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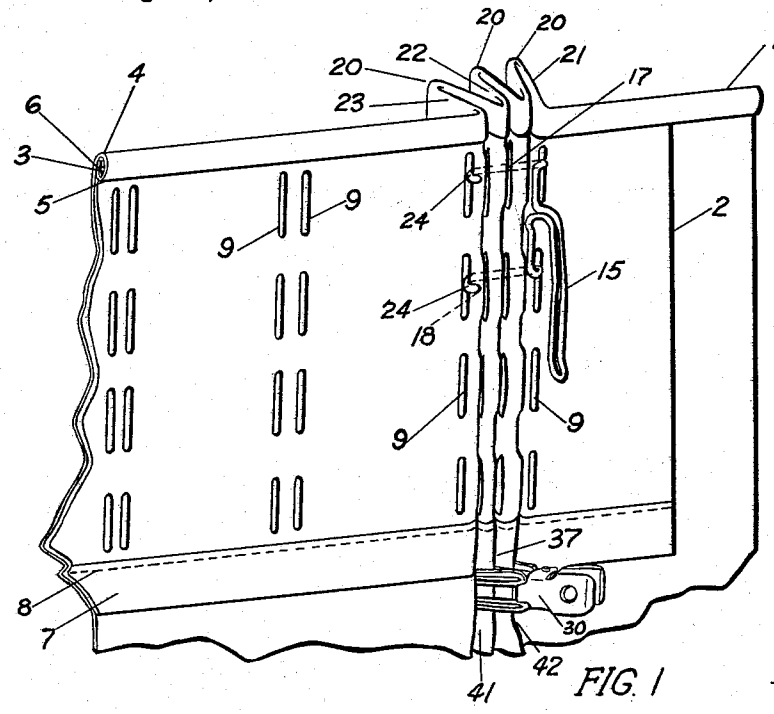


FIG. 1

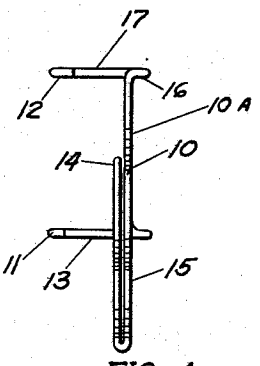


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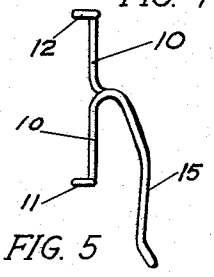


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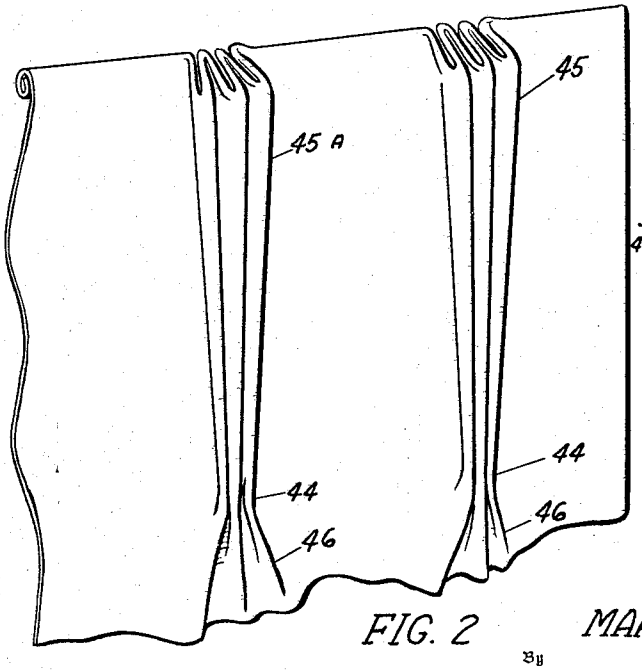


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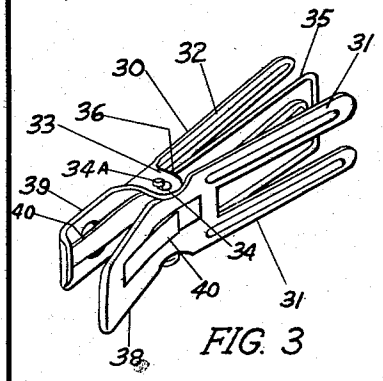


