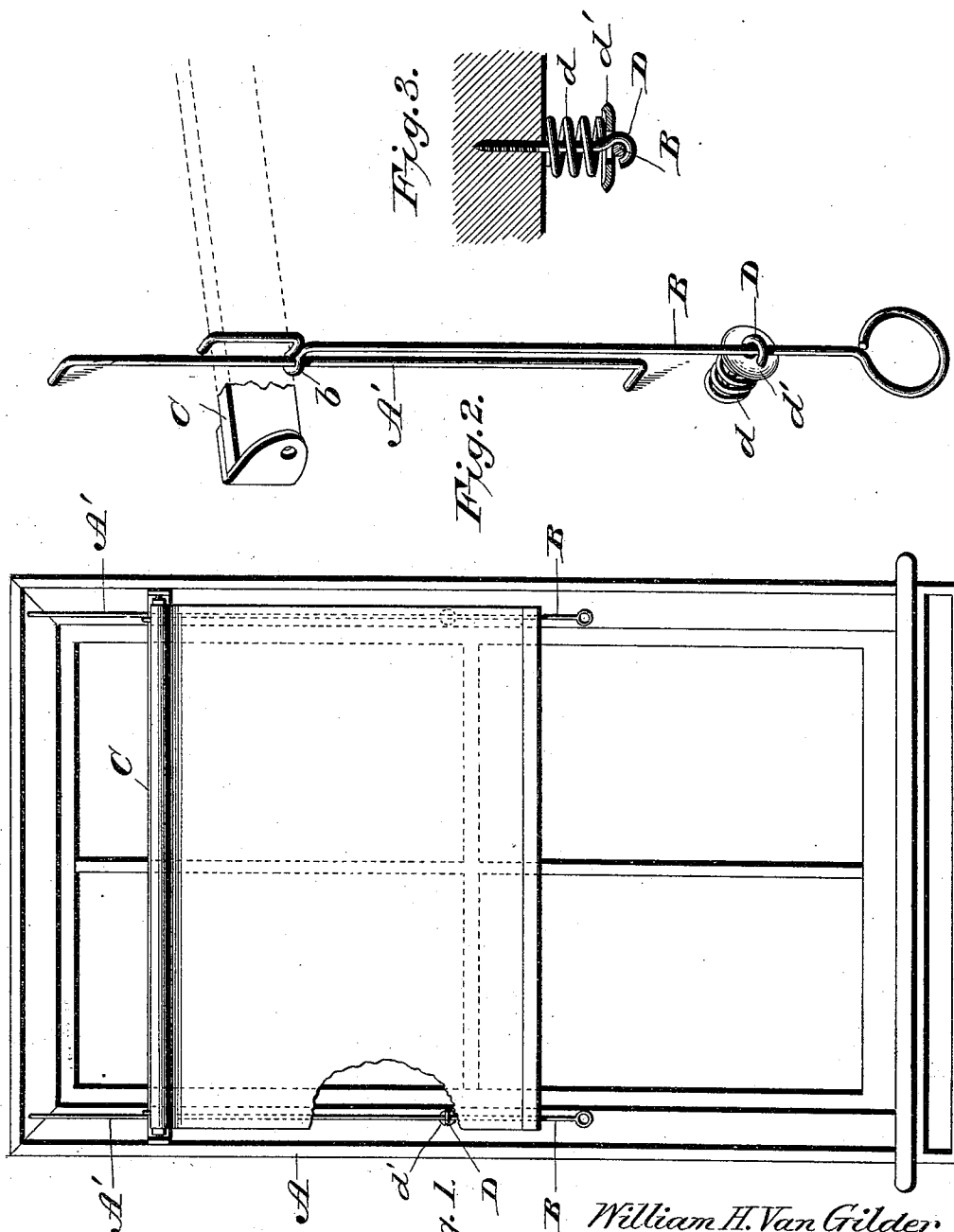


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. VAN GILDER and ANDREW H. WILSON, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Perryville, in the county of Ashland and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Shade Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an adjustable support for a window-shade bracket comprising bars which are attached to each side of the window-frame, rods bent to engage said bars and slide thereon, and spring-catches which hold the rods in an adjusted position by frictional contact, the upper ends of the rods being bent to embrace the cross-bar of the fixture which supports the shade-roller, the parts being so arranged that the shade-roller can be moved up and down with respect to the window-frame, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a window-frame, showing our improvements applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, and Fig. 3 a sectional view, showing the construction of the catch.

A designates the window-frame to each side of which is attached a vertical bar A', said bars being preferably provided with bent ends, which are pointed so that they may be readily driven into the window-frame.

B designates rods which are bent near their upper ends so as to form eyes b, which embrace the bars A', the upper end of the rod beyond the eye being bent inwardly to embrace the cross-bar C of the fixture which supports the shade-roller. The lower end of each rod is formed into a ring or handle, by means of which it can be slid up and down upon its supporting-bar A'.

D designates catches which are secured to the window-frame below the bars A' and are encircled by helical springs d, which bear at

their outer ends against plates d', and said plates bear against the rods B when they are placed in engagement with the catches, so as to hold the rods in an adjusted position by frictional contact. The rods may be provided on their outer edges with notches, so as to insure a better engagement with the catches.

After the device has been attached to the window-frame the cross-bar C of the fixture which supports the shade-roller is placed in engagement with the upper ends of the rods B, lying between said rods and the bars A'. By this arrangement the curtain-shade roller can be raised and lowered and the fixture which supports the same can be readily removed from the rods B B.

The device hereinbefore described is extremely simple, can be manufactured at a very small cost, and can be readily attached to a window-frame.

We are aware that prior to our invention it has been proposed to provide an adjustable shade-bracket with means whereby the shade-roller could be raised and lowered with respect to the window-frame, and we do not claim such invention, broadly; but

What we do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a curtain fixture, the combination, of parallel bars attached to the sides of the window-frame, rods B B bent below their upper ends into eyes or loops which hold the rods in sliding engagement with the parallel bars the portion of the rods above the eyes or loops being bent outwardly, upwardly and then inwardly, and a cross-bar C carried by the upper bent ends of the rods; together with catches attached to the window-frame below the parallel bars, said catches engaging with the vertically movable rods, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

2. A curtain fixture comprising parallel bars A' A' having bent ends for engagement with the window-frame, rods B B bent near their upper ends to engage the bars A' the upper ends of the rods being further bent for engagement with the cross-bar of a fixture which supports the shade-roller and the lower ends of the rods being bent into rings or operating handles, and catches D secured to the

5 window-frame below the bars A', springs *d* which encircle the catches, and plates *d'* which bear against the outer ends of the springs, the rods B being placed in engagement with the catches so as to bear against the plates *d'*, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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