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Fig. 1

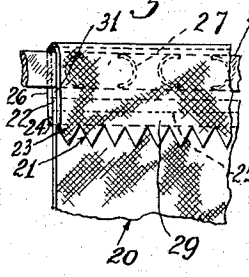


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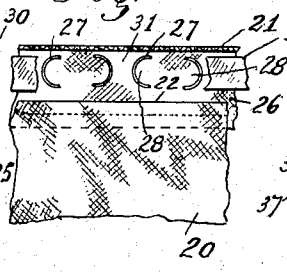


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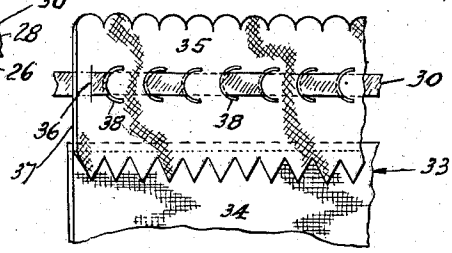


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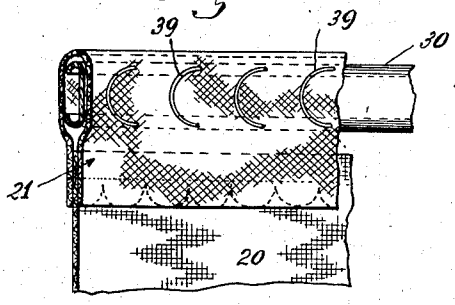


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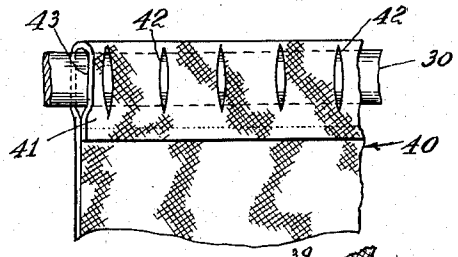


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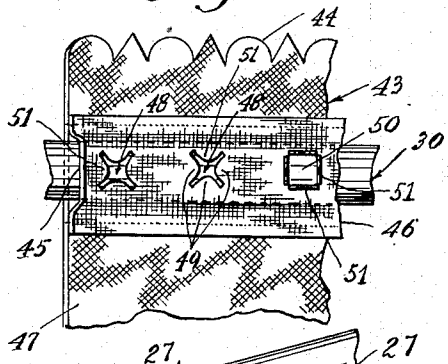


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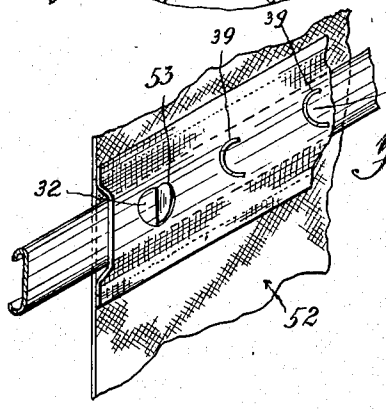
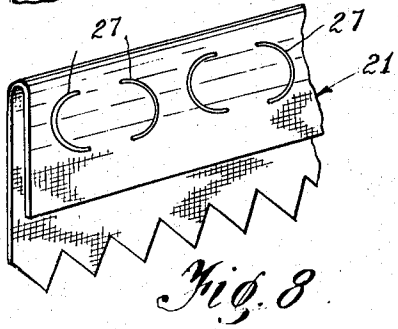


Fig. 8



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This invention relates to improvements in curtains and draperies usually suspended from a curtain rod.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a curtain with means to completely conceal the curtain rod if so desired.

Another object of the invention is to provide a curtain with a plurality of horizontally disposed semi-circular slits along the rear upper portion of the curtain or valance in which the curtain rod is inserted.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a curtain with spaced, aligned semi-circular slits forming flaps and arranged to facilitate the insertion of the curtain rod in a prepared passage way.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a curtain with aligned semi-circular slits along the portion of the curtain or valance in which the curtain rod is inserted, these slits providing concealed tabs which can be hingedly lifted out to provide an open space for the insertion of the finger tip or finger nail for sliding the exposed curtain rod forward until it comes out at the open end of the rod passage way.

Another object of the invention is to provide a curtain which may be made in two pieces, the valance portion and the main curtain portion in which the valance serves as a curtain rod passage-way.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a curtain with a decorative valance provided with a plurality of spaced semi-circular slits along th passage way for the curtain rod to facilitate the insertion of the curtain rod.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide an improved curtain which completely conceals the curtain rod.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a curtain which can be readily laundered and ironed.

Further objects of this invention are to provide a curtain of the class set forth which is simple in its construction and arrangements, durable and efficient in its use, readily installed and inexpensive to manufacture.

These and other objects of this invention are attained by the means described herein and disclosed in the accompanying drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like corresponding parts throughout the several views in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front view of one form of the improved curtain in hung position, showing the main curtain portion secured between a folded valance.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the valance in substantially vertical central longitudinal section and showing a plurality of oppositely directed, semi-circular slits along the curtain rod passageway situated in the rear portion of the valance, part of the curtain being eliminated to show this feature.

Figure 3 illustrates a fragmentary modified form of a curtain showing the same suspended on a curtain rod in a plurality of one way directioned semi-circular slits.

