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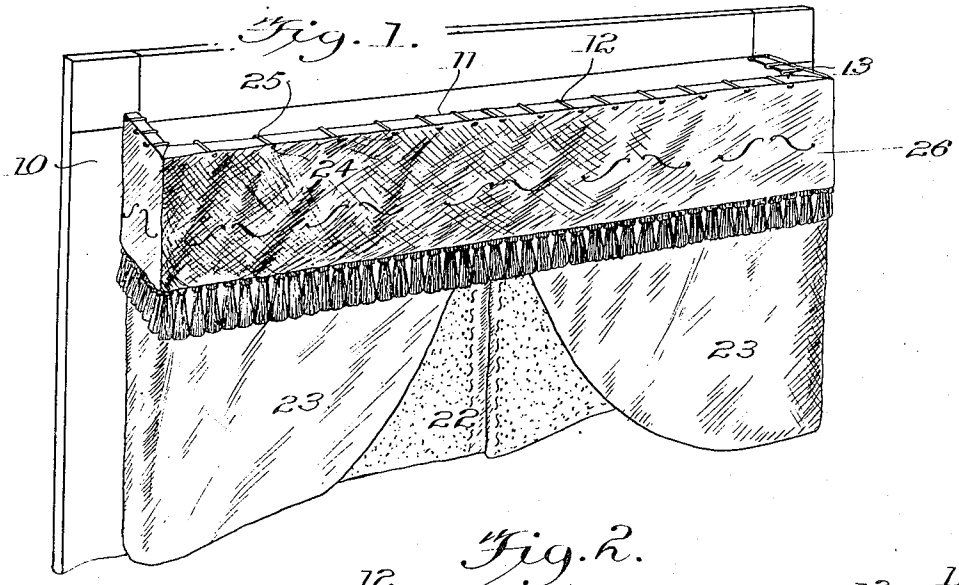


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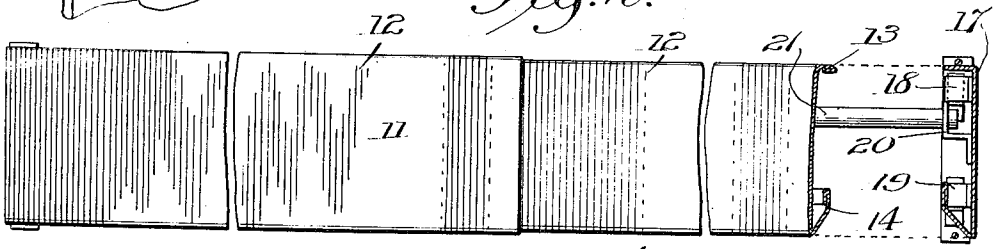


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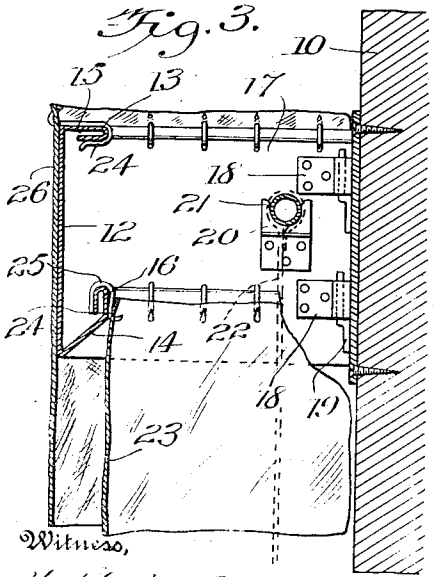


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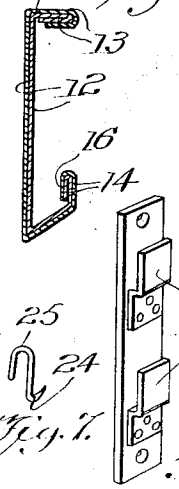


