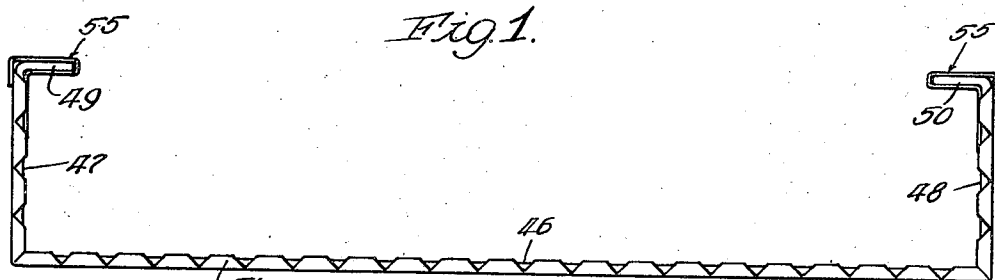
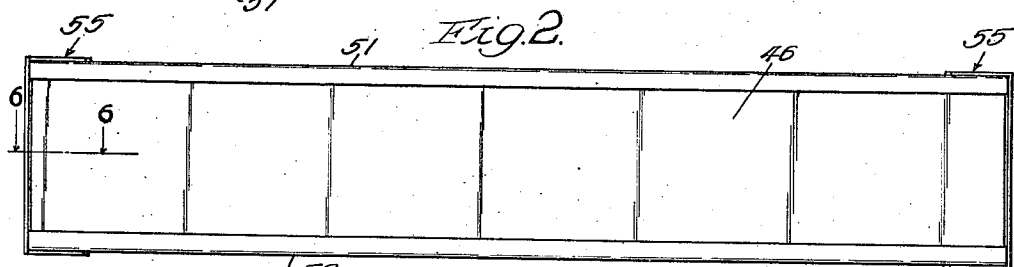
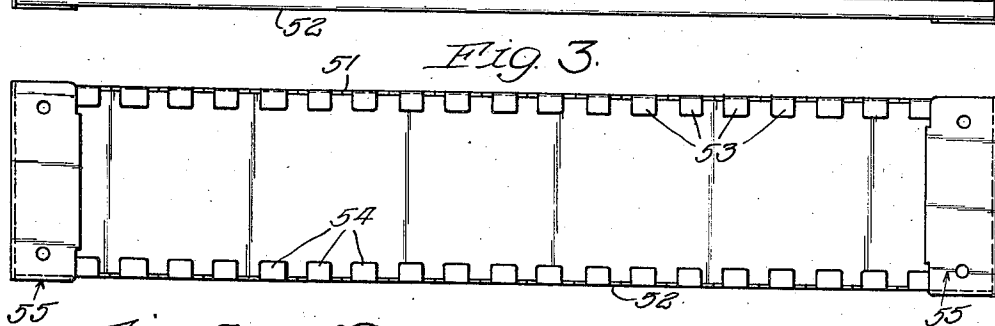
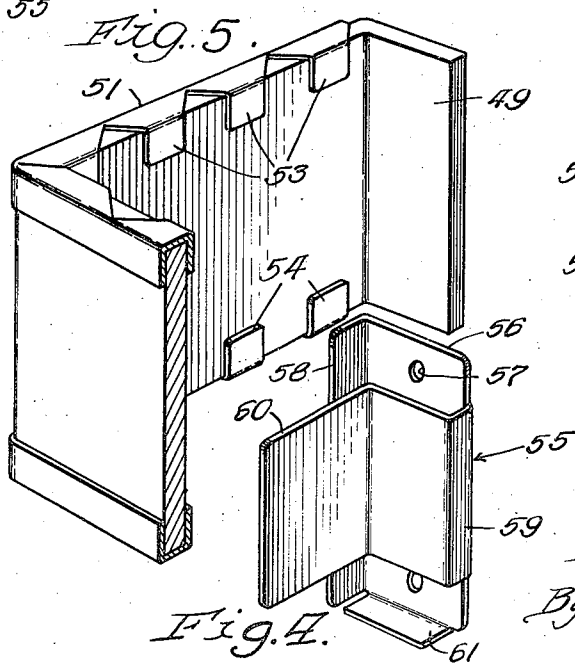
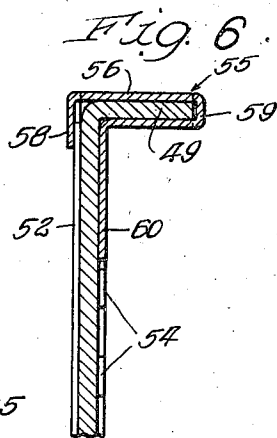


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This invention relates to a cornice and bracket therefor and more particularly to a window cornice which is simple yet attractive in construction and which is adjustable as to width or depth or both. The invention also relates to the bracket which is used in cooperation with the cornice board.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple and attractive window cornice which may be easily assembled, and is suitable for different sizes and shapes of windows. Another object is to provide a window cornice which is adjustable for use with windows of different widths. Still another object is to construct a window cornice of variable or adjustable depth. A further object is to provide a support for a flexible cornice board and to arrange flanges in the support whereby the cornice board may be removably secured to the support without the use of screws or bolts or other independent attaching means. Still another object is to provide a support for a flexible cornice board which will maintain the ends of the board in proper shape and alignment at all times.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the following specification and drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the invention; Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the same; Fig. 3 is a rear elevational view of the same; Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the supporting bracket; Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of the end of the cornice board, and Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view taken along the line of 6—6 of Fig. 2.

