-noose. In this way the tassel and cord may be very easily attached to and detached from the clasp. As may be seen, the clasp is readily attached to the curtain-rod by inserting the rod or slat inside the longer bend, and taken off by slipping off the bend at the upper edge.

The face of the clasp may be ornamented in any desired way by a letter, monogram, or other device.

This clasp may be economically made, as desired, is readily applied to and detached from any curtain, and requires no skill in adapting to curtains.

As my invention is extremely simple in its form and construction and adaptation, and can be produced by means of the most simple devices, and thus rendered comparatively inexpensive, and being aware of the devices shown, and the construction thereof, as claimed in patent No. 84,448, of date the 24th November, 1868, and issued to Watson and Shepard, which said devices and construction I disclaim as any part of my invention—

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The sheet-metal clasp, formed in one piece, with its notches and perforations, constructed in the manner and for the purpose herein described.

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