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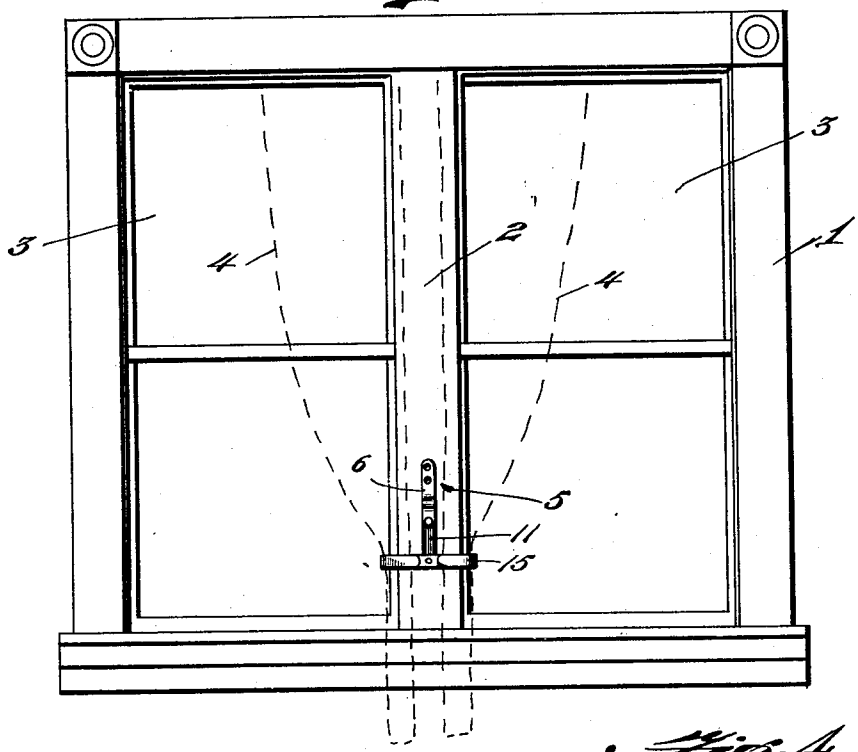


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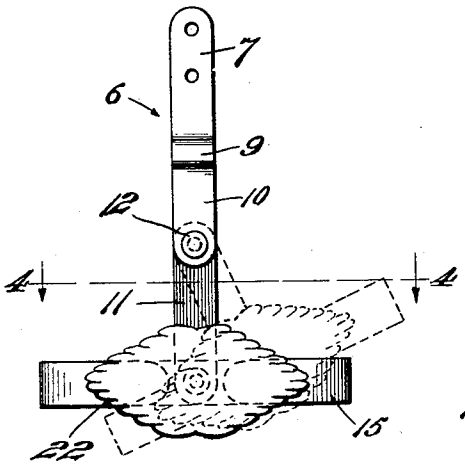


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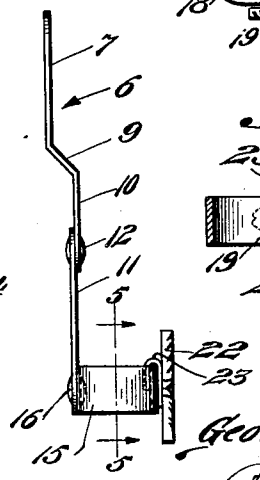


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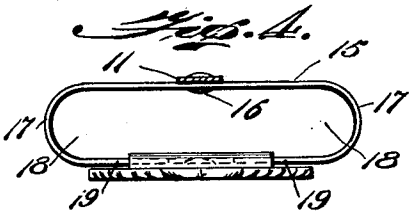
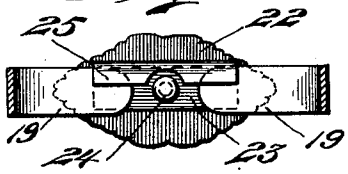


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This invention relates to an improved curtain holding means which is more particularly adapted for use in holding adjacent portions of the curtains or draperies of double windows in partially retracted position from the window in order that they may be properly draped and held relative to the windows.

One object of the present invention is to provide a curtain holding means which is adapted for mounting upon the vertical mullion portion of a window frame for holding back the oppositely positioned curtain sections adjacent thereto, and which may be adjusted both laterally and angularly with respect to the vertical central post or mullion portion of the frame.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is so constructed as to be located in off-set relation with the mullion portion of a window frame.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a curtain retaining member having oppositely positioned inturned portions the ends of which are spaced from each other and forming recesses for receiving oppositely positioned curtain sections, together with means for bridging the ends of said hold-back to prevent the removal of the curtain section between the spaced ends and serve as a complete or partial covering for the curtain retaining member.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character so formed that the curtain retaining member is off-set from the plane of the window frame and movable both laterally of the window and angularly relative thereto without engaging any portion of the frame.