Figure 4 illustrates a rear view of a hung curtain similar to the one shown in Figures 1 and 2, but provided with semi-circular slits in the valance in one way direction, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a rear view of another modification of a curtain showing the same made in one piece and the slits along the rod passageway in the form of button holes.

Figure 6 is a rear view of another modified form of the curtain in accordance with the present invention, showing a separate narrow strip sewed on the main curtain portion forming the curtain rod passageway provided with a plurality of cruciform cut-outs instead of semi-circular slits as shown in the other figures.

Figure 7 is a fragmentary isometric view of the rear portion of a curtain, showing one of the tabs formed by the semi-circular slits hinged outwardly, thereby exposing the curtain rod to permit the finger tip or finger nail to move the curtain rod through the passageway.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary perspective rear view of a folded valance in accordance with the present invention, showing the arrangement of the semi-circular slits for the purpose as previously described.

Referring more particularly to Figures 1 and 2, the curtain consists of a main curtain portion **20** and a valance **21**, both may be produced of fabric, paper, oilcloth or any other material suitable for curtains or draperies. The upper edge **22** of the main curtain portion **20** may be placed between the edges **23** and **24** of the valance **21**, as shown, and stitched or sewed together in a manner as shown and indicated by the numeral **25**. The rear portion **26** of the lengthwise folded valance **21** is provided with a plurality of spaced semi-circular slits **27** adapted to form tabs **28**.

As will be noted, these slits **27** are now shown in the rear portion **26** of the folded valance, but, of course these slits may also be on the front portion **29** (not shown) of the valance, if so desired. Although the slits **27** may be used for

ornamental effects, its main purpose is to facilitate inserting of the curtain rod **30** through the passage-way **31** created by uniting the main curtain portion **20** and the valance **21**, as shown. This is readily accomplished by inserting one end of the curtain rod **30** into the passageway **31** until it has reached the vicinity of one of the slits **27**, after which it is only required to hinge outwardly one of the tabs **28** with the finger tip or finger nail into a position as best shown in Figure 7 so as to provide an opening **32**.

By doing this the curtain rod **30** will be visible and can easily be moved forward with the finger tip, as explained.

This process is repeated with the following tabs until the curtain rod is in final position, after which the tabs **28** are hinged back to the original flattened position, thereby completely concealing the curtain rod.

Referring now to Figure 3 of the drawing which illustrates a curtain **33** which consists of the main curtain portion **34** and the valance **35**. In this case, the curtain rod **30** is inserted in a starting slit **36** located in close proximity to the longitudinal edges **37** of the valance **35**, and then through the semi-circular slits **38** in a manner as shown. Of course, in this case, portions of the curtain rod **30** will be visible.

Figure 4 shows a curtain substantially the same as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, with the exception that the semi-circular slits **39** of the valance **21** are shown in one direction.

The curtain **40** shown in Figure 5 is made out of a single piece of material and is provided at the folded back-portion **41** with a plurality of vertically disposed button-hole slits **42** intended to serve the same purpose as the semi-circular slits previously described, that is to move the curtain rod **30** through the hemmed passageway **43**.

In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 6, there is shown a curtain having a scalloped upper edge **44** and a passageway **45** for the curtain rod **30**. This passageway **45** is produced by sewing a substantially narrow strip of material **46** to the rear wall **47** of the curtain, as shown. Cruciform openings **48** are provided in the strip material **46**, each having four flaps or tabs **49** which can be hinged outwardly thereby providing a substantially square opening **50**. The curtain rod **30** is inserted in the passageway **45** in the same manner as heretofore described, after which the bent-up tabs **51** are again pushed back into normal flattened position as indicated by the numeral **49**.

Referring now to Figure 7 of the drawing which shows an isometric view of the curtain **52**, which is similar to the one shown in Figure 6 with the exception that the semi-circular slits **39** are used instead of cruciform openings. One of the tabs **53** is shown hinged outwardly thereby exposing the curtain rod **30** through the opening **32** in a manner as already described.

Of course it is obvious that the curtain may either be spread wide upon the curtain rod as shown in the various figures, or it may be drawn closely together to form gatherings or sinuous pleats (not shown) to give an ornamental hanging effect to the curtain and the valance.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiments of the invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A curtain comprising a main curtain portion and a valance attached to the upper edge thereof, said valance forming a passageway for a curtain rod, the rear portion of said passageway provided with a row of pairs of opposing semi-circular slits adapted to provide openings and means for closing said openings.

2. A curtain comprising a main curtain portion and a valance attached to the upper edge thereof, said valance forming a passageway for a curtain rod; a curtain rod adapted to be inserted through said passageway; the rear portion of the passageway provided with a row of spaced, semi-circular slits adapted to provide openings whereby the so exposed curtain rod can be moved with the finger tips of a person through the passageway and means for closing said openings after the curtain rod is adjusted.

3. A curtain comprising a main curtain portion and a valance attached to the upper edge thereof and forming a passageway through which a curtain rod can be inserted; said valance comprising a strip of horizontally folded over material constituting a front and a rear portion of said valance, said rear portion provided with a plurality of equally spaced semi-circular slits along the rod passageway adapted to provide substantially semi-circular openings through which the inserted curtain rod becomes visible when approaching said openings, after which the rod can be moved forward in the passageway with the finger tip of a person and means for closing said openings.

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