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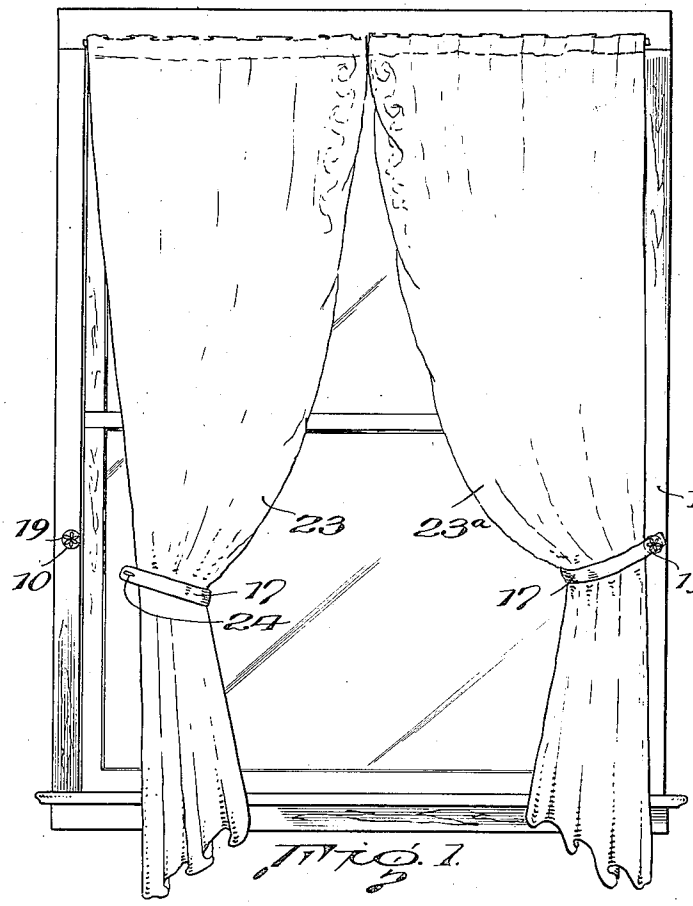


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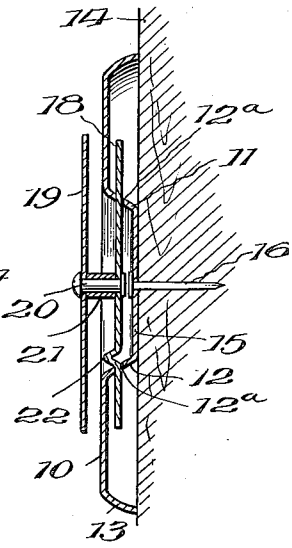


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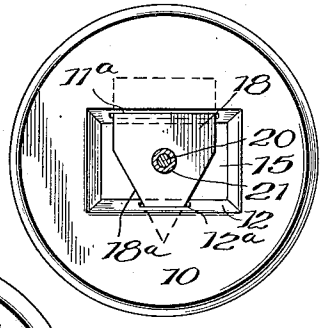


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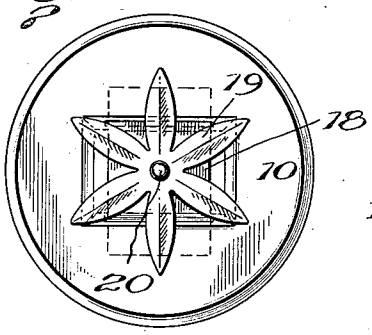


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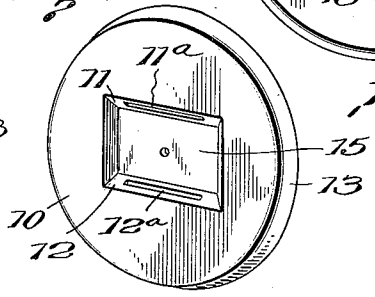


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This invention relates to improvements in curtain tie-back securing devices.

One object of the invention is to provide a securing device of the character mentioned which is of simple design and which can be produced on an inexpensive basis.

Another object is to provide a securing device of this nature which will have a pleasing and decorative appearance and, hence, will not mar or detract from the appearance of the trim of the window or other opening at which it is used.

A further object is to provide a tie-back securing device to which the tie-back may be readily secured and from which it can be as easily detached.

