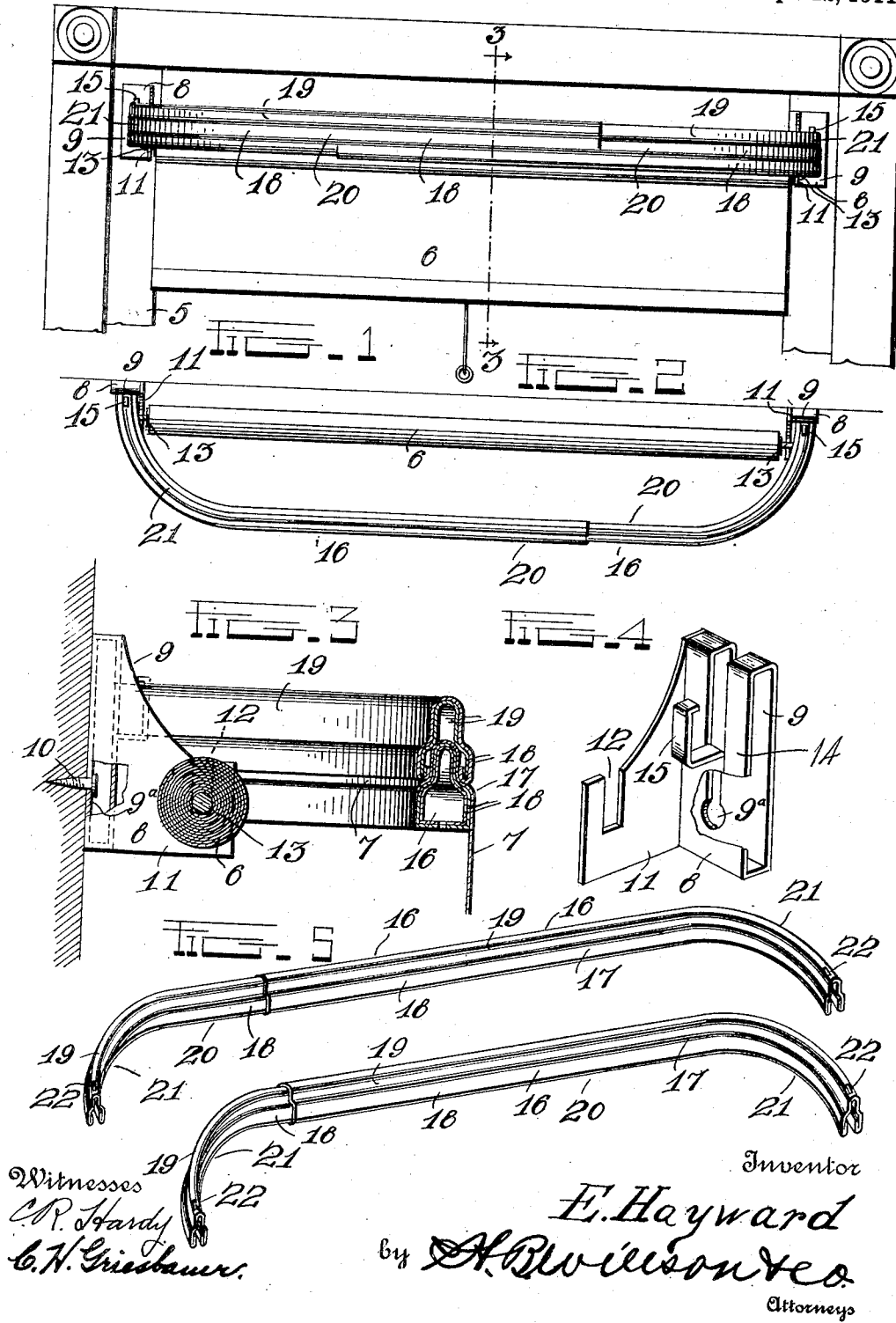


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE HAYWARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sturgis, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Shade and Curtain Holder; and I do 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.

This invention relates to shade and curtain holders, and has for an object to provide a device of this character in which shades and curtains of various lengths may be secured.

Another object of the invention is to provide a clamping means in which curtains of lace or other easily destructible fabric may be readily inserted and removed without tearing or otherwise injuring the curtain.

Another object of the invention is to provide a plurality of interchangeable resilient clamping means telescoping within each other to permit of their ready adjustment for use with curtains of various sizes.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a front elevation of a window frame provided with my improved shade and curtain holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the brackets. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the clamping members.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawings, 5 designates a window frame, 6 a shade, and 7 a curtain of easily destructible fabric secured in front of the shade 6. Suitably secured upon each side of the window frame are brackets 8, preferably composed of a single piece of metal bent into shape and having a body portion 9 provided with a key-hole opening 9^a for the reception of a stud or pin 10 upon the window frame and a bracket arm 11 extending at substantially right-angles to the body portion and provided with suitable slots or apertures 12 to receive the pintle 13 of the shade roller. The body member 9 of each bracket 8 is pref-

erably bent forwardly and then downwardly, as clearly indicated in Fig. 4, the front portion 14 being spaced from the body portion 9 and provided with a projecting upwardly extending arm or hook 15. As herein shown, this arm or hook 15 is constructed integrally with the forward portion 14 of the bracket and is suitably cut and bent into shape.

The curtain 7 is suitably secured in position by means of extensible interfitting clamping members 16, in the illustrated embodiment of my invention, being shown as composed of a plurality of similar sections of resilient material arranged in pairs and telescoping into each other, the upper of said pairs of sections fitting loosely over the lower of said pairs and securing the curtain between them. Each of said sections preferably has a body portion 17 formed with resilient side walls 18, having their edges bent inwardly and upwardly to reinforce the said walls, and a projecting tongue 19 of sufficient breadth to extend between the in-turned edges of the side walls of another of said sections and loosely fit the same. The said sections are similarly shaped and are preferably formed with a straight portion 20 having a curved end 21. In the tongue of each section adjacent the curved end 21 is provided an aperture 22, for the reception of the arm or hook 15 of the bracket 8. It will thus be apparent that two of said sections may be used together as extensible clamping members, the resilient sides of each allowing the insertion of the body portion and tongue of one section into the body portion and tongue of the other section, the resiliency of the side portions 20 permitting a telescopic movement of the one within the other. In practice, two of said sections are combined with the straight portions of each adjusted so that the apertures 22 of the curved ends of each fit over the hook 15 of the bracket 8. The upper end of the curtain 7 is then folded over the two sections. Two sections are thereupon similarly combined and arranged above the first mentioned section so that the tongue portions of the lower section fit between the side walls of the upper sections with the curtain between the tongue and walls. The resiliency of the sections will thus serve to retain the curtain in any adjusted position without danger of tearing or otherwise injuring the curtain.

The pintles 13 of the shade roller may be inserted into the slots or apertures 12 of the bracket arms 11 at any time without regard to the position of the curtain 7, and the bracket 8 may be adjusted to any desired point on the window frame to receive the pintles 13 of shades of different lengths, the clamping members for the curtains being readily extensible to correspond with the adjusted position of the bracket 8.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to claim by Letters-Patent is:

A curtain hanger comprising a lower clamping member having side walls and a center upwardly projecting tongue adapted to engage the under side of a folded edge of a curtain, the side walls forming shoulders at the base of the tongue on the opposite sides of the same, and a similar upper clamping member having resilient side walls resting on the shoulders of the lower member and closely engaging the tongue thereon to clamp the curtain on said tongue.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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