Other objects and advantages of the invention relate to various improved details of construction and novel arrangements of the parts as will be more fully set forth in the detailed description to follow.

Referring to the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the portion of a double window frame showing a curtain holding means mounted upon the central vertical post or mullion portion of the window frame and illustrating the position of the curtains or draperies as held thereby, with the ornamental plate omitted to better illustrate the arrangement of the parts,

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the curtain holding means, showing in dotted lines the position of the curtain retaining member when angularly adjusted relative to the supporting member,

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the curtain holding means as shown in Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view of the curtain retaining member, taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, and,

Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view, taken along the line 5—5 of Fig. 3, and showing the inturned opposed ends of the curtain retaining member together with the manner of securing the ornamental plate thereto.

In the embodiment of the invention as illustrated herein 1 designates generally a window frame having a vertical post or mullion section 2 located substantially midway between the side portions of the frame to provide space for double windows 3 located upon opposite sides of the central post or mullion portion of the frame. Oppositely positioned curtains or draperies 4 are located in the usual manner relative to the windows 3 and those portions which are oppositely positioned relative to the central post or mullion portion 2 of the frame are shown as being held in draped position relative to the central post by the curtain holding means 5.

The curtain holding means 5 comprises a supporting member 6 having a portion 7 adapted to be secured to the mullion portion 2 of the frame by means of screws or other suitable fastening means 8, and the supporting member is provided with a band 9 located intermediate its ends to provide an off-set portion 10, which in its operative position is off-set relative to the mullion portion 2 of the window frame. A connecting member 11 has one end pivotally secured to and frictionally held relative to the off-set portion 10 of the supporting member by means of a rivet or other suitable fastening means 12, and the opposite end of the connecting member 11 carries a curtain retaining mem-

ber 15 which is secured thereto preferably in such a manner as to be frictionally held but mounted for pivotal movement relative to the connecting member by means of a rivet or other suitable fastening means 16. The curtain retaining member 15 has portions 17 thereof bent to form recesses 18 adapted for the reception of the lower end portions of the curtains or draperies 4, and the ends 19 of the curtain retaining member are preferably inturned in such a manner as to be positioned in opposed relation to each other and spaced from each other a sufficient distance to provide a suitable opening for placing the curtains or draperies within the recesses 18 or removing the same therefrom without injury to the curtains or draperies.

An ornamental plate 22 is provided which may be of any suitable size and shape to wholly or partially conceal the curtain retaining member from view but in operative position relative thereto, and provided with any suitable ornamental design in keeping with the ornamental designs provided for the curtain rods, and the ornamental plate 22 may be provided with a plane rear surface to which is secured a channel shaped connecting member 23 secured to the ornamental plate by a screw or rivet 24. The channel shaped connecting member 23 is provided with a downturned portion 25 so formed as to permit it to fit over one side of the opposed ends 19 of the hold-back member to suitably support the ornamental plate in front of the hold-back member and bridge the space between the opposed ends 19 of the hold-back member, thereby partially or wholly covering the hold-back member and preventing the accidental escape of the curtains or draperies from the recesses 18.

While the curtain retaining member 15 is shown as pivoting relative to the supporting member 10 through the pivotal fastening means 12 it may be so constructed as to pivot either at the point 12 or through the fastening means 16 to the connecting member 11 or it may be formed for pivotal movement about both of these points, and these pivotal connections 12 and 16 are preferably so made that the supporting member 10 and connecting member 11 are frictionally held in any one of a plurality of adjusted positions relative to each other by the fastening means 12, and in like manner the curtain retaining member 15 and connecting member 11 are frictionally held in any one of a plurality of adjusted positions relative to each other by the fastening means 16. This arrangement of the parts permits a variety of adjustments of the curtain retaining member 15 relative to the central post or mullion portion 2 of the frame both laterally thereof and angularly relative thereto whereby the curtains or draperies may be readily positioned in any desired relation to the central posts or mullion portion 2 of the frame and held in that position whenever desired.

