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Fig: 1

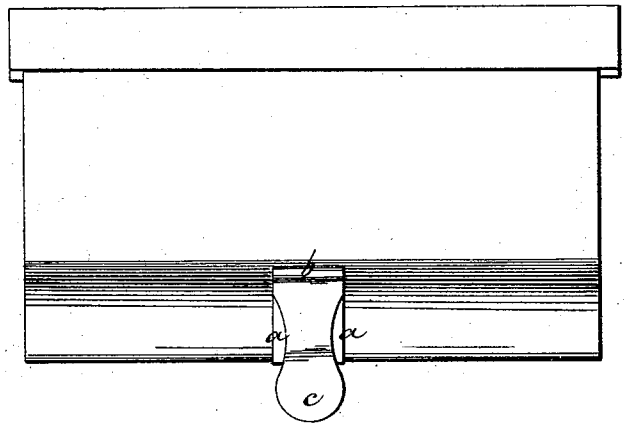
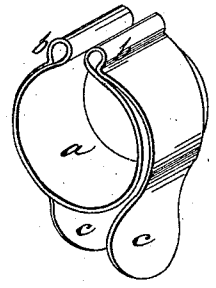


Fig: 2



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IMPROVED CURTAIN-CLASP.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, B. F. WATSON and ALBERT SHEPARD, of Bridgeport, in the county of Lawrence, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Clasp; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Our invention consists in an improved curtain-clasp, made of steel, brass, or other suitable metal, and so constructed that the curtain or window-blind may be rolled up to any desired height inside of the clasp, and will there be held by it.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use our invention, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a window-blind with the clasp attached, and

Figure 2 is a side view of the clasp.

We take a strip of steel, brass, or other suitable metal, and bend it in the shape of a ring, *a*, as shown in fig. 2, and where it meets, we bend it over backwards, along the outer side of the ring already formed. The ends, *b b*, of the ring, thus bent over, are allowed to remain hollow, so as to make a better spring and hold the curtain, and the ends *c c* of the material extend underneath the ring *a*, and are bent outwards, so that when they are pressed inward the ring will open at top, and allow the curtain to pass through freely.

Fig. 1 shows the clasp attached to a curtain.

When it is desired to let down the curtain, the clasp should be held in a horizontal position; and in rolling up, the clasp should be sprung open by pressing on the ends *c c*, in order to admit a free passage for the blind, holding the clasp with the left hand, and rolling the curtain with the right.

The clasp may be ornamented in any way desired; for instance, by attaching tassels, either by a ring, or passing the cord through the curve of the spring.

We are aware that a clasp, made of two or more pieces of metal, in a circular form, having a spring between, is not new. Our curtain-clasp is made of one piece of metal, and bent in such a manner as to suit the roll of the curtain, and provided with small rolls at the top, so as to not cut or wear the curtain, and forms its own spring and handles for operating it.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The metallic band *a*, open at the top, forming small rolls, C C, from which project the handles *c c*, for operating it, all as herein shown and described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing, we have hereunto set our hands, this 12th day of May, 1868.

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