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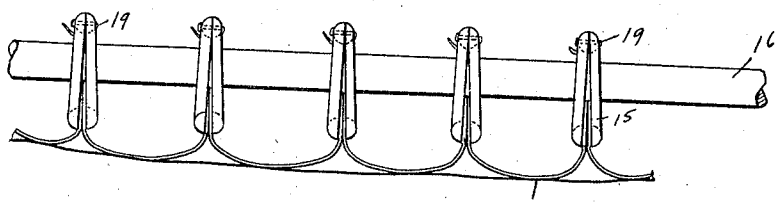


FIG. 5

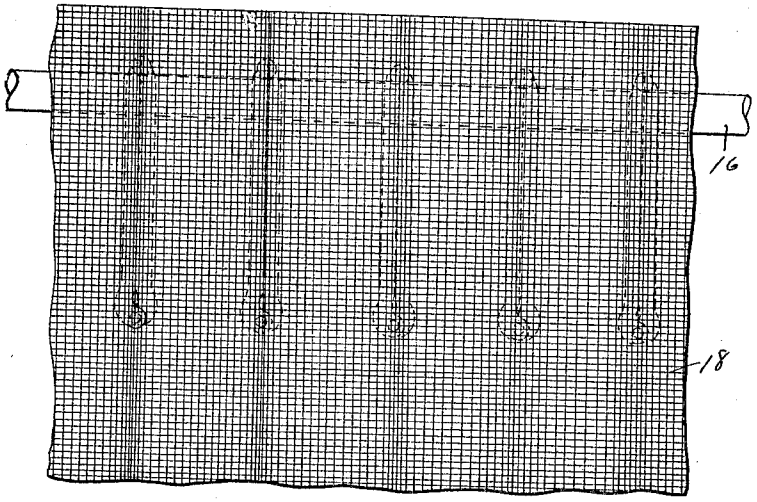


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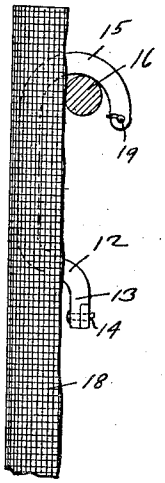


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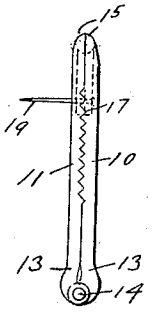


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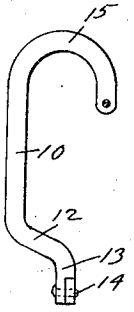


FIG. 1

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This invention relates generally to curtain supporting devices and particularly to a special form of fastening.

The first object of this invention is to construct a fastener which will make it easily possible to quickly and neatly attach a curtain to a rod without the necessity of first passing the rod through a specially formed hem usually sewed along the upper edge of a curtain.

The second object is to render unnecessary the forming of this hem when making new curtains.

The third object is to make it possible to evenly form and distribute as many gathers as are desired along the top of a curtain.

The fourth object is to economize in the material required in the making of curtains by the elimination of the usual double hem at their upper edge.

The fifth object is to so hold the upper edge of the curtain that the rods and supporting brackets will be entirely concealed without having the upper portion of the curtain become distorted and present an unsightly appearance.

These, and other objects, will become more apparent from the specification following as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device of which Figure 2 is a front elevation. Figure 3 is a front elevation of the upper edge of a curtain showing same being supported by means of this device. Figure 4 is a side elevation of Figure 3. Figure 5 is a plan of Figure 3.

Similar numbers of reference refer to the same parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the device itself consists of two parts 10 and 11 of somewhat half round cross section and having their lower ends bent backwardly to form a shoulder 12 and then downwardly along the legs 13 to a hinge 14. The upper ends 15 are turned backwardly and downwardly in a manner to form a rounded hook which can slip over the usual curtain rod 16.

The adjacent faces of the members 10 and 11 are provided with teeth 17 along the outwardly projecting portions and it is these teeth which engage the fabric of the curtain 18.

Obviously the members 10 and 11 may be formed of flat stock, in which case the teeth 17 can be crimped therein, or both could be formed on the edge of the flat stock, without departing from the spirit of this invention.

An ordinary pin 19 is passed through the holes 20 in the ends 15 after the device is clamped on the curtain, and the pin 19 is then bent over.

In cheaper forms of this device instead of employing the half round stock as illustrated, a round spring wire can be used and the hinge be in the form of a coil, as is an ordinary safety pin. With this construction instead of employing an ordinary pin to fasten the hook ends 15 together it is preferable merely to latch same as is the ordinary safety pin.

In employing this device the gathers are taken in the upper edge of the curtain and the opened device is slipped around the gather and the two hook ends 15 pressed together and fastened by means of a pin, or in any other convenient manner. This operation is repeated for each gather, and when each gather is formed and secured as described, the hooks are merely hung over the curtain rod and moved along as desired. Obviously, the task of putting a curtain into place, or removing same, when employing these hangers becomes a very simple matter.

We are aware that many different devices have been constructed in the past for the purpose of fastening curtains, we therefore do not intend to cover such devices broadly, but we do intend to cover all such forms and modifications thereof as fall fairly within the appended claim.

We claim:

A curtain holder consisting of a pair of jaw members hinged at their lower ends and bulging forwardly along the middle portion thereof to engage gathers in a curtain, the inner portions of this bulging portion being adapted to rigidly hold fabric between same, the upper portion of said jaw members turning backwardly and downwardly to form hooks by means of which the curtain may be suspended from a rod; and means for fastening said hook ends of the clamp together in a manner to engage the inner faces of its bulging portions.

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