A still further object is to provide a curtain tie-back securing device which is comparatively small and which, especially when the tie-back is detached, presents no protruding elements to interfere with the thorough dusting and cleaning of the trim of the opening at which the curtains are draped.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, all as will hereinafter be more fully described and the novel features thereof particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a window opening with devices of the present invention installed on the trim at the opposite sides of the window opening;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the present device;

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the securing device installed on the trim;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the front of the base member of the device; and

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of a modified form of the device, the ornamental portion thereof being omitted in this view.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4, the securing device comprises a base member 10 having two opposed, inturned portions or elongated flanges 11, 12. The base may be of any desired configuration, being of disc-like formation in the present instance, with a peripheral inturned flange 13 which seats against the surface of the trim 14. The inturned portions 11, 12, are preferably formed by dishing or depressing the central portion of the base without removing the central portion 15 as the latter facilitates securing the base to the trim as by a nail or other fastening element 16. However, other modes of attachment may be resorted to and thus permit stamping out the central portion 15 intermediate the two flanges 11, 12.

Flanges 11 and 12 are provided with slots 11^a, 12^a, respectively, and these slots are adapted to loosely and removably receive a button secured to, or in the end of, the tie-back 17. Said button preferably comprises a plate-like head 18 and a base 19 at opposite ends of a shank 20, a spacer element 21 on the shank maintaining the button, base and head properly spaced. The button base 19 can be made of ornamental design to add to the appearance of the device and can be of any desired size to partially or wholly conceal the depressed portion of base 10. The head 18 of the button is preferably rectangular, and when secured in base 10, its opposite ends are received in slots 11^a, 12^a, of flanges 11, 12. The distance between the flanges 11, 12, is such that one end of head 18 is inserted in, say, slot 11^a, far enough to permit the other end thereof to be placed in registry with slot 12^a, and the button base then moved in the reverse direction to insert the last-mentioned end in slot 12, that end preferably being provided with means, such as a projection 22, to limit this reverse movement. Usually the slots are disposed horizontally so that stop 21 limits downward movement of head 18.

In Fig. 1, curtain 23, at one side of the window, is shown swinging free, but to tie it back, like curtain 23^a, at the opposite side, the button of the present device at the first-mentioned side of the window would be removed by raising it slightly in base 10. The button, usually the button head 18 is then inserted in the hole 24 in the tie-back 17, and the button restored in base 10, as previously described.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 5, the button head 18 is formed with a tapered end 18^a and slot 12^a is made shorter than slot 11^a, which accommodates the broader end of said head. As a result, after the broad end of the head is placed in slot 11^a, and the tapered end alined with and inserted in slot 12^a, the diverging side edges of said tapered portion will wedge, so to speak, in slot 12^a, and limit the movement of the head into said slot. In other words, this tapered end portion eliminates the necessity of providing the projection 22 used in the other embodiment of the invention.

Aside from the ornamental nature of the base 19 of the so-called button, the present device can be produced at a comparatively low cost. It consists, essentially, of two metal blanks that can be cut and formed up by very simple operations. It

lies substantially flush with the trim and does not interfere with dusting or cleaning the trim. If desired, the so-called button can be removed to facilitate dusting.

What I claim is:

1. In a curtain tie-back securing device, a base member, means for securing said base on a window trim, said base having a depression therein with slots at opposite sides of the depression, a button removably secured in said slots, and means for attaching the tie-back to said button.

2. In a curtain tie-back securing device, a base member, means for attaching said base to the trim of a window, said base having two opposed inturned portions spaced inwardly from its perimeter with slots in said inturned portions, a plate-like button member removably secured in said slots, and means for attaching the tie-back to said button member.

3. In a curtain tie-back securing device, a base member adapted to be attached to a window trim, said base member having upper and lower inturned portions with slots in said inturned portions, a plate-like button removably supported in said slots, means for limiting downward movement of the button in the slots, and means for attaching the tie-back to said button.

4. In a curtain tie-back securing device, a base member having a centrally depressed portion connected at two of its sides with the base by inturned portions, said inturned portions having slots therein, means extending through the depressed portion into the trim of a window for attaching the base to said trim, a plate-like button removably secured in said slots, said button having a shank on which the tie-back may be secured, and an ornament carried by said shank.

5. In a curtain tie-back securing device, a base member having two opposed inturned portions with a slot formed in each of said portions, a button having a plate-like portion and a shank to which the tie-back is adapted to be secured, the plate-like portion of said button being slidably and removably received at opposite ends in said slot, one of said ends being tapered and adapted to engage the ends of the slot in which it is received to limit movement thereof through said slot.

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