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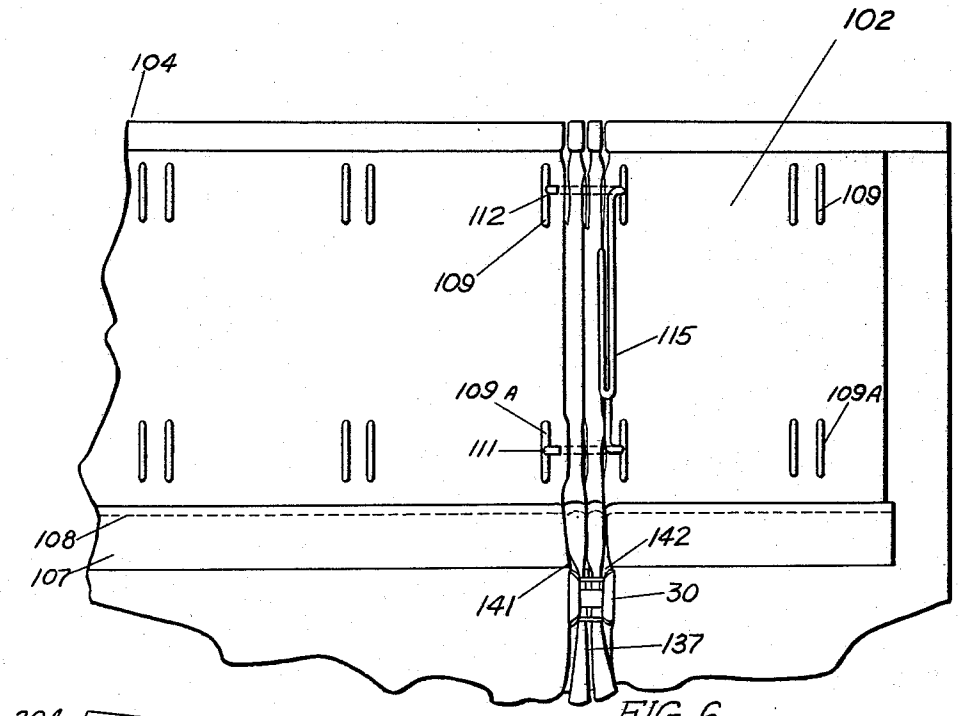


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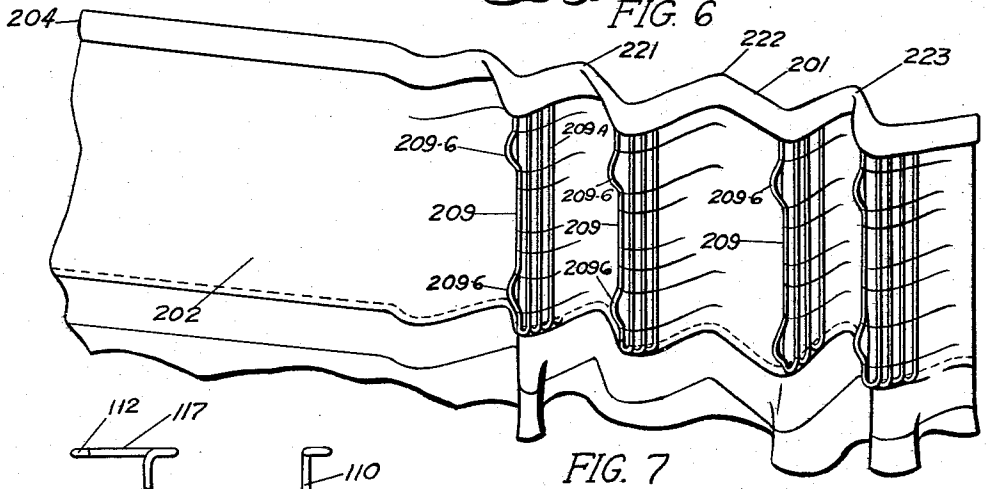


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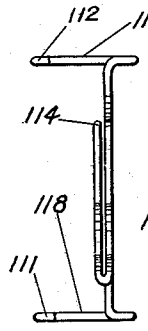


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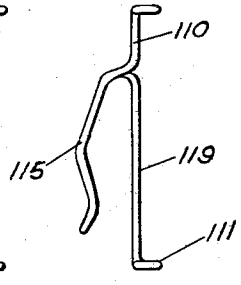


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This invention relates generally to draperies and more specifically to hanging means for supporting draperies in front of windows in dwelling houses.

