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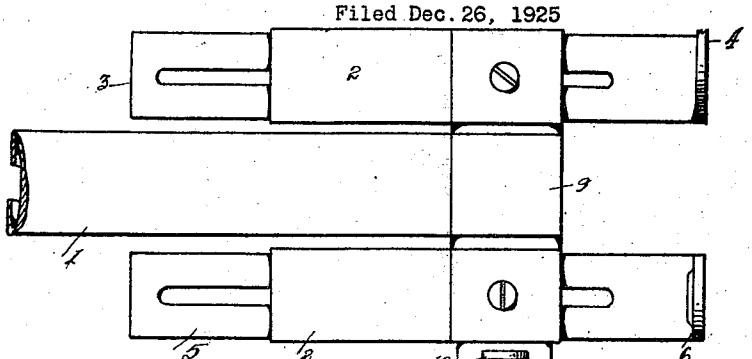
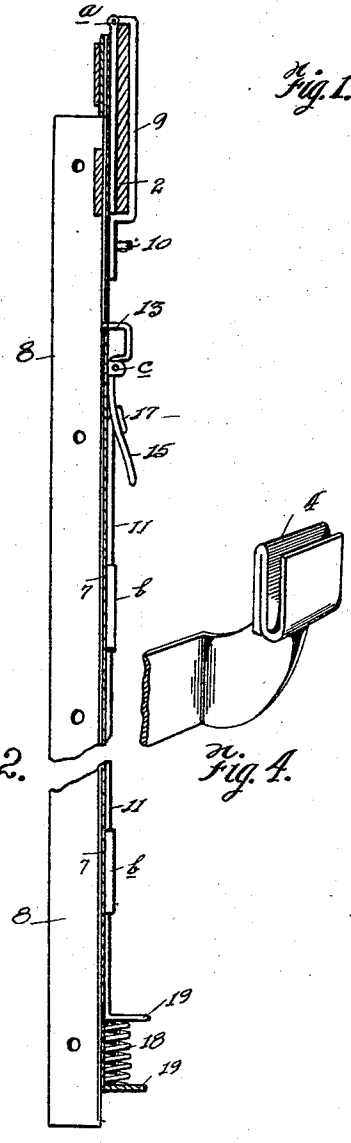


Fig. 1.



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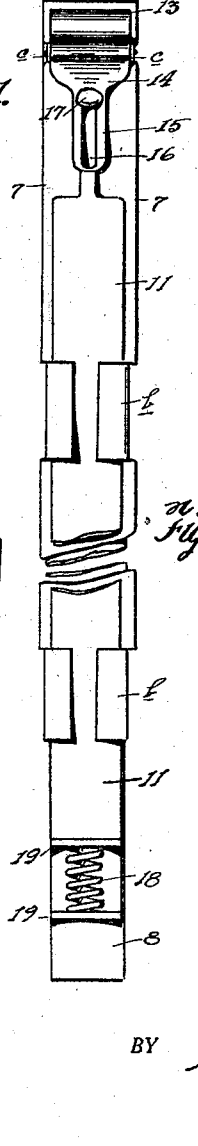

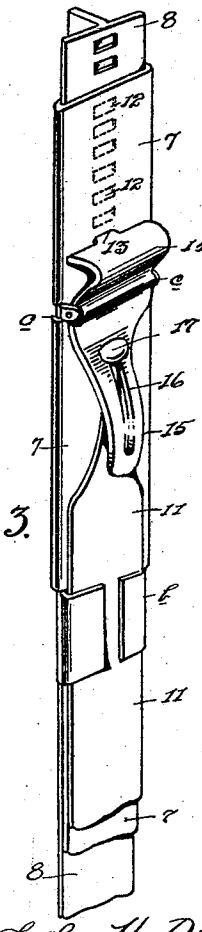

Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to adjustable supports for shades and overdrapes for windows and doors, and is primarily for the purpose of replacing the old method of permanently affixing to the door and window, hooks, brackets and other means of suspension for shades and curtains, which very obviously mar the facing of these openings, and further, to provide expediences for effecting vertical adjustment of the drapes upon the opening.

