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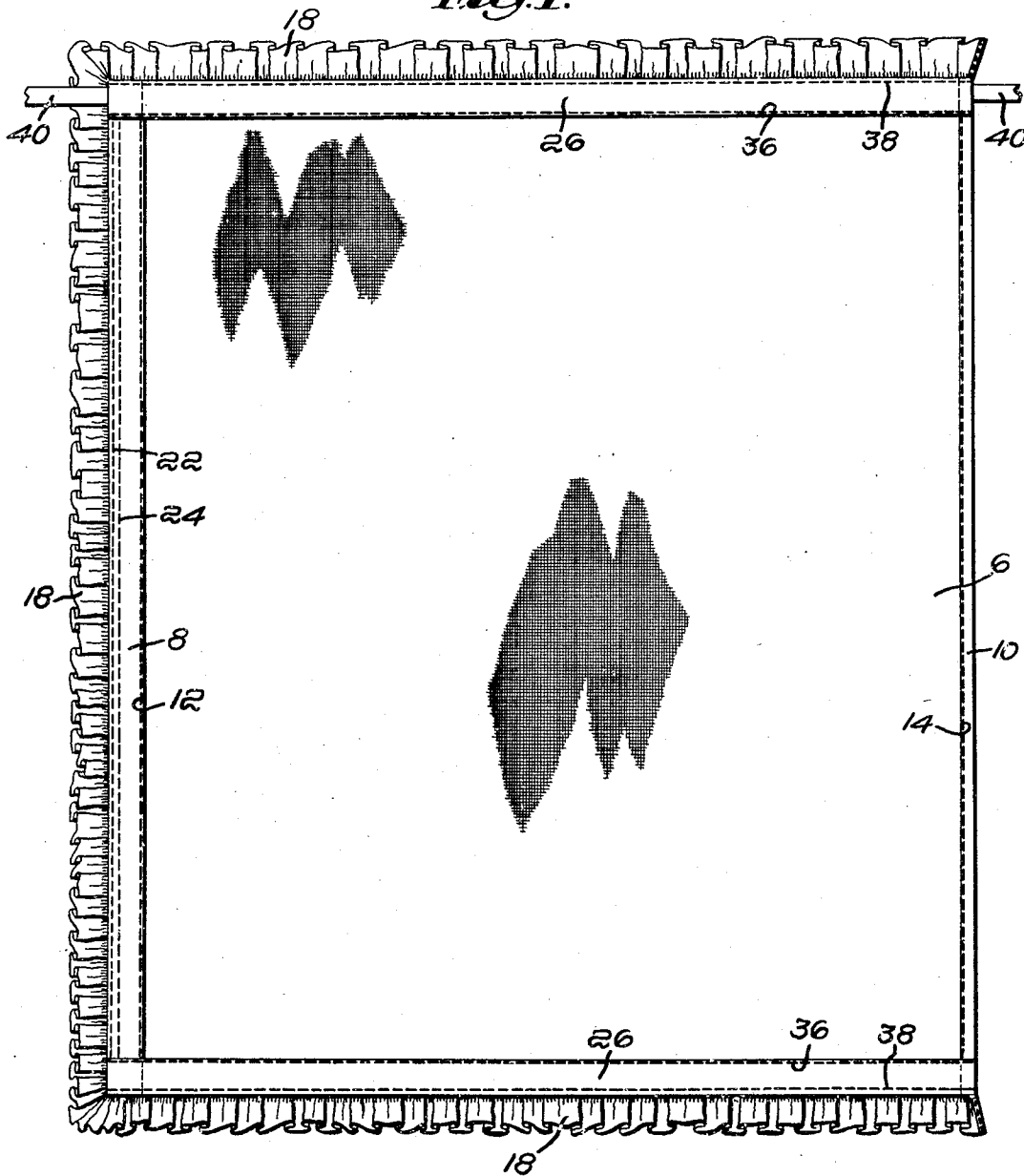
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

