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DRAPERY SUPPORTING DEVICE

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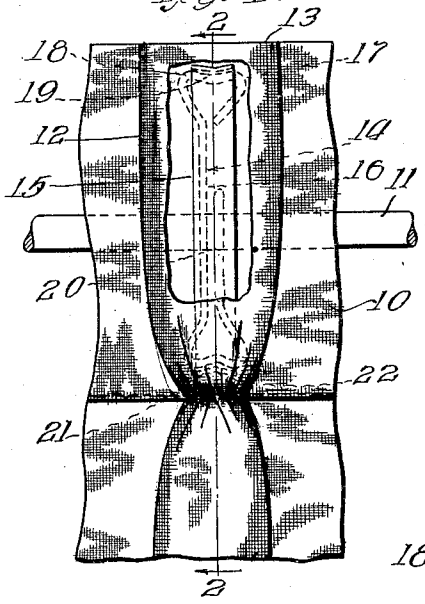


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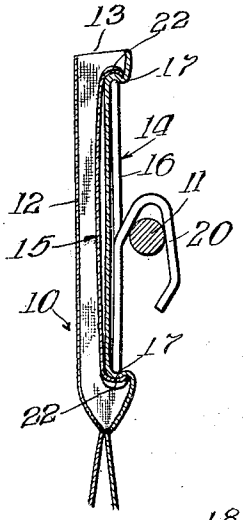


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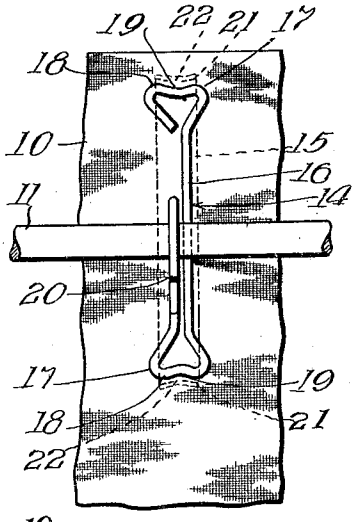


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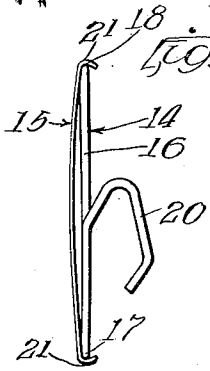
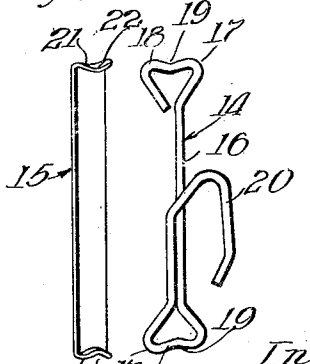


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This invention relates to improvements in devices for supporting curtains, portières, draperies and the like, and has special relation to such devices which are adapted to retain the headings in upright condition.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple device for this purpose which can be easily secured to the member to be supported without stitching or the use of pins; which in use can be hidden in the plaited heading, and by the use of which the supporting rod or pole will be concealed.

The device comprises two parts, one provided with a hooked extension between its ends adapted to engage the supporting rod and the other adapted to be placed against the first part with a layer of the curtain goods between them and to engage the ends of the first member in a manner to firmly retain the device clamped in supporting position on the upper edge portion of the curtain.

Usually, in drapes or curtains of this kind, a French heading is formed by plaiting the upper edge of the curtain into what are termed box plaits, and one part of the device is adapted to be hidden in a box plait, the other or hooked member being arranged behind the plaited upper end.

The device is very simple in construction and application and does not mar or puncture the goods. It can readily and quickly be disengaged for cleaning purposes and can be used over and over again.

The invention will be more readily understood from the following description and the appended claims taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary view of the heading portion of a drape or curtain held in position by one of my improved supporters, part of a plait being broken away to best illustrate the device.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary, vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary rear elevation.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the device; and

Fig. 5 is a substantially front view of the two parts of the device separated from each other.

In said drawing, 10 illustrates a curtain or drape to be suspended and 11 the supporting rod.

The drape may have an open hem at the top but they are usually provided with box-like plaits 12 which are open at the top, as shown at 13.

Devices which support the drape 10 on the rod 11 are usually provided with a ring or hook to engage over the rod and with some means for securing the device to the drape ordinarily being provided with holes by which the device can be secured to the drape by stitching.

By means of my device, such stitching, which is a slow process and has to be repeated every time the drape is cleaned, is eliminated.

My improved supporting device consists of two parts 14 and 15. The device is long enough so that, in use, when a number of them are used on a drape heading of the kind shown, the heading is held in upright condition in front of the rod 11. Such heading, commonly known as a French heading, is usually about 2½ or 3 inches high.

The part 14 of the device is preferably formed up out of wire and consists of a straight body part 16, having a flattened eye 17 formed at each end and the cross bar 18 at each end is formed to provide a slight depression 19 for a purpose to be described. The wire terminates at one end at the top and the other end is formed back parallel with the body part 16 to provide a hook-like projection 20 arranged at about the middle of the length of the device for engagement over the supporting rod 11.

The other member 15 is preferably made of a narrow strip of sheet metal, the ends of the strip being formed over to provide shallow hook-like ends 21 and these ends 21 are curved or formed inwardly at 22 between their transverse edges to engage in the depressions 19 in the member 14 to retain the two members against accidental edgewise separation.

Preferably, the sheet metal member 15 is slightly bowed out endwise, as best shown in Fig. 4, so that when being applied to the member 14 to clamp the goods of the drape

between them, it can be slightly lengthened by pressing it towards the other member by pressure applied between its ends.

In applying the device to a drape, the sheet metal member 15 is inserted in a plait 12 and positioned in relation to the upper edge of the drape so as to hide the device, then one end 17 of the member 14 is placed against the rear side of the drape and is forced into one of the hooked ends 21 of the member 15. Then the two members are aligned one on the front and one on the rear face of the part of the drape being engaged and they are pressed together with sufficient pressure to cause the other end of the member 14 to snap into the other hooked end of the member 15. There is enough resiliency in the two members to allow them to clamp the goods of the drape at both ends of the device and once the device is engaged with the drape, it is retained in a manner to prevent accidental disengagement.

When it is desired to take off the device, it is simply necessary to force one end of the member 14 edgewise out of engagement with the hooked end of the member 15. The member readily gives sufficiently to allow such disengagement.

The device is extremely simple and is easily applied and removed.

As many modifications of the invention will readily suggest themselves to one skilled in the art, I do not limit or confine the invention to the specific form and construction of the device shown except within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device for supporting a curtain or the like and comprising an elongated member having a longitudinally extending hook-like projection between its ends for engaging a supporting rod, and a second member having its ends bent up into hooks for engaging over the ends of the first member, the two members adapted to receive a curtain heading or the like between them and clamp same between their ends.

2. The invention as defined in claim 1, the ends of the first member having central depressions and the ends of the second member formed to engage in said depressions as and for the purpose specified.

3. The invention as defined in claim 1, the second member being normally slightly bowed longitudinally to facilitate the engagement of the members with each other.

4. In a device adapted to hold a curtain heading in vertical position, two elongated resilient members, arranged and adapted to be removably engaged with each other at their ends, and adapted to be clamped on a curtain heading in vertical position with a layer of the heading clamped between them, and a hook formation on one of the members arranged and adapted to be engaged with a horizontally extending supporting rod when the device is arranged in vertical position.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of February, 1931.

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