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Fig. 1

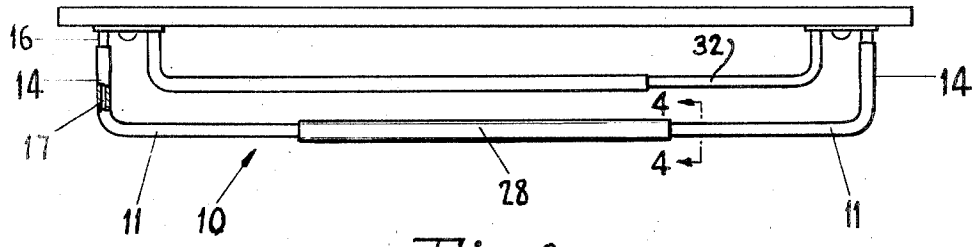


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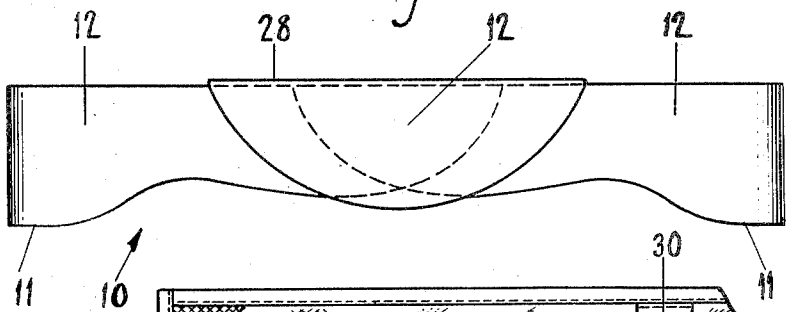
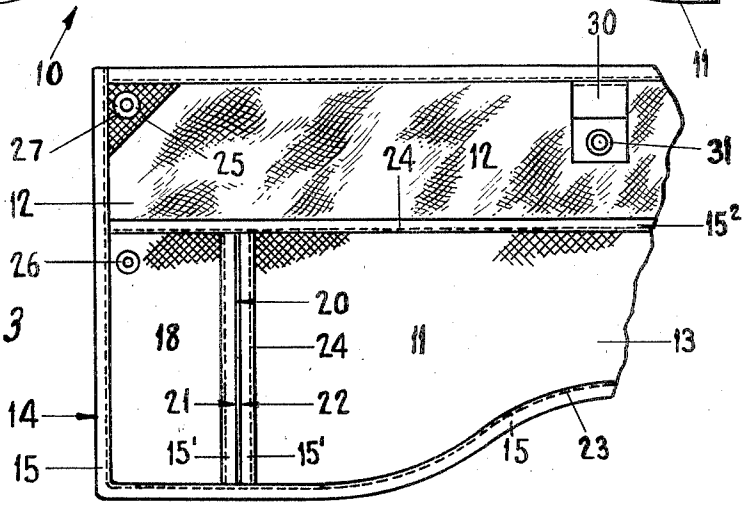


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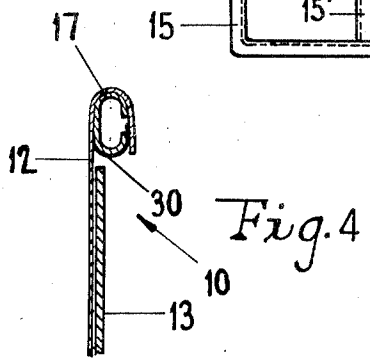


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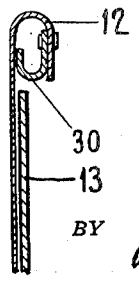


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to ready-made foldable box-like cornices for curtains or draperies for increasing the ornamental effect produced on windows by curtains, draperies or Venetian blinds.

An object of this invention is to provide a box-like cornice which may be folded flat for shipment and which may be erected so as to bring its end portions in right-angular relation with its front face.

