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Fig 1

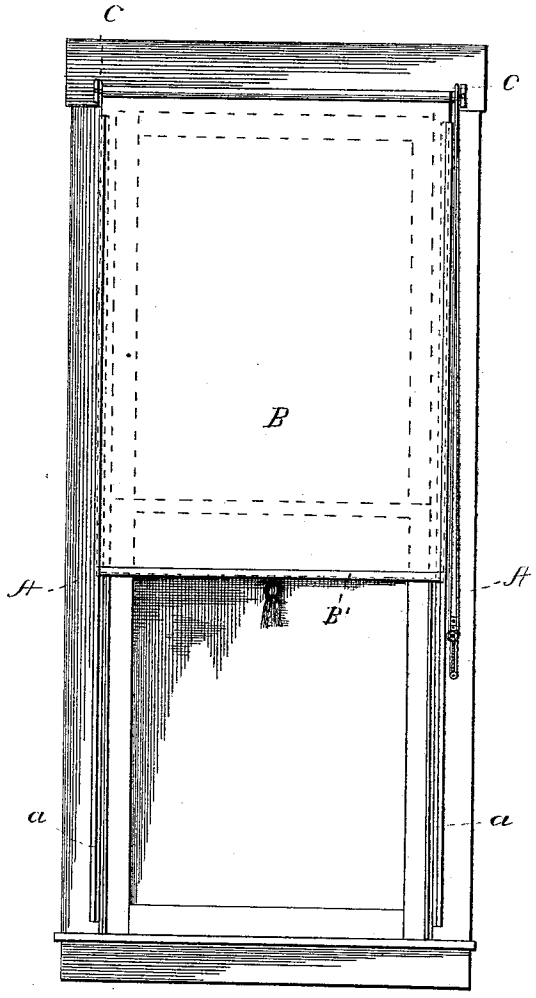


Fig 2.

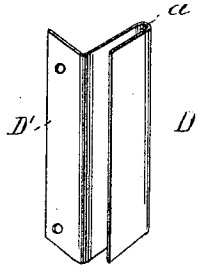
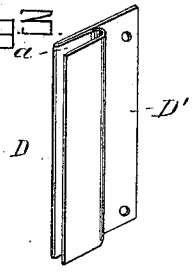


Fig 3.



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GUIDE FOR WINDOW-CURTAINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANKLIN B. SNOOK and DANIEL DEATH, citizens of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Warren and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guides for Window-Curtains, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention is an improvement in curtain-fixtures, and has for its object to provide a simple and cheap construction by which the curtain may have its edges held close to the window-frame in such manner as to guide said curtain in its up-and-down movement and insure its winding properly on the roller, and also to exclude the light and insects and protect the inmates of the room from the gaze of the passer-by, and at the same time to provide against sharp edges coming in contact with the outer face of the curtain.

The invention consists in the construction of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a window provided with our improvement. Figs. 2 and 3 represent in perspective two forms of guides embodying our novel feature of construction.

It is well known that curtains frequently have their edges torn and frayed by coming into contact with the roller-brackets when not wound straight on the roller. The curtain also when not wound straight presents a bad appearance both from the street and from within the house. This our invention overcomes by providing each side of the window-frame with guide-grooves in which to hold the edges of the curtain. By this construction the curtain is not only guided properly onto its roller, but its edges are held close to the window in such manner as to darken the room, prevent the ingress of flies, and completely obscure the gaze of the passer-by.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the sides of the window-frames provided with vertical grooves *a*. The curtain B is wound on the roller C and has its edges held in the grooves *a*. It is preferred to form the bottom cross-bar, B′, of the curtain of metal in order to give the curtain weight and insure a steadier movement of the same up and down.

We form strips D (for holding and guiding the edges of the curtain) of flat metal and bend them to produce the grooves, and a wing, D′, extended laterally beyond the groove in order that the strips may be conveniently secured by nails driven through said wings. It is preferred to form this wing at right angles to the groove, as shown in Fig. 2, so it may be nailed to the inner face of the window; but it is manifest that such wing may be formed by bending back one wall-plate of the groove on itself and extending it past the rear side of the groove, as shown in Fig. 3. These lateral flanges D′ enable the strips to be conveniently attached to the window.

These strips, it will be understood, may be sold to the trade and to householders and be applied to the window by the user.

We are aware that guides for curtains of a somewhat analogous character have heretofore been known and used, and do not claim such, broadly. Our invention contemplates a bended or turned edge to present to the outer side of the curtain, and we confine ourselves to such construction. This gives the same smoothness to the corner which comes in contact with the outer side of the curtain as is possessed by the rounded edge or corner of the wooden window-frame.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A guide for the edges of window-curtains to be secured upon the wooden frame, consisting of a piece of sheet metal bent to form the longitudinal groove for the reception of the edge of the curtain and bent or turned over again to present a rounded and smooth surface to the outer side or face of the curtain, as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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