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CURTAIN FIXTURE.

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Fig. 1.

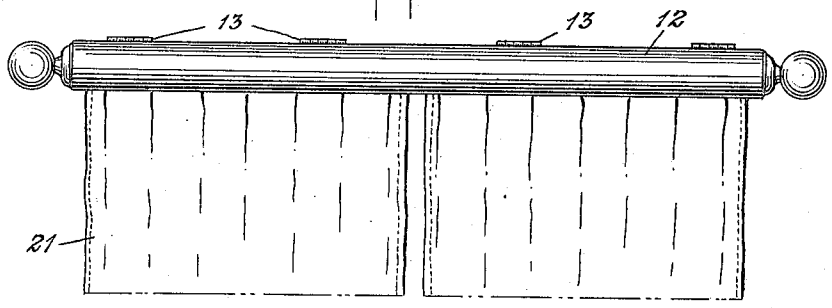


Fig. 2.

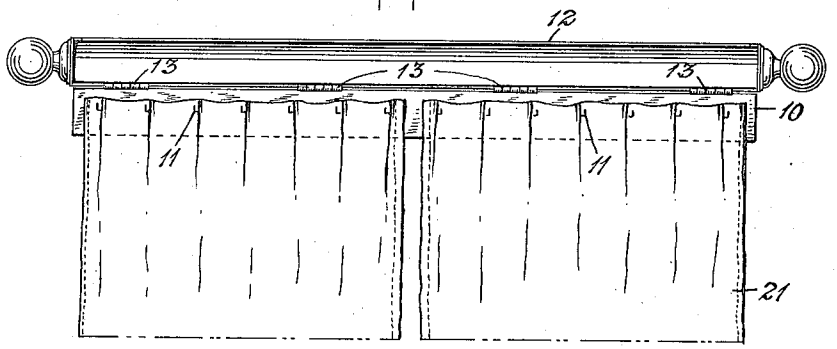


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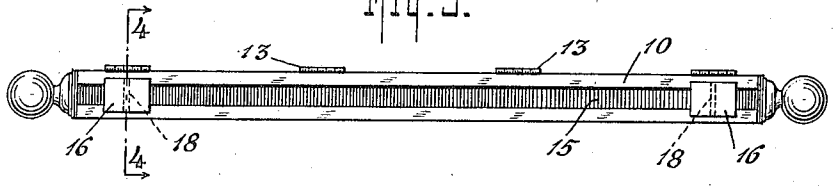
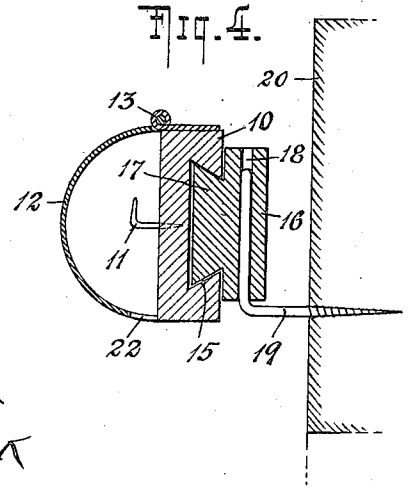


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTHA LEWIN, a citizen of Germany, and resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to curtain fixtures and has for its object to provide an improved fixture of the type commonly known as curtain poles or rods and including novel features whereby the hanging, arranging and draping of the curtains is greatly facilitated and whereby the necessity for draping said curtains over the fixture is entirely avoided. My invention will be fully described hereinafter and the features of novelty will be pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings which, without defining the limits of the invention, illustrate an example thereof, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the curtain fixture with the curtains hung thereon; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the fixture prior to the hanging of the curtains; Fig. 3 is a rear view and Fig. 4 is a cross-section on an enlarged scale on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

As shown in the illustrated example the fixture comprises the pole 10 or equivalent supporting member which may be constructed of any suitable material such as for instance wood and in the preferred form is of rectangular cross section as shown in Fig. 4. On its front face the pole is provided with a plurality of fastening or suspending devices which in the illustrated example are in the form of hooks 11 located at regularly spaced intervals throughout the length of the pole 10. The fixture, in addition preferably includes means which primarily serves to conceal the hooks 11 or their equivalents and which may also serve to enhance and finish the appearance of the fixture by giving to it the appearance of the conventional curtain pole or rod. In the form shown this means comprises a metal shell 12 which may be of curved cross section as shown or of any other suitable shape as desired, said shell 12 in any case being dimensioned in accordance with the pole 10 with which it is combined. The shell 12 is movably connected with the pole 10 so as to be movable relatively thereto from an operative position in which the hooks 11 or their equivalents are concealed, to an inoperative position in which said hooks are fully exposed. For instance, said shell 12 may be pivotally connected along its one edge with said pole 10 as indicated at 13 in which case suitable coöperating elements may be provided for maintaining the shell in its operative position although, if desired, gravity or friction or both may be relied upon to accomplish this; it will be understood that the hinging of the shell along its one edge is not an arbitrary arrangement and that it may be connected with the pole in other ways if desired. If the fixture is intended for use where both sides of the pole are in view, as in a door-way a duplicate of the shell 12 may be provided for concealing the opposite side of the pole also.

In order that the fixture may be properly fitted upon window, door and equivalent casings of varying dimensions within certain limits, the pole 10 upon its rear face may be provided with a dove-tail groove 15 extending lengthwise thereof and slidably accommodating a pair of blocks 16 having dove-tail projections 17 fitted into said groove 15 as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. These blocks 16 are held in their adjusted positions in any convenient manner as by friction and are each provided with a transverse opening 18 for the reception of the bracket-hooks 19 whereby said fixture is supported upon the particular casing 20. It will, of course, be understood that the arrangement as illustrated in the drawings and described above, may be replaced by equivalent devices.

In utilizing the fixture it is first properly connected with the casing 20 by means of the bracket-hooks 19 or their equivalents after which the shell 12 is moved to its inoperative position to fully expose the hooks 11. The curtains 21 are then simply impaled upon said hooks 11 at the proper points to secure the intended effect in draping, after which the shell 12 is returned to its normal operative position in which the hooks 11 as well as the connection of the curtain therewith are concealed. It will be understood that the shell 12 is constructed so as to provide in its operative position a space 22 through which the curtains 21 depend from the hooks 11. The draping of the curtains over the fixture as is at present oft-times required is entirely done away with and the necessity for hemming said curtains, by sewing or otherwise, to provide a pocket

for the accommodation of the fixture, is also obviated. The difficulties experienced in properly and evenly hanging the curtains which accompany many of the existing methods of hanging curtains upon fixtures are avoided and the hanging operation itself is reduced to the utmost simplicity which permits the curtains to be efficiently adjusted by simply removing and replacing them from and upon the hooks 12 until the desired result is obtained.

My improved fixture is simple in construction and economical to produce and may be fashioned in any desired form consistent with existing conditions.

Various changes in the specific construction shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

In a curtain fixture, the combination of a pole having a groove extending lengthwise thereof, a series of hooks located at intervals along said pole and projecting outwardly therefrom, a shell pivotally secured to said pole and adjustable to conceal said hooks and to expose same and a pair of blocks slidable lengthwise in said groove whereby said fixture is supported in operative position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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