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HANGER FOR CURTAIN FIXTURES.

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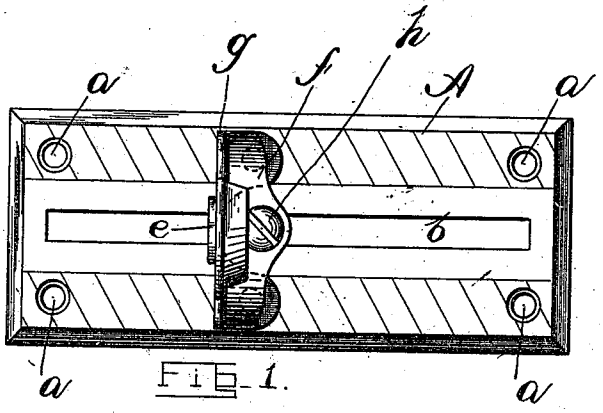
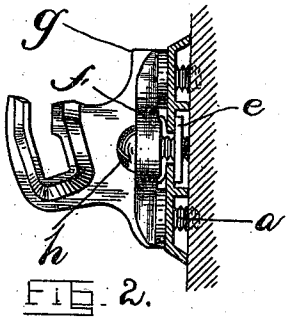


FIG. 1.



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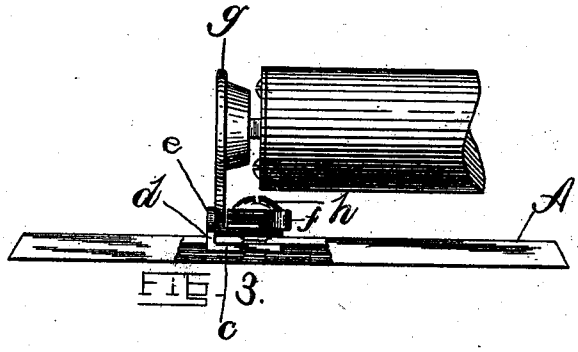

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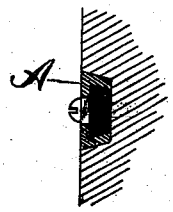

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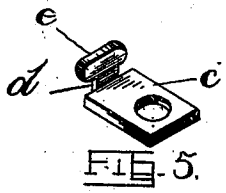

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HANGER FOR CURTAIN-FIXTURES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hangers for Curtain-Fixtures and the Like, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The window casings of dwellings, particularly tenement houses, whose tenants are liable to change frequently, soon become defaced or damaged in consequence of the frequent changes that are made in the positions of the curtain fixtures ordinarily in use. These curtain fixtures are secured to the window casings by screws or nails, which are driven into the woodwork at different places on the casings to accommodate shade rollers of different lengths, and fixtures of different sizes.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved device by means of which curtain fixtures may be readily secured at the proper points on the window casing, and which will permit of the removal, replacement, and adjustment of the fixture without defacing or damaging the casing.

The invention consists in the device which is hereinafter set forth and the novel features of which are pointed out in the claims which are appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown my improved device in the best form known to me, and in the following description I will refer to the said drawings, using like letters of reference to indicate like parts throughout the same.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the said device with a shade roller fixture in place. Fig. 2 is an end view of what is shown in Fig. 1, and showing the base-plate in section. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same showing the base-plate partially in section and showing the end of a shade roller to indicate its position. Fig. 4 is a cross section showing a slightly modified form of base-plate. Fig. 5 is a perspective of the lower clamp member.

The device as constructed by me is simple and will be readily understood from the following description of its parts.

A represents a base-plate which is preferably of metal and of the shape shown in Figs. 1 and 2, said plate being preferably wide enough to receive a curtain or shade roller fixture of ordinary size and being provided with holes as shown at *a* Fig. 1, through which may be driven the screws or nails by means of which it may be secured to the casing.

The precise width of the base-plate A is not important, the essential feature of the plate being the lengthwise slot *b* which permits of the horizontal adjustment of the fixture hanger to accommodate shade rollers of different lengths.

It will be clear that the plate A may be narrowed down so as to be very little wider than the slot *b*, as shown in Fig. 4. In case the device is to be applied to houses or tenements which are being constructed, this narrow form will preferably be used and the plate will then be let into the casing as shown in said figure so that its upper surface will be flush with the surface of the casing. The form of plate shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is designed to be applied to houses which are already constructed. At the back of the base-plate is placed a clamping piece *c*. This piece *c* is the lower member of a clamp and consists mainly of a flat plate which lies underneath the opening *b* in the base-plate A as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. It is provided with an upwardly projecting portion or neck shown at *d*, Fig. 3, which projects upwardly through the slot *b* and is of less width than the slot so that the clamp may be slid from one end to the other of the slot. The upper end of the portion *d* is formed with preferably an enlarged part or head *e* which projects across the slot *b* on the upper surface of the plate A. This enlarged portion *e* serves to prevent the neck *d* from dropping out of the slot *b* and thus prevents part *c* of the clamp from becoming displaced. In consequence of projecting above the surface of the plate A it serves to define the position of the curtain fixture *g*, as shown in Fig. 3, and prevents the said fixture from slipping away from the clamp.

On the top of the plate A I provide a crosspiece or upper clamp member *f* which is designed to rest on the usual foot or feet of the curtain fixture *g*, as shown. A clamp screw *h* passes through the upper clamp member *f*, through the slot *b* in the plate A, and through the lower clamp *c*, as shown. By loosening

this screw the upper clamp member *f* may be raised and the fixture removed, and to secure the fixture in place it is only necessary to slip the foot or feet of the fixture underneath the clamp member *f* and between it and the face of the base plate A and set the clamping-screw down. The upwardly projecting head *e* of the under clamp member *c* also serves to keep the fixture in place, as stated above, but the enlarged head *e* is not essential so long as the neck *d* projects upwardly sufficiently to bear against the outer side of the fixture *g* and thus assist in holding it in place. The end of the clamping-screw *h* which lies within the cavity in the base plate A should be slightly headed so as to prevent the clamping screw from being removed. This prevents any portion of the device or hanger from being lost or displaced.

I do not desire to limit myself to the use of my device for hanging shade roller fixtures as it may be employed for securing other small fixtures the position of which it is desirable to change from time to time, as for example hooks in closets, rod fixtures on window casings, and in shop windows, and other fixtures of like character.

What I claim is—

1. The improved holder or support for curtain fixtures comprising a slotted base-plate A, a clamping-member *c* at the back thereof, a clamping-strip *f* at the front thereof between which and the surface of the base-plate the foot or feet of a curtain-fixture may be slipped, and the headed screw *h* passed through the said clamping-strip, through the slot in the base-plate, and through the clamping-member *c*, substantially as described.

2. The improved holder or support for curtain-fixtures comprising a slotted base-plate A, a clamping-member *c* at the back thereof provided with a neck-portion projecting through the slot in the base-plate and constituting a stop for the curtain-fixture, a clamping-strip *f* at the front thereof between which and the surface of the base-plate the foot or feet of a curtain-fixture may be slipped, and the headed screw *h* passed through the said clamping-strip, through the slot in the base-plate, and through the clamping member *c*, substantially as described.

3. The improved holder or support for curtain fixtures comprising a slotted base-plate A, a clamping-member *c* at the back thereof provided with a neck-portion projecting through the slot in the base-plate and having an enlarged head, it constituting a stop for the curtain-fixture, a clamping-strip *f* at the front thereof between which and the surface of the base-plate the foot or feet of a curtain-fixture may be slipped, and the headed screw *h* passed through the said clamping-strip, through the slot in the base-plate, and through the clamping-member *c*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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