It will be seen that by means of the connecting member 11 pivoted to the off-set portion 10 of the supporting member as at 12, and to the curtain retaining member at 16, the curtain retaining member 15 may be adjusted angularly about the pivot 16, or may be moved into transversely off-set relation with the supporting member by movement about the pivot 12, and by reason of the frictional engagement between the connecting member 11 and the off-set portion of the supporting member and between the connecting member 11 and the curtain retaining member, the curtain retaining member may be supported or retained in any one of such angularly adjusted or transversely off-set positions. It will be noted also that the curtain retaining member is confined in its movement to a plane located substantially parallel with the plane of the window frame and coinciding substantially with the plane of the supporting member. In other words, the retaining member occupies a common plane in all of its various adjusted positions about the supporting member, and may be moved and held in any one of a plurality of angularly adjusted positions or transversely off-set positions relative to the supporting member.

The provision of a lower off-set portion 10 in the supporting member results in placing the curtain retaining member 15 in off-set relation to the central post or mullion portion 2 of the frame whereby the curtain retaining member 15 may be freely moved into any one of its adjusted positions without engaging any portion of the frame and without bringing the curtains or draperies into contact therewith in such a manner as to render the same liable to be torn or injured.

While I have shown the portion 17 of the curtain retaining member as being curved to provide recesses 18 for the reception of the curtains or draperies 4, it is to be understood that these portions of the curtain retaining member may be given any desired shape or form which may be suitable or desirable to provide recesses 18 for the reception of the curtain without departing from the spirit and intent of my invention.

What I claim is:—

1. In a curtain holding means, a supporting member, a curtain retaining member carried by said supporting member and having a portion shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining portions of oppositely positioned curtains in draped position relative to a part of a window frame, and means connecting said curtain retaining member and said supporting member whereby said curtain retaining member may be moved into and held in any one of a plurality of angularly adjusted or trans-

versely off-set positions relative to said supporting member and in a common plane.

2. In a curtain holding means, a supporting member having a portion for attachment to a window frame and a portion off-set relative to said first named portion, and a curtain retaining member supported from the off-set portion of said supporting member and mounted for adjustable movement relative to said supporting member either about a point fixed relative to said supporting member or about a point movable relative to said supporting member and within a single plane which is substantially parallel with the plane of the window frame, said curtain retaining member having portions shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining portions of oppositely positioned curtains in draped position relative to a part of a window frame.

3. In a curtain holding means, a curtain retaining member having portions shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining portions of oppositely positioned curtains in draped relation to a window frame and having opposed end portions spaced from each other to provide an opening therebetween for the insertion or removal of the curtains, and an ornamental member provided with means for attachment to the opposed end portions of said curtain retaining member whereby said ornamental member may be secured to said curtain retaining member in such a manner as to bridge the space between the opposed end portions and partially conceal said curtain retaining member from view.

4. In a curtain retaining means a supporting member having one end adapted for attachment to a window frame and having the opposite end thereof off-set from the frame, a connecting member pivotally secured to the off-set end of said supporting member, a curtain retaining member having portions shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining parts of oppositely positioned curtains and having opposed end portions spaced from each other, and a member provided with means for attachment to the opposed ends of said curtain retaining member whereby said member is removably secured in position to bridge the space between the opposed ends of said curtain retaining member and prevent the accidental removal of the curtains therefrom.

5. In a curtain holding means, a supporting member having one end adapted for attachment to a portion of a window frame and having a portion thereof off-set from said frame, a curtain retaining member having portions shaped to provide oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining parts of oppositely positioned curtains, and means for pivotally connecting said curtain retaining member to the off-set portion of said supporting member in such a manner that said curtain retaining member may be held in any one of a plurality of angularly adjusted or transversely off-set positions relative to said supporting member, within a plane substantially parallel with the plane of the window frame.

6. In a curtain holding means, a supporting member having a portion secured to a window frame and a portion off-set from and arranged substantially parallel with said first named portion, a curtain retaining member having portions shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining portions of oppositely positioned curtains, and means connecting said curtain retaining member with the off-set portion of said supporting member whereby said curtain retaining member may be moved into any one of a plurality of angularly adjusted or transversely off-set positions relative to said supporting member and within a plane substantially parallel with the plane of the window frame.

7. In a curtain holding means, a supporting member having a portion adapted for attachment to a window frame, a curtain retaining member having portions shaped to form oppositely positioned recesses for receiving and retaining portions of oppositely positioned curtains, and a member having a portion pivotally connected to said supporting member and a portion pivotally connected to said curtain retaining member, whereby said curtain retaining member may be moved into any one of a plurailty of angularly adjusted or transversely off-set positions relative to said supporting member within a plane substantially parallel with the plane of the window frame.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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