In putting draperies in front of windows in dwelling houses, it has been very difficult in the past to support the drapery in a neat manner so that it will have a pleasing appearance and yet provide a supporting means which will be economical to manufacture and convenient to use. In one type of drapery now in use, a piece of tape is sewed to the upper edge of the drapery and pockets are sewed in the tape by sewing the tape to the drapery by vertical seams at spaced points, leaving openings between the tape and the drapery. This has proven to be an expensive and time consuming manufacturing operation.

It is, accordingly, an object of my invention to provide a supporting means for draperies which will support the draperies in such a manner that the draperies will have a pleasing appearance.

Another object of my invention is to provide a supporting means for draperies, which supporting means will be convenient to attach to the draperies.

It is another object of my invention to provide a hook of unique shape for use in supporting draperies.

It is another object of my invention to provide a novel combination of tape and draperies.

It is another object of my invention to provide a novel means for attaching tape to draperies.

It is another object of my invention to provide a means which will support the draperies and hold the folds thereof in position wherein they will have a pleasing appearance.

It is another object of my invention to provide a novel type supporting means for supporting draperies in a pleasing manner.

It is another object of my invention to provide a novel type of tape which will have means thereon to cooperate with supporting means to support draperies in a pleasing manner.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel adjusting means for draperies.

Another object of my invention is to provide a supporting means for draperies which will be economical to manufacture, simple in use, pleasing in appearance, and which has exceeding durability.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will appear to those skilled in the art from a study of the drawings and the appended specification and claims, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a drapery with novel support means attached thereto and a novel clip means in place thereon;

Fig. 2 is a front perspective view of the drapery shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my novel clip shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a rear view of the support means shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a side view of the support means shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a rear view of another form of a drapery incorporating another form of my invention;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a drapery according to my invention disclosing another embodiment thereof;

Fig. 8 is a view of another embodiment of a novel type support means; and

Fig. 9 is a side view of the support means shown in Fig. 8.

With more particular reference to the drawings, Fig. 1 shows a drapery **1** having a strip of tape **2** sewed thereto at **3** with the upper edge of the drapery folded over at **4** and upward at **5** to be joined to the tape **2** by a seam **6**. The tape **2** has a strip of material **7** sewed thereto by seam **8** and the side of the material **7** next to the drapery has an adhesive surface coating thereon which is sensitive to heat and which will adhere to the drapery **1** when heat and pressure are applied to the member **7**, such as by means of a flat iron. The tape **2** has oblong holes **9** formed therein in spaced rows as indicated. A drapery support **10***a* having a body member **10** is provided to cooperate with the tape **2**. The support **10***a* is made from one continuous wire having the ends thereof formed in the shape of hooks **11** and **12**. The hook **11** extends toward the main body **10** laterally at **13** and is bent inwardly and longitudinally at **14**, then bent back on itself and then upwardly to form supporting hook **15**, laterally outward at **16**, and laterally inwardly at **17** to join with hook **12**. Folds **20** are formed by gathering the drapery material at **21**, **22**, and **23** and inserting the lateral member **17** through the holes **9** and along the hook member **12** to engage the edge of the holes at **24**. The hook member **15** of the hook extends outwardly from the drapery in position to engage a curtain supporting rod or other supporting means. The clip member **30** is provided with side members **31** and **32** having ears **33** connected by means of pivots **34**. Pivots **34** are formed by bending the U-shaped wire central member **35** upwardly at the end **36** thereof at right angles to the side members and forming the head **34***a* thereon. The U-shaped member **35** forms a spacing portion for use between the drapery folds at **37**. The side members **31** and **32** extend rearwardly of the pivot **34** to form handle members **38** and **39**, respectively. The return spring **40** is provided to urge the side members **31** and **32** into engagement with the central member **35**. When in use on a drapery, the side members **31** and **32** are inserted between folds at **41** and **42** and the U-shaped member **35** is inserted between the folds at **37**.

The support member **10***a* serves to assist in holding the drapery in neat folded relation when viewed from the front at **45** and the folds are caused to taper inwardly from the upper portion **45** downwardly to the point of attachment of the clip at **44**; thence, to flare outwardly at **46**. The groups of folds **45** and **45***a* may be spaced at any desired distance according to the taste of the individual user of the draperies. Several lateral rows of holes are provided in the tape so that the support member **10***a* may be inserted in different rows of holes in order to provide adjustment for the height of the drapery above the floor to compensate for errors in length of drapery during manufacture.