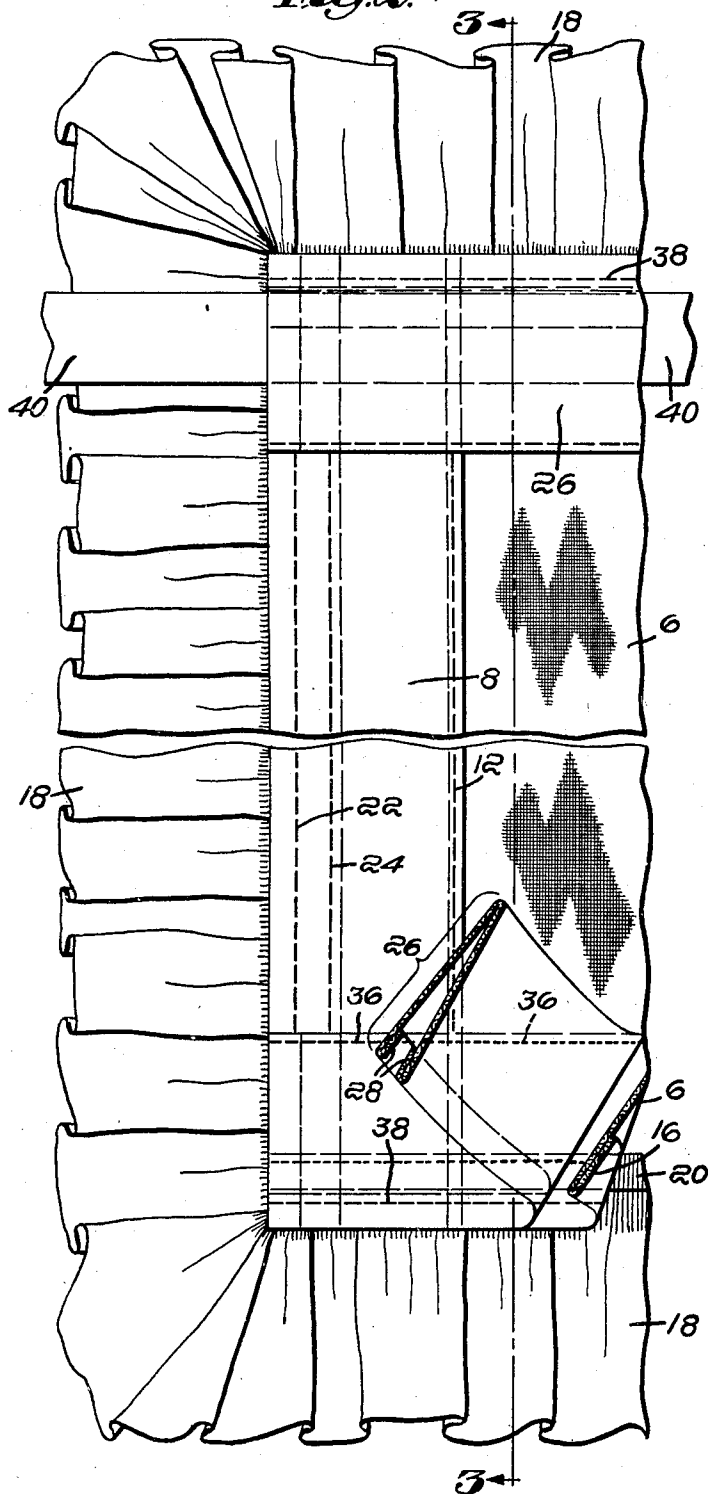


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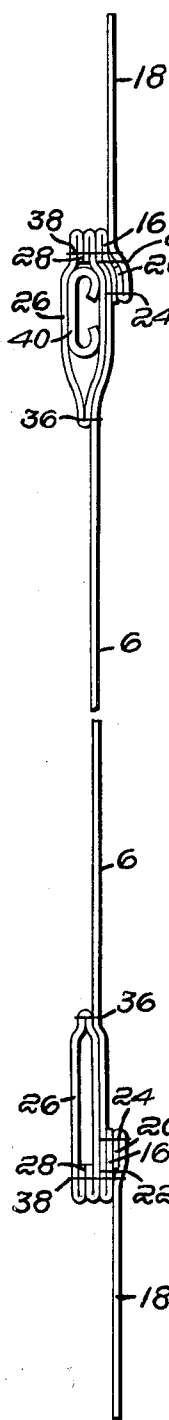
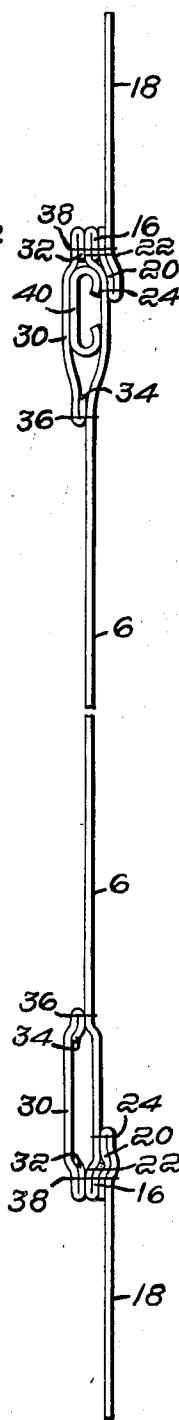


Fig. 4.



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Fig. 5.

