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DRAPE SHAPER

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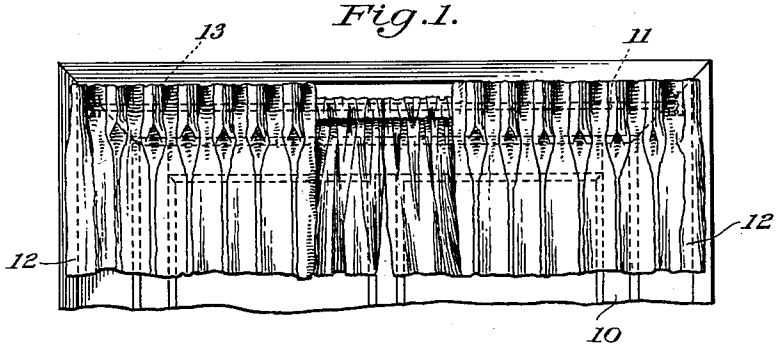


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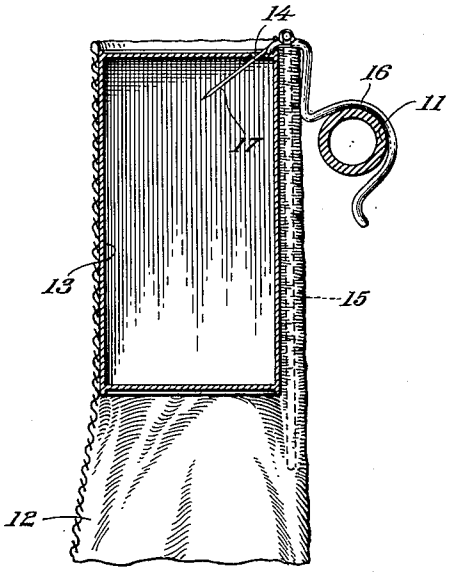


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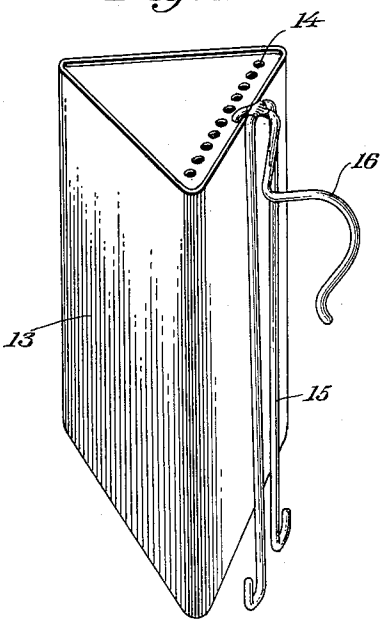
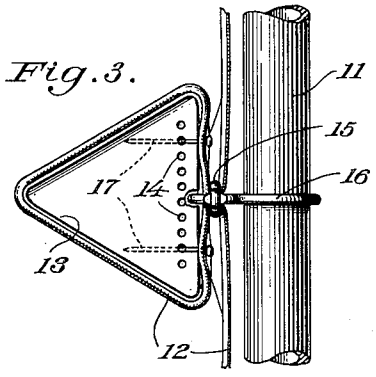


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This invention relates to drape shapers and has for an object to provide a form or shaper around which the upper end of a drape may be wrapped and fastened to produce regular symmetrical pleats in the drape.

Pinch pleats formed in drapes involve considerable labor and the drapes do not launder easily. With this in mind the present invention provides a simple device formed of cardboard or other material, and of any desired cross section such as tubular, star, triangular or otherwise, may be secured by stitching or pinning, upon the upper end of the drape to deform the drape symmetrical throughout its length and provide neat appearing pleats, the device being readily removed by simply detaching it from the drape, so that the drape may be easily laundered.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, it being understood that various modifications may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of a pair of drapes in applied position on an opening of a dwelling, and pleated through the medium of drape shapers constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view of one of the drape shapers showing the upper end of a drape pleated thereby.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the parts shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the drape shaper shown in Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawing in which like characters of reference designate similar parts in the various views, 10 designates the frame of an opening in a dwelling or other building, 11 the drape supporting rod, and 12 a pair of drapes, these parts being conventional.

One embodiment of the invention comprises a hollow body 13 of triangular formation in horizontal section although other cross sectional contours may be employed if desired.

The upper end face of the body adjacent that edge nearest the window side is provided with a row of perforations 14. An inverted U-shaped clip 15 is located at said side of the body and is secured at its upper end to said side near said edge of the body. A hook 16 is also located at said side of the body and is secured at its upper end to the upper end of the clip. The openings 14 in the upper end face of the body receive pins 17 which are passed through the upper edge of the drape.

In practice, the upper end of the drape is looped around the body 13 and in intimate contact therewith and then passed around the legs of the clip 15 which operation shapes the upper end of the drape to the exact contour of the drape shaper. In practice when the shaper is so applied the drape falls in graceful pleats from the shaper to the bottom of the drape. The pins 17 serve to hold the upper edge of the drape anchored against dislodgement from the drape shaper. After the shapers have been applied the drape may be attached to the rod 11 by simply hooking the hooks 16 thereover.

From the above description it is thought that the construction and operation of the invention will be fully understood without further explanation.

What is claimed is:

1. A drape shaper comprising a hollow body portion provided in the upper end face adjacent that edge nearest the window side with a row of perforations, a U-shaped clip secured at its bight to the upper end of said side of the body, and a hook located at said side of the body and secured at its upper end to the upper end of the clip, said perforations being adapted to receive pins for securing the upper edge of the drape to said body.

2. A drape shaper comprising a hollow body of substantially triangular formation in cross section, the body being provided in the upper end face adjacent that edge nearest the windown side with a row of perforations, pins received in said perforations adapted to be passed through the upper edge of the drape for securing the drape to the body, and a supporting hook for the body secured to said side of the body.

3. A drape shaper comprising a hollow body, a U-shaped clip opening downwardly and secured at its upper end to that side of the body adapted to face a windown, and a supporting hook secured to said side of the body.

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