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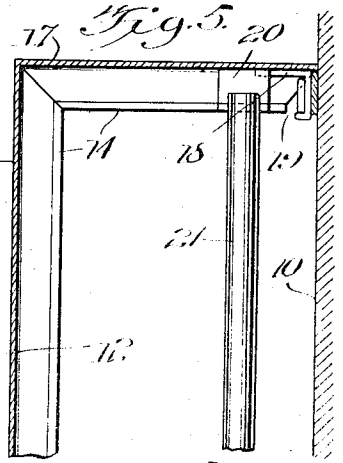


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Curtain and Drapery Supports, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to curtains, shades, and screens, and more particularly to shade and curtain hangers, and has for an object to provide a simple structure for supporting curtains, shades or draperies in juxtaposition to a window casing in a graceful, neat and pleasing style.

Among other features the invention comprehends a unit for attachment to the window casing, the unit being formed and designed to carry curtains, draperies or shades or such decorative hangings as borders or valances. To this end a border or valance used in conjunction with my device is adapted to cover or conceal the structure proper so that the complete fixture with hangings will present a neat and pleasing appearance.

Still further the invention comprehends a structure that can be quickly set up and to which curtains or draperies can be quickly applied to be substantially held in depending position to effect the desired purpose, namely a neat and artistically decorated window casing.

In the further disclosure of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary plan view of my invention showing it in applied position, parts being shown in section, Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front elevation of the structure shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1, Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4 in Fig. 1, Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 5—5 in Fig. 3, and Fig. 6 is an elevation of one of the securing clips.

Referring more particularly to the views I disclose a window casing 10 and a substantially U shaped supporting frame 11, for attachment to the window casing. The frame preferably is formed of relatively sliding plates 12, one fitting into the other, each plate having an upper inwardly bent edge 13 and a lower inwardly and upwardly bent edge 14, the form of the edges of one of the plates, it will be seen, provides guideways 15, 16, for the upper and lower edges of the other plate so as to insure an effective relative sliding of the plates. Thus also the connecting or interfitting similar edges of the plates form a unitary support in each instance, as will be hereinafter more full set forth. Secured to each plate on the inner face of the end 17 are brackets 18 which receive straps 19 secured to the window casing, two straps being provided on each side, so that the connecting brackets and straps will effectively support the frame 11 upon the window casing as clearly indicated in Fig. 3. Also secured to the inner face of the end 17 of each plate 12, is a fork shaped bracket 20, adapted to receive and support any desired form of curtain pole 21 as noted in Fig. 3, it being, of course, understood that the usual shade fixture can also be supported in this manner in lieu of the curtain pole, if desired.

In the application of the device described the frame 11 is secured to the window casing by the brackets and straps, 18, 19, respectively, the relative sliding action of the plates, forming the frame, permitting of adjusting the frame to window casings of different widths. The usual lace or other curtain 22 is now arranged upon the pole 21 supported on the brackets 20 and a portière or heavy drapery 23 is impinged at its upper end on hooks 24 of U shaped clips 25, sprung over the associated lower edges 14 as shown in Fig. 3, thus dependingly holding the portière in the desired position. In order to cover the front of the frame 11 to effectively conceal the same a valance 26 or the like has its upper edge impinged upon the hooks 24 of additional clips 25 described heretofore, and which are in turn sprung over the upper edges 13 of the plates forming the frame thus dependingly supporting the valance in front of the frame as indicated in Fig. 3.

With this construction and arrangement thus set forth it will be clear that the supporting body will not, in itself, be visible

and that as stated it will effectively support the valance, portière, and curtain or other form of shade, or drapery.

Having described my invention, I claim—

A curtain and drapery support including a frame made up of a plurality of channel-like telescopic sections, the frame having its lower edge extended inwardly and thence upwardly in parallelism with the body of the frame, the upper edge of the frame terminating to define an inwardly and horizontally disposed flange for the support of a valance, and said edges being adapted for engagement by curtain supporting hooks, whereby the valance may be dependently supported to cover the front of the frame.

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

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