Fig. 6 discloses another embodiment of my invention wherein a wider tape **102** is provided having two rows of holes **109** and **109***a* spaced at either edge of the tape. the tape is secured to the drapery in a manner similar to the manner that the tape is secured in the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 1 and corresponding numerals are used having one hundred added to each corresponding numeral in Fig. 6 when referred to the numerals in Fig. 1.

The hooks shown in Figs. 8 and 9 are similar in con-

struction to those shown in Figs. 4 and 5; however, the hooks shown in Fig. 9 have a longer back member **119** in the corresponding body members **10** of the hooks shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The hook member **111** extends laterally at **118**, longitudinally to form back member **119**, bent to form supporting hook **115**, then the wire is bent back on itself to form longitudinal member **110**, then laterally at **117**, and the hook **112** is formed on the end thereof. Hook member **112** is adapted to pass through upper row of holes **109** and hook **112** engages the edge of the last holes **109** through which it was passed to prevent the hook from being withdrawn therefrom. The hook **111** is inserted between the lower row of holes in a similar manner and hook **111** cooperates with the portion of the tape between the last of the holes **109***a* through which it passes to prevent the hook from being withdrawn therefrom. Supporting hook **115** is provided to cooperate with a drapery rod or other form of hanging means. Clip **30** is provided for use in a similar relation and in the manner in which clip **30** is used in Fig. 1. The handle members **38** and **39** of the clip **30** are squeezed together by the thumb and forefinger of the operator, thereby separating side members **31** and **32**, and the side members **31** and **32** are inserted between the folds **141** and **142** of the drapery. The U-shaped member **35** is inserted between the folds at **137**. The pressure of the handles of the clip is then released and the side members **31** and **32** are allowed to close to hold the drapery folds in neat and engaging relation with side members **31** and **32** and central U-shaped member **35**.

Fig. 7 shows another embodiment of the invention wherein a strip of loosely woven material **202** having hook engaging loops at spaced points is substituted for the tape **2** of the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 1. The material is sewed or by other means attached to the drapery at **204**. This material may be attached by a heat sensitive adhesive tape similar to the method of attachment of the tape shown in Fig. 1. The material is provided with vertically extending loops **209** and **209***a*. The loops **209** are heavier than the loops **209***a* and loops **209** are left slack to form loops **209–6**. Loops **209–6** are adapted to be engaged by a support similar to the support **10***a* and the end hook members **11** and **12** of the supporting members shown in Figs. 4 and 5 or the end hooks **111** and **112** of the supporting members shown in Figs. 8 and 9 are suitable for use with this type of drapery material. The drapery **201** is adapted to be folded in folds **221**, **222**, and **223** in order to adapt the drapery to be engaged by a support member such as those shown in Figs. 4 and 5 or those shown in Figs. 8 and 9.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that I have provided a novel type of drapery support which is economical to manufacture, which will be pleasing in appearance, and which will be practical in application.

Various changes may be made in the specific embodiments of my invention disclosed herein without departing therefrom or from the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In a clip for draperies and the like, two side members pivotally attached to each other and a central member pivotally connected to said side members and disposed therebetween in substantially parallel relation, said central member comprising a U-shaped wire member having its ends bent outwardly pivotally engaging the side members, said central member extending from the pivot point to its position between the side members.

2. The clip recited in claim 1 wherein a spring is provided to urge said side members toward each other.

3. A drapery and support therefor comprising a drapery body, a tape member secured to said body, means on said tape to cooperate with a drapery support to support said drapery and to hold said drapery material in folded relation, and a clip to cooperate with said support to hold said folds in substantially contacting relation, said support means comprising two laterally extending members having hook means secured thereto, said clip means comprising two side members pivotally attached to each other and a central member pivotally disposed between said side members in substantially parallel relation, said side members and central member adapted to extend between the folds of said drapery material.

4. The drapery and support recited in claim 3 wherein the support comprises two spaced laterally extending members secured to a body member, said laterally extending members having a hook formed at one end of each laterally extending member and at the other end, each laterally extending member being bent back on itself, then longitudinally toward each other to form two longitudinally extending portions, then both members being bent to form a supporting hook, said members being attached together.

5. A support comprising two spaced laterally extending members secured to a body member, said laterally extending members having a hook formed at one end of each laterally extending member and at the other end, each laterally extending member being bent back on itself, then longitudinally toward each other to form two longitudinally extending portions, then both members being bent to form a supporting hook, said members being attached together.

6. The support recited in claim 5 wherein the longitudinal portion nearest said supporting hook is longer than the other.

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