With the foregoing in view, certain other objects and advantages will become apparent as the description proceeds, as well as the more arrangement of parts to attain said objects, which will be manifested in the course of the following detail description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein;

Figure 1 represents an extended view of the invention on vertical elevation, likewise illustrating a fragmentary view of the drapery supporting end.

Figure 2 is a side view partly in section.

Figure 3 is a view in perspective showing the catch for holding the members on suspension, and

Figure 4 is a view of the curtain and supporting hook, forming no part of the invention, but shown for the purpose of clarification.

Certain prior applications have been filed by the petitioner hereof, directed to certain new and useful improvements in the supporting member proper, which is adapted to be adjustably applied to an opening, whereby it will be applicable to openings of varying widths, likewise arranged to slide vertically upon tracks disposed upon opposing sides of the opening. With this in view the present invention will be directed to the devices illustrated in the drawings for the purpose of attaining vertical adjustment of the support and maintaining such adjustment.

In proceeding in accordance with the foregoing, the character 1 denotes the preferred form of curtain supporting hanger, which is provided with centrally directed channeled members 2, in which the curtain and drapery supporting slides 3 are adjustably disposed, and provided with a hook 4, the form of which is shown in detail in Figure 4. The shade roller support 5 is of similar construction as that of the member 3, although equipped with a movable bracket 6. The opposite end of this assembly is identical to that just described.

Now, the invention consists primarily of an elongated strip of metal 7, having its edges turned under to slidably embrace a substantially T-shaped track 8, one end of which is disposed upon either side of the window. At the upper end of the strips 7, a plate 9 is hinged at *a*, as in Figure 2, which the latter hinges upon the strip 7, and snaps upon the catch 10, to embrace and rigidly holds the support end, as in Figure 1, from longitudinal slippage.

The strips 7 continued downwardly along the tracks 8 and at space points thereon portion of the strips are bent at *b*, to form a means to receive another strip 11, which latter functions as a holding means for the structure, as will presently become apparent.

Each of the tracks 8 are provided with space depressions 12, shown in Figure 3, which may either be in the center thereof, or on either side. These depressions serve as keepers for the tongue 13, of the catch 14, pivoted upon the strip 7, at *c*. The tail portion 15 of the catch is curved in such a manner as to be extended slightly away from the strip 7, when in normal operative position, as in Figure 2, and is provided with a slot 16. The end of the strip 11, is reduced as shown, at which point a pin 17 is situated to be slidably received by the slot 16, whereby when the strip 11 is moved longitudinally with respect to the strip 7, the pin will slide within the slot 16, causing the forward portion of the catch 14, to be raised or lowered, thereby permitting the tongue 13, therewith to effect engagement with one of the series of depressions 12, thus holding the strips 7, from further movement upon the tracks 8.

In order to maintain the tongue normally in engagement with one of the apertures or depressions 12, to suspend the fixture at any desired position upon the window, a small compression spring 18 is applied between the two outwardly bent ends 19, of the strips 7 and 11, which function as catches for the manipulation of the catch 14, just described. It is of course obvious that the tracks 8, may be apertured at either side to admit a tongue upon either side of the forward portion of the catch 14, if necessary to produce greater strength.

What is claimed is:

1. In an adjusting device for curtain and

drapery supports, a track having a series of spaced depressions, a slide on the track, a lever pivoted between its ends to the slide and having a tongue on one end extending through the slide and engageable in a selected one of the depressions and having a curved slotted tail, a slidable member on the track having a headed pin engaged in the slot of the lever whereby upon downward movement of the member the head of the pin will ride on the curved tail of the lever and operate the tongue, and spring means to tension the member to normally hold the tongue in operative position.

2. In an adjusting device for curtain and drapery supports, a track having a series of spaced depressions, a slide on the track, a lever pivoted between its ends to the slide and having a tongue on one end extending through the slide and engageable in a selected one of the depressions and having a curved tail, and a slidable member on the track having means engaging the tail to operate the lever upon sliding the member.

3. In an adjusting device for curtain and drapery supports, a notched track, a slide on the track, means carried by the slide to engage one of the notches of the track, a second slide on the track, tensioning means for the second slide, and means carried by the second slide and engaging the first named means to actuate same to operative and inoperative positions upon movement of the second slide.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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