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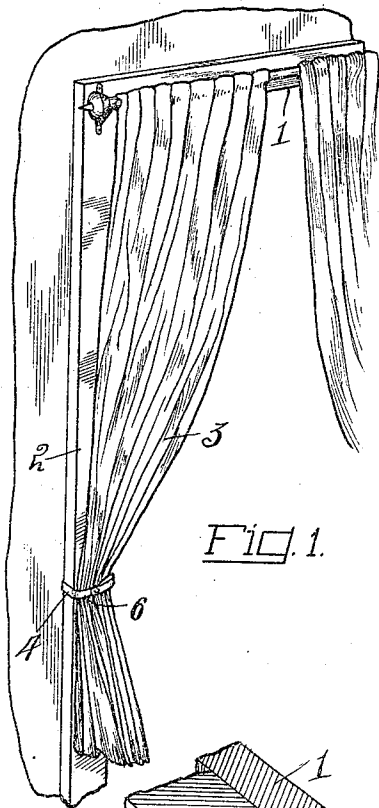


Fig. 1.

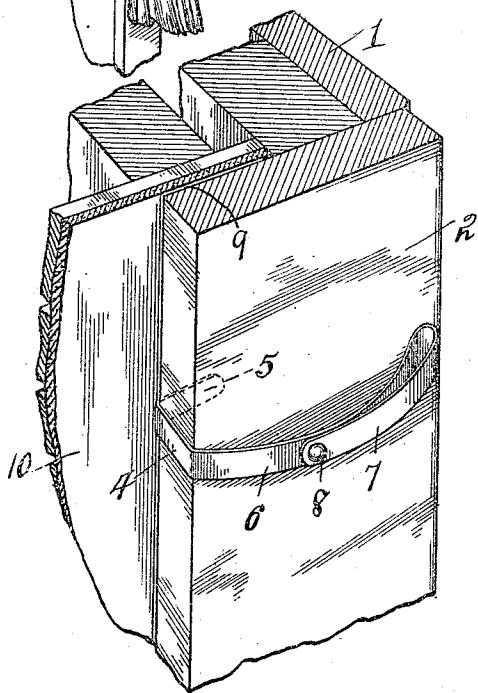


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

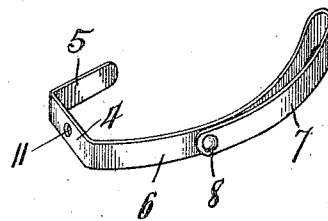
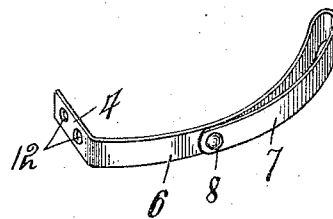


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. SCHULTZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Curtain-Holder; and I 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 the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to article holding devices, and particularly to devices of this character adapted to take the place of the curtain tie-backs commonly used in connection with window and door curtains.

The primary object of my invention is the provision of improved means of this character, which is simple and inexpensive in its construction and capable of being easily and quickly applied to a window or door casing.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and while, in its broader aspect, it is capable of embodiment in numerous forms, a preferred embodiment thereof is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a window or door casing having curtains hung therein and draped back by the use of my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of a casing and portion of a wall with one form of my invention associated therewith. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of a slightly modified form thereof.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a door or window casing having the customary facing strip or part 2, and 3 a curtain hung from a pole or other support at the top of the casing and adapted to have its lower portion draped back to the casing side.

The device embodying the preferred form of my invention comprises a length of spring strap metal, which is bent to form the cross-piece 4, from opposite ends of which a tongue 5 and bowed curtain holding finger 6 project in the same general direction. The finger 6 is provided at its free end with a turned-back portion 7, which forms an

open loop with the finger 6 to broaden its nose, and has its free end fixed to said finger by a rivet 8 or in any other suitable manner.

In applying the device to a casing it is only necessary to slip it over the outer or free edge of the casing strip 2 with the tongue 5 projecting within the space 9, which is customarily present between the casing strip and the wall 10, and with the finger 6 projecting across the outer side of the strip 2 in outwardly bowed relation thereto and with its free end yieldingly bearing inward thereagainst, as shown in Fig. 2. The spring tension with which the finger 6 bears against the strip 2 depends largely on the angle of the tongue 5 relative to the cross-piece 4, as the more acute the angle the stiffer will be the curtain holding tension of the finger. It is evident that a curtain 3 may be gathered back and inserted within the space between the finger 6 and casing strip in a simple and quick manner, and when gathered within such space is quite firmly held in position by the spring tension of the finger.

If desired the cross-piece 4 of the holder may be provided with an aperture 11 through which a screw or nail may be inserted and turned into the outer edge of the casing strip, thus providing a positive means for securing the holder to said strip. In some buildings the outer edge of the casing strips are either set into or so closely placed with respect to the wall 10 as not to permit the insertion of the tongue 5 therebetween. In such case the tongue may be omitted from the holder, as shown in Fig. 4 and the cross-piece 4 provided with one or more apertures 12 for receiving nails or screws by means of which such cross-piece may be firmly secured to the casing edge.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific construction, arrangement or form of its parts, as it is capable of numerous modifications without departing from the spirit of the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device of the class described having at one end a part for attaching to a supporting member, and an outwardly bowed spring finger projecting from said part and adapted to bear at its free end against the member to which attached, said finger having the

material at its free end looped back upon itself to form a blunt end.

2. A device of the class described formed in U-shape from spring metal to adapt it to be slipped over the edge of a casing strip or the like, one leg of said device being outwardly bowed and adapted to cooperate with the member to which secured to hold a curtain or other device in yielding engagement therewith and terminating at its free end in a closed loop.

3. A device of the class described formed in U-shape from spring metal to adapt it to

be slipped over the edge of a casing strip or the like, the inner leg of said device being short and the outer leg being outwardly bowed to adapt it to cooperate with the casing strip to which secured to hold a curtain or other device in yielding engagement therewith, the nose of said bowed portion yieldingly bearing against the associated casing strip and terminating in a loop which is elongated lengthwise of the body portion.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to this specification.

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