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Fig. 1.

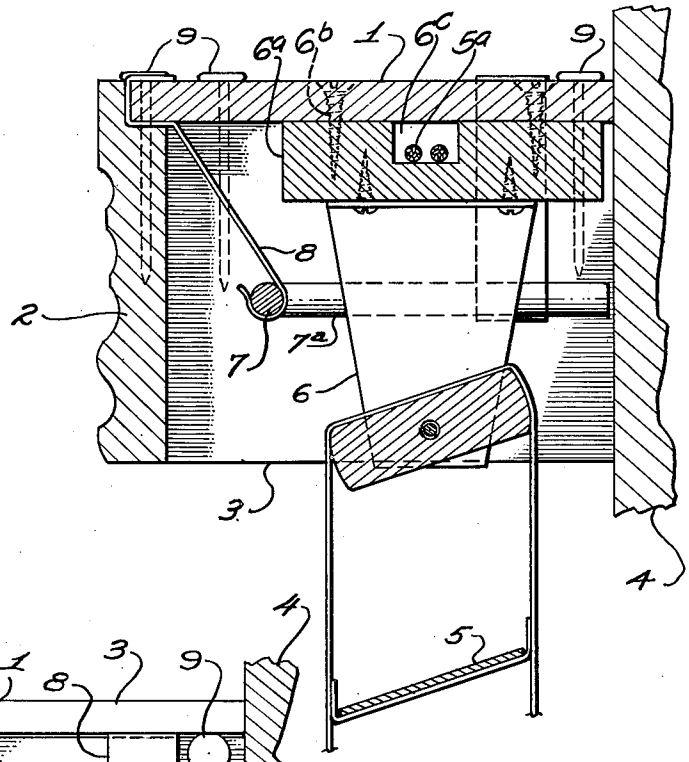
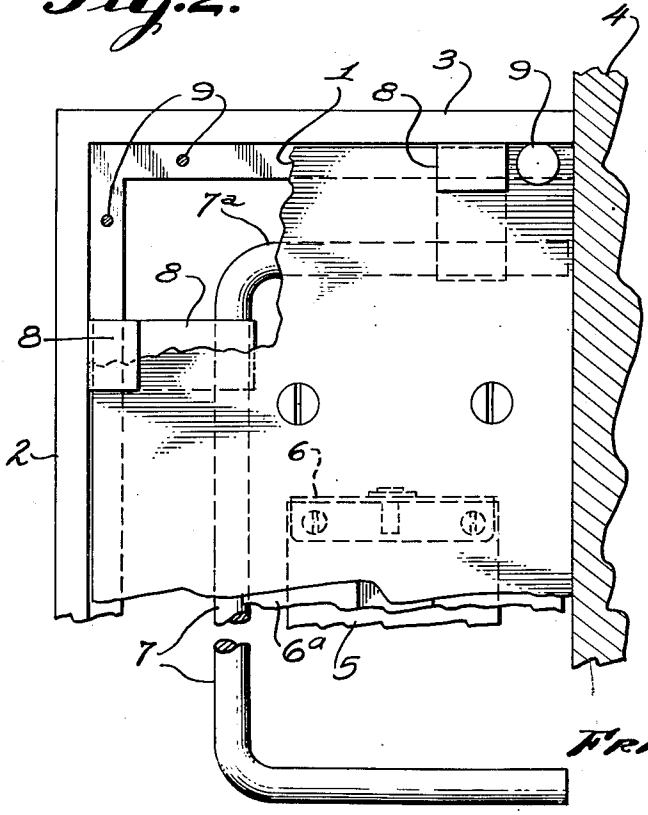


Fig. 2.



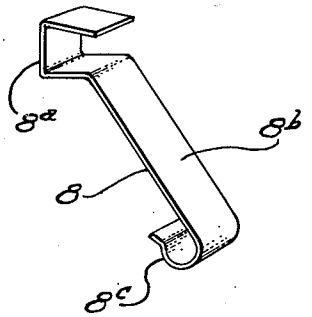


Fig. 3.

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My present invention relates to a curtain, or drape rod hanging or supporting means, particularly adapted for use in connection with Venetian blinds and drapery boxes.

The principal purpose of this invention is to provide improvements over my window drape rod hanging means disclosed and claimed in my copending application, Serial No. 627,136, filed November 7, 1945, which eventuated into Patent No. 2,564,891, dated August 21, 1951.