Another object of this invention is to provide a box-like cornice having a soft fabric front facing and having a backing made of rigid material, the said backing being secured only to the edges of the lower portion of the front facing and being separated from the front facing all along its upper edge.

Another object of this invention is to provide a box-like cornice adapted to be mounted on a curtain rod and having a soft fabric facing, and to provide a backing for weighing down and imparting a plane form to said soft fabric to produce a smooth and refined appearing front face while having rigidity and a box-like form, the upper edge of said backing being positioned closely below said curtain rod.

Another object of this invention is to provide a box-like cornice having a flexible and non-stiffened upper edge portion, the said upper edge portion being foldable for mounting over a curtain rod and being given an elongated linear form by said rod.

Another object of this invention is to provide a box-like cornice made up of a plurality of separable members, the top edge portion of each of said members having a spring clip adapted to grip the curtain rod for detachably securing the cornice members to the curtain rod.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described, and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims which form part of this specification.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a foldable box-like cornice constructed in accordance with this invention and mounted on a curtain rod having right-angularly disposed side members.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the cornice.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary rear view of an end member, on an enlarged scale.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of an end member, the section being taken as on line 4—4 in Figure 1.

Figure 5 is an end view, similar to Figure 4, with the curtain rod removed.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention the numeral 10 indicates a foldable box-like cornice which comprises two end members 11 having soft fabric facings 12. Each end member 11 has a rigid backing 13 at its lower portion for the purpose of imparting a plane form to the soft fabric.

As shown in Figure 3, I have secured a side member 14 to each end member 11. Each side member and end member are secured together by stitching a binding 15 which extends throughout the entire length of the outer boundary of the rigid backing material.

The soft fabric front facing 12 has been extended sideways so as to provide facing material for the side member 14. This extended facing fabric is carried along a right-angular side extension 16 of a curtain rod 17 on which the cornice 10 is mounted and covers the upper surface of the curtain rod.

A rigid backing 18 of rectangular form has been secured by the binding strip along one vertical and one horizontal edge to the front fabric 12 for the purpose of imparting a plane form to the soft facing fabric of the side member 14.

A narrow opening 20 appears between the adjoining edges 21 and 22 of the rigid backing materials 18 and 13. The opening 20 makes it possible to erect the side member 14 in right-angular relation with its coacting end member 11.

The adjoining edges 21 and 22 defining the opening 20 are covered with binding 15'. The upper edges of the backing material 13 and 18 are finished with a binding 15^2. The binding 15 is secured by stitching 23 which passes through the rigid backing and the front facing. Bindings 15^1 and 15^2 are secured by stitching 24 which passes only through the rigid backing materials 13 and 18. The bindings 15 and 15^2 cause the upper and lower edges of the backing members 11 and 18 to be flexibly connected together by hinge-like means so as to be foldable. The upper edges of the rigid backings 13 and 18 are thus not secured to the front facing 12. The boundary edges of the facing fabric 12 appearing as a single layer at the upper elevation of Figure 3, are also bound and the binding serves to secure a gusset 25 at the corner.

I have provided complementary fastener members 26 and 27, preferably of the ball and socket snap fastener type for securing the cornice to a

curtain rod. The snap fastener member 26 is secured to the side member 14 of the cornice. The snap fastener member 27 is secured to the gusset end portion of the single layer upper extension of the soft and foldable fabric facing 12.

When the cornice 10 is mounted on the curtain rod 17, the soft and pliable upper portion single layer facing material 12 is folded over the curtain rod and the folded part is secured to the backing 18 of the side wall 14 by bringing the snap fastener members 26 and 27 into interlocking engagement. In this service position, the right-angular curtain rod extension 16 imparts a right-angular form to the side wall 14 with relation to the front face of the end member 11.

As shown in Figure 2, I have provided a decorative cover member 28 of substantially semi-circular form and having a rigid backing (not shown) which is designed to impart a plane form to the soft fabric facing 12. In cornice making relation, best shown in Fig. 2, the cover member 28 is mounted in superposed relation over two side members 11, 11, centrally of the cornice.

