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CURTAIN ROD BRACKET.

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Fig. 1.

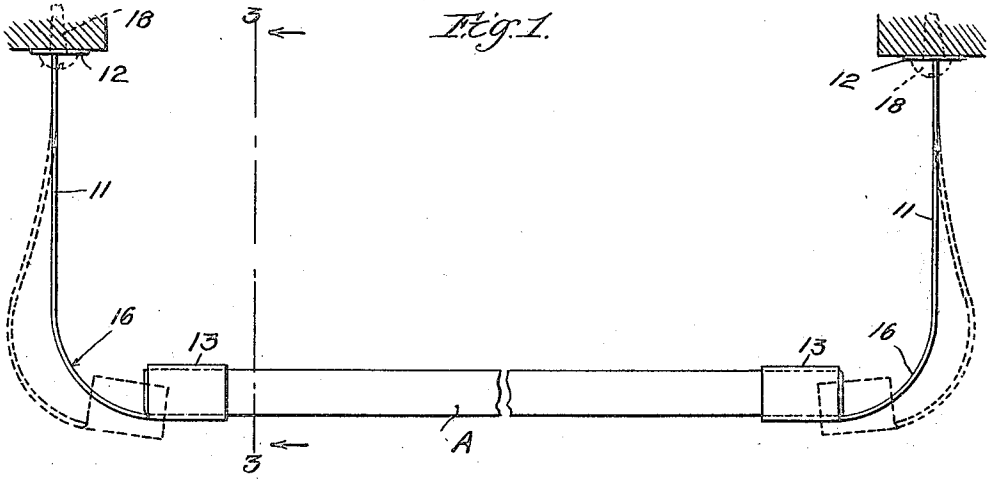


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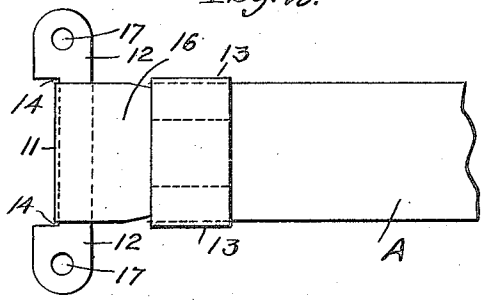


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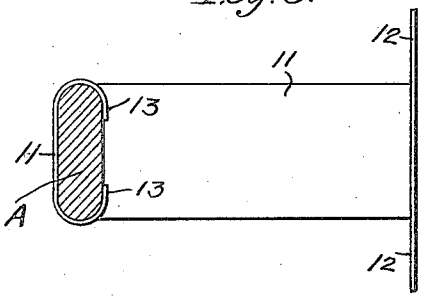


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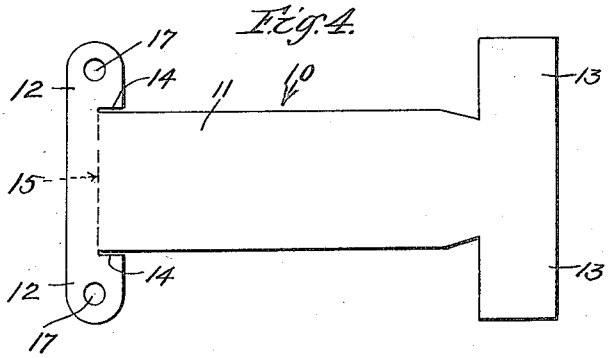
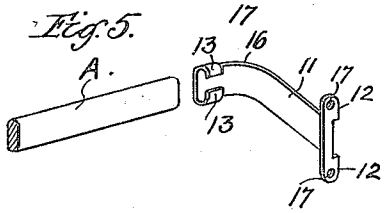


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. McGHEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Rod Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to curtain rod brackets adapted to be mounted above a window to support a curtain rod upon which the curtain may be hung.

The object of my invention is to provide a bracket for the above mentioned purpose which will be simple, durable and cheap of construction, and which may be made all in one piece, thereby obviating the annoyance of the loss of a part of the bracket, which is a common occurrence when brackets made of more than one piece are employed.

A further object of my invention is to provide a bracket which may be permanently secured to the window frame, which is provided with a resilient element whereby the curtain rod may be inserted into and between a pair of brackets and held firmly in adjusted position without the necessity of removing either of said brackets from the window frame.

Another object of my invention is to provide a bracket which may be stamped from a sheet of thin metal and then bent into proper shape to form a completed bracket.

Other objects will appear in the following description, will be pointed out in the claims and will be embodied in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a pair of brackets embodying my invention, shown mounted over a window frame and having a curtain rod interposed therebetween, said curtain rod being broken out at its middle in order to indicate that it may be of any desired length.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the bracket showing a piece of curtain rod mounted thereon.

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the bracket is formed.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of my bracket showing a portion of the curtain rod about to be inserted in the socketed end.

In carrying out my invention 10 represents a blank, which is preferably stamped out of a sheet of thin spring metal, such as spring steel. This blank comprises the body portion 11 adapted to form the outwardly projecting arm of the bracket and is provided with bracket securing ears 12 disposed at one end thereof and adapted to form the bracket securing means. The members 13 formed at the opposite end thereof are adapted to form a socket for the reception of one end of a curtain rod A. Slots 14 are formed in the ears 12 at their junction with said body portion, as clearly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and the ears 12 are then bent on the dotted lines 15 at right angles with said body portion, as clearly shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings.

The curtain rod socket is formed by bending the members 13 toward each other so as to form semi-circular arches, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The body portion 10 is then bent on a graceful arc at 16 so that the socket will be disposed at approximately right angles therewith. The body portion 11 is suitably tempered between the arc 16 and the ears 12, in order that it will be highly resilient at this point, and the ears 12 are provided with apertures 17 through which the securing screws 18 (shown in dotted lines) pass, in order that the bracket may be securely fastened in position on the window frame.

By the above recited construction it will be obvious that when it is desired to either remove the curtain rod or to insert it between a pair of the brackets, that it will be only necessary to spring either one of the body members 11, as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and that after the rod has been either inserted or removed the members 11 will return to normal position as shown in full lines, due to their resilient quality. It will also be noted that by the above described and illustrated design of the bracket, that the curtains may be readily inserted on the rod, the rod ends placed in the bracket sockets and the outer edges of the curtains then drawn over the socket walls and down on the body portion of the bracket, without danger of tearing the curtains, the extension walls of the rod socket being only slightly longer than the rod and conform-

ing to the shape of the same, and the body portion of the bracket being of approximately the same width as the curtain rod.

What I claim is:

1. A curtain rod bracket, comprising a resilient body member provided on one of its ends with means for securing it to a window frame and on its opposite end with a curtain rod supporting means.

2. A curtain rod bracket, comprising a resilient body member provided on one of its ends with securing ears and on its opposite end with a curtain rod socket.

3. A curtain rod bracket, comprising a bracket securing means, and a curtain rod supporting means resiliently secured thereto.

4. A curtain rod bracket, comprising a single strip of spring metal having securing ears formed on one of its ends, and a curtain rod socket formed on its opposite end.

5. A curtain supporting fixture, comprising a pair of rod supporting brackets, each of said brackets provided with attaching means on one of its ends and a rod socket on its opposite end, and a curtain bar adapted to engage the socketed ends of said brackets for supporting the same in position, said brackets being resilient intermediate their ends, whereby the brackets may be forced apart transversely with respect to their longitudinal axes when it is desired to insert or remove the curtain rod.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 15th day of May, 1920.

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