In the embodiment shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 the cornice board 46 is of a flexible, bendable, inelastic material such as cardboard and is right angularly bent adjacent the ends thereof to form end members 47 and 48. The members 47 and 48 in turn, are right angularly bent at their ends to form lateral flanges 49 and 50.

The cornice board 46 may be of any suitable construction or material and, in addition to cardboard, such composition materials as that sold under the name "Masonite" may, for example, be used. Designs may be applied to the face of the board, if desired. If a rigid material, such as wood, is used, the end members and lateral flanges may be of separate pieces which are held in position by the channel members hereinafter described.

Suitable means may be provided for retaining the cardboard in shape. A pair of narrow channel members 51 and 52 may be applied to the upper and lower longitudinal edges of the board

46. These channel members are preferably formed on one side and the top thereof of a series of longitudinal spaced lugs 53 and 54, the members being bendable at spaced longitudinal portions by reason of this spacing of the lugs. The channel members may be secured to the board 46 in any suitable manner. If desired, they may be attached by merely pressing them on the board.

The channel members 51 and 52 may be of any suitable material and are preferably bendable so as to permit the bending of the members at the portions between the lugs 53 and 54 thereon. If desired, the channel members may be made of metal.

With this type of cornice board a bracket 55 may be used to support the board and at the same time to maintain the end thereof in proper shape and alignment. The bracket 55 may be so constructed that the cornice board may be removably received by the bracket and supported thereby without the necessity of using any independent means of attaching the board to the bracket. The bracket is equipped with a body member 56 which is preferably flat and is provided with an aperture 57 or other means by which it may be secured to a wall or projection thereon.

Lateral projections 58 and 59 are arranged on opposite sides of the body portion 56. The projection 59 extends forwardly from the body portion 56 and then is turned inwardly and extends in a direction parallel to the face of the flat body portion 56 but spaced away from the same. The end of the projection 59 is turned right angularly to provide a flange 60 which extends in a direction normal to the face of the body portion. This flange, as shown, is parallel to and spaced away from the projection 58. A bottom flange 61 extends forwardly from the body portion 56 and provides a support for the end 49 of the cornice board 46.

The cornice board 46 after being bent to the proper shape may be merely lowered into the bracket 55 where the flange 61 serves to support it in position. At the same time the projections 58 and 59 engage the end 47 and flange 49 of the board and maintain them in proper position and alignment.

When the channel members 51 and 52 are of bendable material and are applied to a flexible bendable elastic cornice board, the board and channel members holding the same may be right-angularly bent at any desired portion between the spaced lugs of the channel members. This

permits the formation of a cornice of variable width and depth. For example, if the end members are formed by bending the channel members and board held thereby at a portion near the center thereof, the width will not be great and the board is adapted for use with a narrow window. At the same time, the depth of the cornice will be increased.

With this embodiment of the invention, a soft flexible cornice board may be prepared of an inexpensive material such as cardboard. The board may be supported rigidly in position and maintained in proper alignment at all times by the bracket 55. With this bracket construction, it is unnecessary to provide any independent means for attachment to the cornice board.

While there is shown and described a particular embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of many modifications. Changes, therefore, in the construction and arrangement may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as disclosed in the appended claims, in which it is intended to claim all novelty inherent in the invention as broadly as permissible, in view of the prior art.

I claim:

1. A bracket for supporting a flexible cornice board equipped with an end portion and with a laterally extending flange at the end of said end

portion comprising a substantially flat body member adapted to be mounted on a wall, a pair of projections on the respective lateral edges of said body member extending forwardly therefrom, said projections being adapted to slidably receive said flange between them, a bottom flange extending forwardly from said body member and adapted to support the flange of said cornice board when the same is placed against said body member and means for holding the flange of said cornice board against said body member and for holding the end of said cornice board against one of said projections.

2. A bracket for supporting a flexible cornice board equipped with an end portion and with a laterally extending flange at the end of said end portion, comprising a substantially flat body member adapted to be mounted on a wall, a pair of projections on the respective lateral edges of said body member extending forwardly therefrom, said projections being adapted to slidably receive said flange between them, means carried by said body member for supporting the flange of the cornice board against the body member, and means for holding the flange of said cornice board against said body member and for holding the end of said cornice board against one of said projections.

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