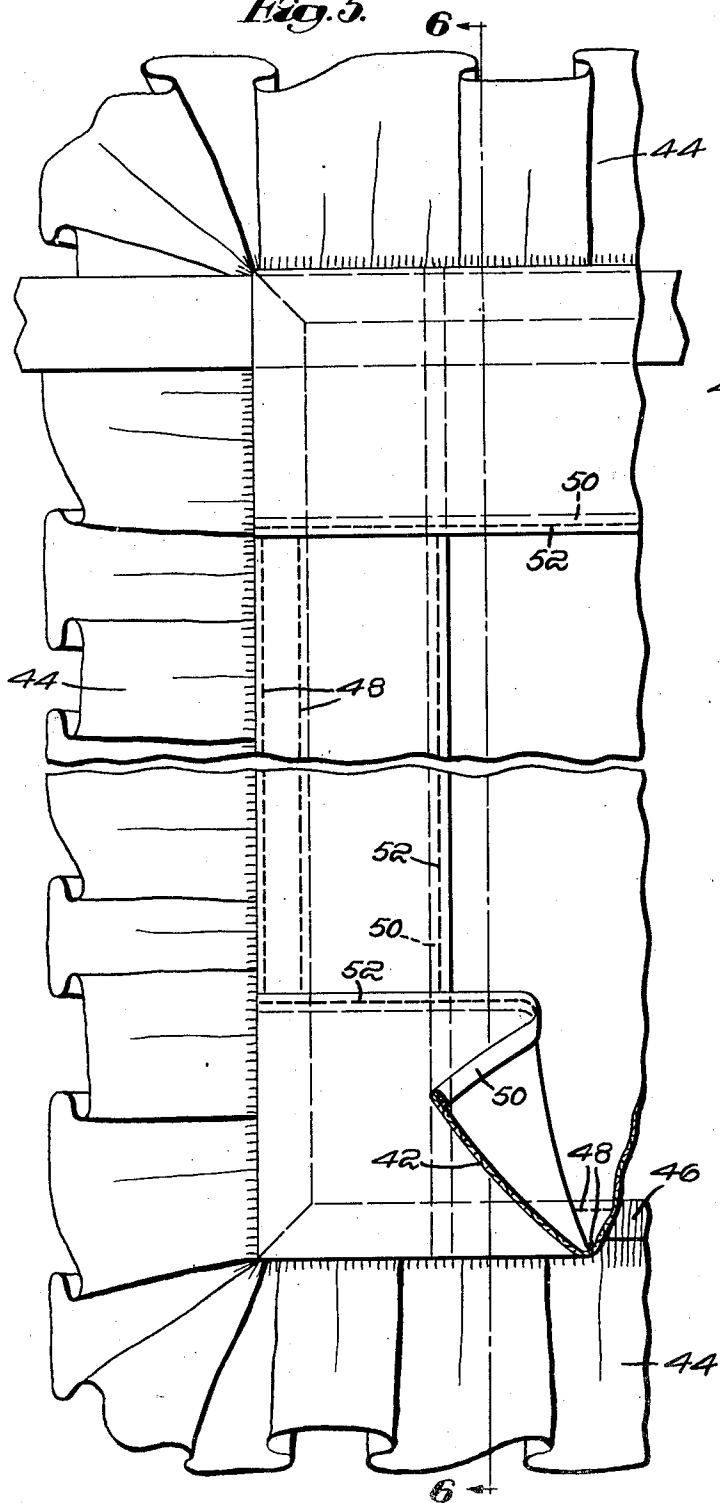


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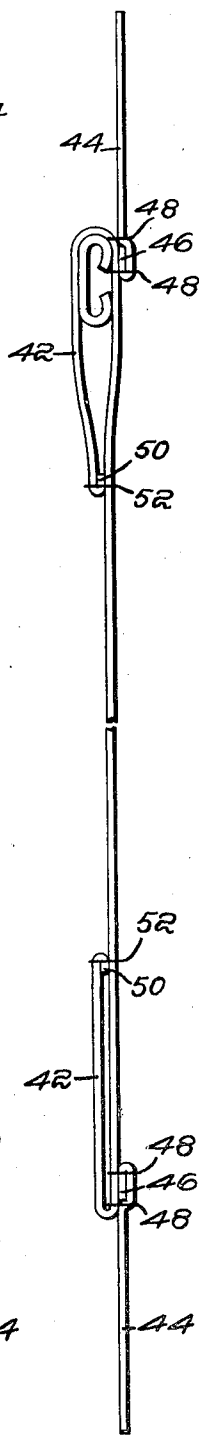
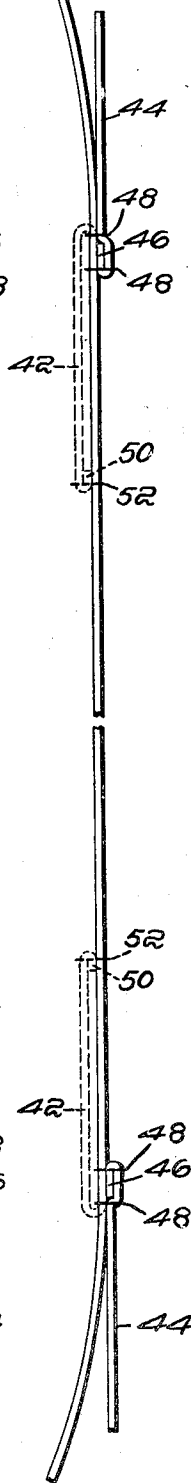


Fig. 7.



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This invention relates to curtains and draperies of the class in which the curtain or drapery is supported by a rod passed through a pocket at the top of the curtain or drapery. The invention is more especially concerned with a curtain provided with a ruffle extending along its horizontal edges and usually along at least one of its vertical edges.

The lower portion of a curtain is always subjected to much greater wear than the upper portion, mainly because, when the lower sash is raised, the lower portion of the curtain is blown about by the breeze, and in the absence of an insect screen, the lower part of the curtain often passes through the window opening to the exterior. If rain is falling, the curtain becomes wet. All this subjects the lower part of the curtain to much greater wear than the remainder, and when the curtain becomes too much worn it must be discarded.

My invention aims to distribute or equalize the wear at the top and bottom of a curtain or drapery by making it precisely alike at top and bottom and therefore reversible at will. My invention aims further to construct the curtain or drapery so the fact that it is reversible shall not be apparent to the casual observer.

The invention will best be understood by reference to the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings of three specific embodiments thereof, while its scope will be pointed out more particularly in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of one of a pair of curtains embodying the invention, the curtain being hung on a rod;

Fig. 2 is an elevation of a portion of the curtain on an enlarged scale;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 3 showing a modification of the rod-receiving pocket,

Fig. 5 is an elevation of a portion of a second modification;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 5; and

Fig. 7 is a sectional view illustrating the second modification prior to the making of the horizontal hems.

