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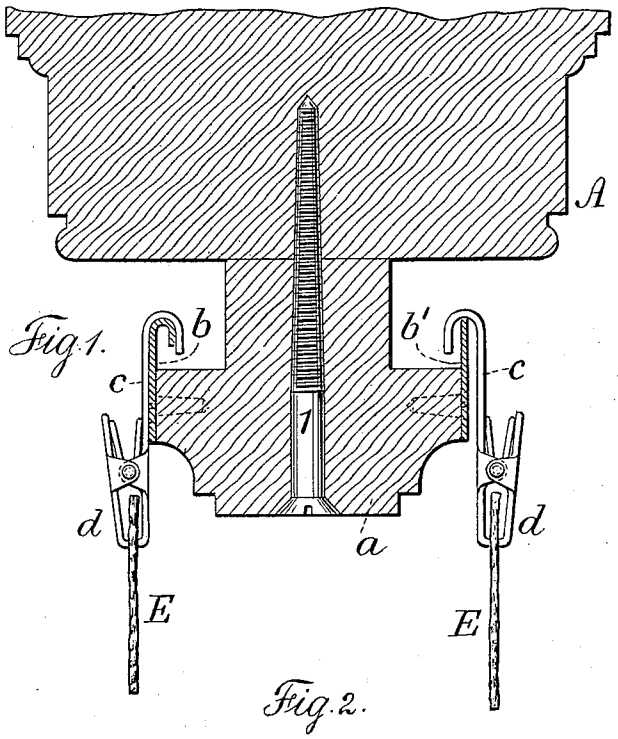


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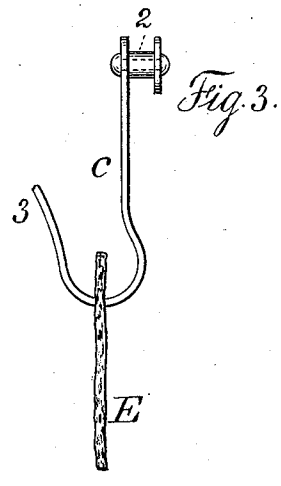
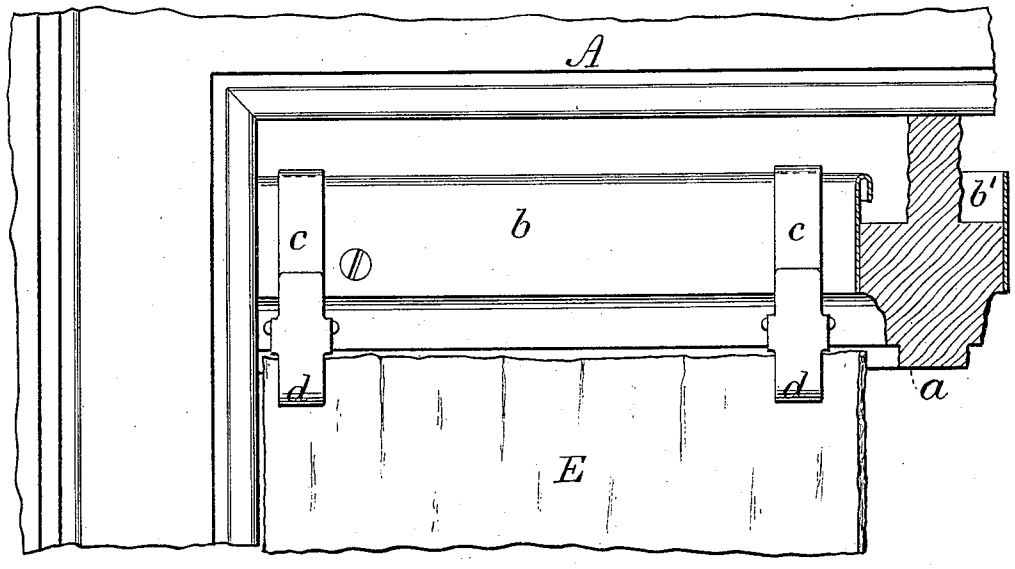


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. BROOME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Curtain-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

Curtains have in some instances been supported by hooks or rollers upon an overhead rail, so as to be drawn back and forth thereon, but with portière-curtains in doorways a rod or bar has generally been employed with rings to which the curtains are connected. In this instance there are openings between the bar and the lintel or soffit, and there is not any opportunity for moving two curtains, so that one hangs in a substantially parallel plane to the other at either one side or the other of the doorway or window.

The present invention allows for closing the space between the top of the curtain and the lintel or soffit, and also for moving one curtain independently of the other either at a window or at a doorway, and in carrying out this invention a strip with tracks at the opposite sides is provided and adapted to being fastened to the under side of the head of the window-frame or the lintel or soffit of the door-frame, and the curtains are suspended from hooks that pass over the tracks and can be slid along upon the same either in one direction or the other, and these tracks being elevated above the bottom side of the strip allow the top edges of the curtain to be brought up as high as the under side of such strip, thereby effectually closing the upper part of the window-frame or doorway, and the suspending devices for the curtain are made with spring-clips for receiving and holding such curtains reliably and allowing their easy disconnection.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a cross-section representing a portion of the lintel, soffit, or window-frame head with the sustaining-strip therewith connected, and portions of the upper ends of the curtains and the connecting devices. Fig. 2 is a partial side elevation of the devices shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a modification of the suspending devices.

The strip *a* is of a length adapted to extend from side to side of the doorway or window-frame, and it is fastened upon the under side of the lintel, soffit, or window-frame head A by screws 1 or other devices, and this strip *a* is approximately T-shaped in section and inverted, so that the wider portion receives upon its edges plates or tracks *b b'*, which project upward for the devices that suspend the curtain to run on the top edges of the tracks.

The hooks *c* are adapted at their upper edges to hook over the top edges of the tracks *b b'*, and the spring-clips *d d* are made with teeth or lips at their lower edges for receiving between them the curtain E, the clips being pivoted together and having a spring by which the teeth or lips of the clips are caused to firmly grasp the curtain.

It will be understood that where two curtains are employed one is suspended by hooks from the track *b* and the other suspended by hooks from the track *b'*, and hence the curtains can be moved independently of each other and both curtains can hang substantially flat and in parallel planes at one side or the other of the doorway or the window, and this is convenient for partially opening the doorway or the window at one side or the other; but where both curtains are hung from the same track they are to be moved toward the opposite ends of the strip *a* and track, as usual with curtain-poles.

If desired, the suspending-hooks *c* can be made with antifriction-rolls 2, as shown in Fig. 3, and they may also terminate with penetrating-hooks, as shown at 3.

I claim as my invention—

The curtain-support formed as an inverted-T-shaped strip adapted to be secured to the under side of the lintel, soffit or window-head, and having upwardly-projecting tracks upon its two parallel projecting edges and suspending devices for the curtain received upon and supported by the tracks, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 14th day of October, 1896.

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