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Fig. 1.

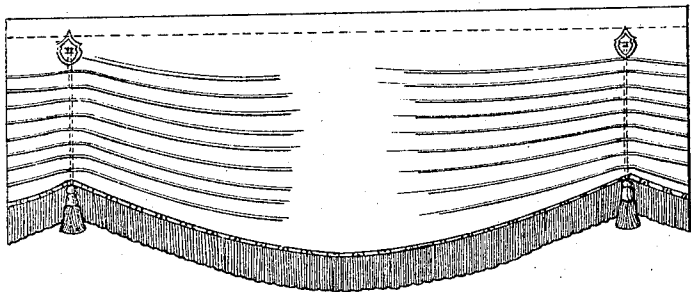


Fig. 3.

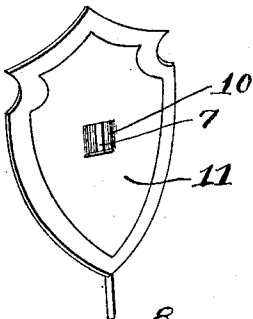


Fig. 2.

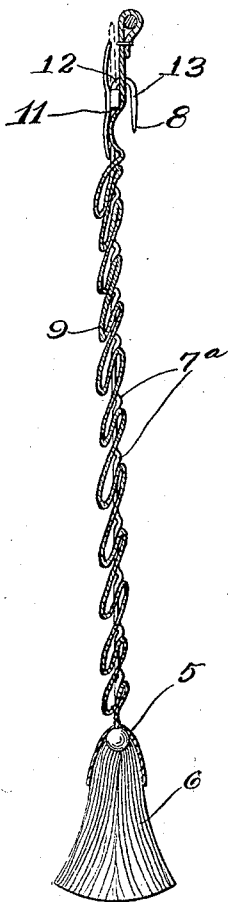
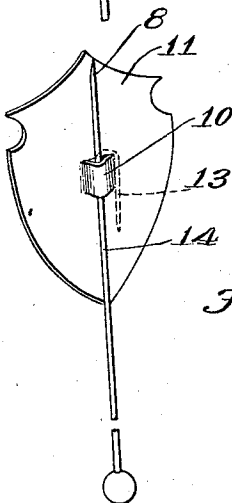


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to valances and like draperies, and more particularly to the periodical shirring of the same to lend the valance a puffed effect, and my main object is to introduce a novel tie device to keep the puffs of the valance in the given form. A further object of the invention is to incorporate in the novel tie device the cap and cord group effects incident to tassel ornaments used with valances.

A final, but nevertheless important object of the invention is to construct the novel tie device with utmost simplicity.

With the above objects in view and any others that may suggest themselves in the specification and claims to follow, a better understanding of the invention may be had by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a fragmental view of a typical valance, showing a series of puffs or folds formed at two points and indicating the novel tie device;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged section of the valance at the puffed area, showing the application of the tie device;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cap ornament referred to, showing a fragment of the tie device applied; and

Fig. 4 is a similar view, taken from the rear, and indicating a modification.

In the art of forming valances with a periodical puffed effect, the series of puffs or folds at each point has until the present time been secured by stitching after the material has been shirred to form the puffs. Each puff had to be stitched separately by hand, so that considering a valance with many puffed areas, the process of forming these areas has entailed much time and labor. It has been customary to provide certain ornamental effects in front of the valance, such as tassels, rosettes and the like, and I have incorporated in the use of the novel tie device the effects of a tassel cap or ornament and of a tassel cord group.

The novel tie device is mainly for the purpose of keeping the puffs or folds of the valance in proper relation and shape. In the construction of the tie device, I use a base

knot 5 and cord group 6 of a standard or artificial tassel. Thus in the case of an artificial tassel, I construct the effect of the knot and cord group from a sheet of pressed metal or other suitable material. From the knot I produce an extension in the form of a long pin 7 which constitutes the main element of the tie device. As indicated in Fig. 2, I pass the pin 7 whose free end is pointed as indicated at 8 upwardly through the puffs or folds 9 of the valance, as they are shaped by the worker, and when the top of the puff series has been reached, I pass the pin through an offset portion 10 of the cap ornament 11, and finally through the upper portion of the valance toward the rear side thereof, as indicated at 12, then folding or bending the end of the pin down as shown at 13. The offset 10 is struck from the medial portion of the cap ornament 11 simply to provide a passage and hold for the pin 7.

The body portion of the pin is pressed with a series of crimps or kinks 7^a spaced approximately as the puffs 9, and these crimps are used to define the positions of and serve as supports for the puffs.

It will be seen that the pin 7 constitutes a tie device of utmost simplicity for the series of puffs or folds of the valance. It is not a difficult matter to thread the pin through the series of folds as the latter are made, and once this has been done, the passing of the end portion of the pin through the offset of the ornament 11 provides a reinforcement thereat; and bending such end portion through the valance and down firmly anchors it to the valance.

Figure 4 shows a modified form of the device, employing a plain or uncrimped pin 14. Where the valance is of light or fairly stiff material this form should serve the purpose, being at the same time less costly and more easily threaded.

While the above described tie device is a mechanically efficient structure, it will be seen that it embodies as well the cap ornament for the tassel knot and cord group by way of ornamentation. Thus, when the valance is viewed from the front, the pin 7 is perfectly invisible, and no mechanical ele-

ment is suggested by the appearance of the puff series to indicate that such an element supports it in shape. But the cap element and tassel incidents are generally visible, and the effect is simple and pleasing.

5 I claim:—

1. A retainer for the succession of folds in a puffed valance, comprising a pin adapted to be passed through such folds, and said pin
10 having irregularities adapted to be positioned between the folds to separate the same.

2. A retainer for the substantially vertical succession of folds in a puffed valance, comprising a pin adapted to be passed through
15 such folds, and said pin having ledge formations adapted to be positioned between the folds to support the same.

3. A retainer for the series of folds in a puffed valance, comprising a pin having a shoulder adjacent one end and a point at the other adapted to be passed through such folds from one end of the series, and an exposed ornamental plate at the opposite end
20 of the series of folds and provided with means at its back to receive and anchor the pointed end of the pin.

4. A retainer for the series of folds in a puffed valance, comprising a pin adapted to be passed through such folds from one end of the series, and a plate at the opposite end of the series of folds and provided with means to anchor the corresponding end of the pin, such end of the pin being adapted to be
25 extended from the plate through the valance and to be deflected to form a hook engageable in said anchoring means of the plate.

5. The combination set forth in claim 4, and said plate being disposed against the
30 outer surface of one of said folds to conceal the end of the pin.

6. The combination in a puffed valance having a series of successive folds, a pin insertible through such folds and said pin being formed with a series of offset bends adapted to engage said folds to separate the same.
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7. The combination in a puffed valance having a series of successive folds, a pin insertible through such folds, and means attachable adjacent the pointed end of the pin to hold the same in place.
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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