Referring to the drawings and to the embodiments of the invention illustrated therein, and having reference at first to Fig. 1, there is shown a curtain comprising a web 6 of textile material such as any one of the textile materials usually employed in the making of curtains. The web is

provided along its vertical edges with hems 8 and 10, made by twice turning over the raw edge of the fabric and sewing down the inner folds by vertical lines of stitching 12 and 14. At the top and bottom of the web, the raw edges are turned inwardly as at 16 (see Fig. 3), and a ruffled band 18, usually called a ruffle, is applied to the top, bottom and at least one vertical edge of the web, herein along the hem 8, as by turning the raw edge 20 of the band inwardly and securing the band by two rows of stitching 22 and 24.

Across the web and across its vertical hems, duplicate horizontal bands are applied to form rod-receiving pockets. These bands may take either of two forms. According to one form (see Fig. 3) there are bands 26, each folded centrally and having its raw edges 28 folded inwardly. This type of band has a double thickness throughout its width. Alternatively, a band 30 (see Fig. 4) has its raw edges 32 and 34 folded inwardly. In either case, the band is secured by horizontal rows of stitches 36 and 38.

In the case of the double-thick band 26 (see Fig. 3) the band in and of itself may constitute a pocket for a rod 40, or the rod may be inserted in the pocket between the inner thickness of the band 26 and the web 6. In the case of the single thick band 30 (see Fig. 4) the pocket is formed partly by the band and partly by the web. In either case, both bands (see Fig. 1) extend across the vertical hems 8 and 10 and are open at the vertical edges of the curtain.

The appearance of the bands 26 is precisely the same as that of the vertical hem 12, and to the casual observer the upper, lower, and vertical margins of the curtain are alike, i. e. the curtain has a uniform border. Also important, is the fact that this uniform border gives the curtain uniform strength and durability throughout the margin where it is present. It is only by close inspection that one observes that there are rod-receiving pockets at top and bottom and that the curtain is reversible and may be inverted from time to time to distribute the wear.

Figs. 5, 6 and 7 illustrate a second modification in which the rod-receiving pockets, instead of being in the form of separate bands, are hems 42 integral with the body of the curtain. A convenient procedure is to apply a ruffled band 44, having its raw edge 46 turned inwardly, as by two rows of stitching 48, at a considerable distance from the upper and lower edges (see Fig. 7) and then turn the hems 42 as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 7, and in full lines in Fig. 6, with the raw edges 50 turned inwardly and stitched at 52. In other

respects, the construction of this form is the same as the first two, and it need not be described further.

5 Having thus described three embodiments of the invention, what I claim and desire by Letters Patent to secure is:

I claim:

10 1. In a curtain, the combination of a web of textile material, a ruffled band applied to the top, bottom, and at least one of the vertical edges of said web, and two horizontal bands applied to said web adjacent the top and bottom thereof and forming rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends.

15 2. A curtain comprising a web of textile material folded upon itself along at least one vertical edge and stitched to form at least one vertical hem, a ruffled band applied to the top, bottom, and to at least one vertical hem, and two horizontal bands applied to said web adjacent the top and bottom thereof and forming rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends.

20 3. A curtain having horizontal, upper and lower, rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends, and a ruffled band extending horizontally along said upper pocket, thence vertically, and thence horizontally along said lower pocket.

4. A curtain having horizontal, upper and lower rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends, and a ruffled band extending horizontally along said upper pocket, thence vertically, and thence horizontally along said lower pocket, said band projecting upwardly from said upper pocket and downwardly from said lower pocket. 5

5. A curtain comprising a web having horizontal, upper and lower hems constituting rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends, and a ruffled band extending horizontally along and attached to the upper portion of said upper hem, thence vertically along said web, and thence horizontally along and attached to the lower portion of said lower hem. 10

6. A curtain comprising a web having horizontal, upper and lower hems constituting rod-receiving pockets, each pocket having two open ends, and a ruffled band extending horizontally along and attached to the upper portion of said upper hem, thence vertically along said web, and thence horizontally along and attached to the lower portion of said lower hem, said band projecting upwardly from said upper hem and downwardly from said lower hem. 15 20 25

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