An important object of this invention is to provide a rod hanging means of this class which may be readily supported in or to box-like cornices, or to window frames, or the like, in association with Venetian blinds, or without, and which is supported thereby or fastened thereto without securing means other than that which is employed to secure the several members of the cornice, or the like, together.

Another important object of this invention is to provide a rod hanging or supporting clip which may be readily supported or fastened alike to the front and end portions of the cornice.

An important object also of this invention is to provide a clip of this class which is simple and economical of construction, and durable.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, I have devised drape rod hanging means having certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts and portions, as will be hereinafter described in detail, and particularly set forth in the appended claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the characters of reference thereon, which form a part of this application, in which:

Fig. 1 is a sectional elevational view of a box-like cornice commonly employed for enclosing and supporting Venetian blinds and for supporting drapes in front of such blinds, the cornice incorporating a preferred form of my drape rod supporting means;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view thereof with a portion broken away to facilitate the illustration; and,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clip, shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Conventional hanging of Venetian blinds, drapes, and the like, is effected by the supporting of the upper ends of these within and on a box-like cornice. This cornice consists, in the illustration shown, of a top wall member 1 and an outer or front wall member 2 and end wall members 3, only one of which is shown. This cornice is secured in any desired manner to a window casing or frame 4.

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The Venetian blind, designated 5, is hung from brackets 6 depending from the upper wall member 1 of the cornice. The brackets 6 (only one of which is shown) are secured to a plate or relatively heavy wood strip 6^a, and this strip is secured to the underside of the upper wall member 1 by screws 6^b.

The strip 6^a has a longitudinal groove 6^c at its upper side which provides the channel for the Venetian blind control cords 5^a.

The curtain or drape (not shown) is supported from a drape rod 7 around the roomside and ends of the Venetian blind. As here shown, the rod is of wide U-shaped construction for this purpose, the short end legs 7^a supporting the curtain or drape at the ends of the Venetian blind.

In cornice construction of this class, the upper wall member 1 often consists of a relatively thin board which practically prevents the driving of any securing means into the edge thereof. I have therefore provided a drape rod supporting or suspending clip, designated 8, having a supporting or anchor portion 8^a at its upper end which fits over the edge of the board or upper wall member 1. This portion is U-shaped, the legs and cross-connecting portion being rectangularly arranged and receive the edge of the member 1 between such legs.

These clips are designed to fit over the side and end edges of the member 1, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The clips located at the ends of the cornice, of course, support the legs 7^a of the rod.

The clips are held in place by the side and end wall members 2 and 3, which are positioned against the outer sides of the cross-connection portions of said U-shaped supporting portions 8^a. As shown, the upper edges of the side and end wall members are rabbeted for receiving the side and end edge portions of the upper wall member 1, and are secured in such rabbeted portions by nails 9, thus securing the clips in position to the upper wall member 1. This construction permits the clips to be moved or adjusted slightly along the edges of the upper wall member.

From the inner edge of the lower leg of the U-shaped portion 8^a extends downwardly a resilient arm 8^b, which is positioned angularly with respect to the inner side of the side and end wall members 2 and 3.

At the lower end of the resilient arm 8^b is provided a resilient U-shaped rod supporting hook 8^c. It will be noted that the openings of the U-

shaped supporting portion 8^a and the U-shaped rod supporting hook 8^c are directed in substantially opposite directions from the arm 8^b.

I wish it to be understood that I do not desire to be limited to the exact details of construction shown and described, for obvious modifications will occur to a person skilled in the art.

I claim:

A curtain rod supporting means, comprising: a box-like cornice having a top wall and a vertical side wall fastened to and depending from an edge portion of the top wall, the upper edge of the side wall being rabbeted and receiving the edge portion of the top wall; and a resilient clip having an upper U-shaped end providing upper and lower legs connected by a vertical connecting portion, said U-shaped end embracing the edge portion of the top wall with its lower leg and vertical connecting portion seated within the rabbet and retained in place between the interengaging portions of said top and side walls for securing the clip in position, said clip having a sloping

downwardly intermediate portion extending at an obtuse angle to the lower leg and away from the cornice side wall and terminating in a hook adapted to receive a curtain rod, said hook having its opening facing toward said side wall.

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