As shown in Figures 3 and 4, I have provided a spring clip 30 which is preferably attached by means of eyelets 31 to the rear of the single layer upper extension of the facing fabric 12.

As shown in Figure 4, the cornice 10 is mounted in service position on the curtain rod 17. It will be noted that the soft fabric facing 12 has been folded over the curtain rod and the spring clip 30 has been brought upwardly into frictional engagement with the lower portion of the curtain rod. It will be noted that any attempt to dislodge the cornice section from the curtain rod by pulling downwardly on the cornice will only serve to make the engagement of the spring clip with the curtain rod more secure.

It is to be noted that under operating conditions, a curtain rod 32 is mounted on the upper portion of the window and rearwards of the curtain rod 17 for supporting a curtain (not shown). The positions of the spring clips 30 will be about one-third the distance from the front end of an end member 11 and at the middle of the cover member 28. A gusset (not shown) will be secured at the rear end of each of the end members, similar to the gusset 25 to maintain the right-angular positions of the side members.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described and illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention, but it will be understood that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a foldable box-like cornice for curtains or drapes, comprising a pair of end members and a central member, each comprising a flat form having a front facing of soft fabric and a rigid backing, said end members each including a pair of foldable backing elements adapted to be erectable at right angles to each other, said backing elements being in adjacent relation at the line of folding, means for flexibly and hingeably connecting the upper and lower edges of said backing elements at said line of folding.

2. A foldable box-like cornice for curtains or drapes, comprising a pair of end members and a central member, each comprising a flat form having a front facing of soft fabric and a rigid backing, said end members each including a pair of foldable backing elements adapted to be erectable at right angles to each other, said elements meeting at the line of folding and having a linear space between them at the fold, the upper and lower edges of said backing elements being flexibly connected by hinge-like means, said end members also including a pliable upper section foldable over a curtain rod and adapted to be given form by said rod, said backing being attached to said facing all along its bottom edge, means for securing said foldable upper edge portions to said curtain rod and comprising complementary fastener members respectively positioned at opposite ends of the fold of said pliable upper section, said central member being mounted substantially centrally of said cornice and in overlapping relation with said end members, said backing respectively extending throughout the entire length of each of said cornice members, the weight of said backing at said bottom edge holding said soft facing straight, whereby the front face and the right-angularly erectable side faces of said cornice simulate a rigid U-shaped box-like cornice when in service on a curtain rod having right-angularly disposed side extensions.

3. A foldable box-like cornice for curtains or drapes, comprising a pair of end members and a central member, each comprising a flat form having a front facing of soft fabric and a rigid backing, said end members each including a pair of foldable backing elements adapted to be erectable at right angles to each other, said elements meeting at the line of folding, the upper and lower edges of said backing elements being connected together by hinge-like means, said end members also including a pliable upper section foldable over a curtain rod and adapted to be given form by said rod, said backing being attached to said facing all along its bottom edge, means for securing said foldable upper edge portions to said curtain rod, said central member being mounted substantially centrally of said cornice and in overlapping relation with said end members, said backing respectively extending throughout the entire length of each of said cornice members, said backing holding said soft facing straight, whereby the front face and the right-angularly erectable side faces of said cornice simulate a rigid U-shaped box-like cornice when in service on a curtain rod having right-angularly disposed side extensions.

4. A valance comprising a pair of end members and a central member, each comprising a flat form having a front facing of soft fabric and a rigid backing, each of said flat forms having an apron portion and an upper edge portion movably disposed relative to the apron portion, whereby the valance is adapted for attachment to a drapery rod and is adjustable thereon to various widths of windows.

5. In a valance combination, an apron portion at least partially provided with a substantially rigid backing material, a slit longitudinally of the said backing material determining an end portion of the said valance adapted for angular disposition relative to the said apron portion, and an upper edge portion movably disposed relative to the said apron portion.

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