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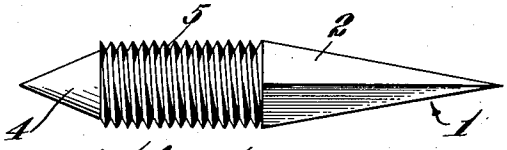


Fig. 1

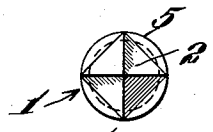


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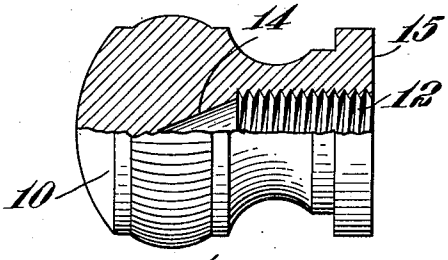


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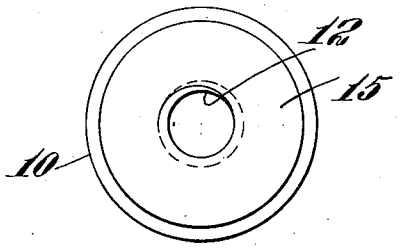


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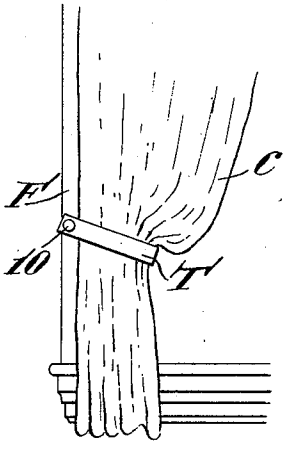


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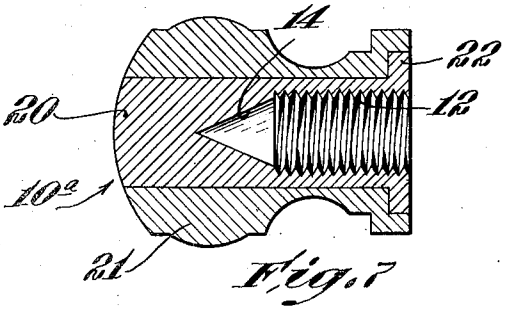


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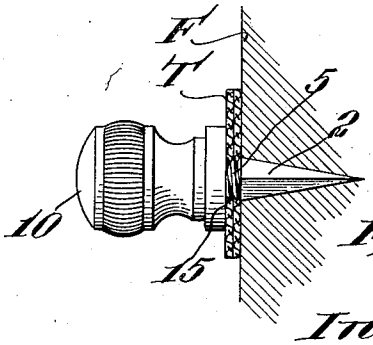


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This invention relates to a device for holding curtains, draperies, tiebacks and the like interior furnishings in properly adjusted position.

In hanging curtains, draperies and the like furnishings it is the conventional practice to employ such expedients as thumb-tacks or headed pins, the ends of which are inserted through the curtains or tiebacks associated therewith and into a window frame, panel or the like support. If it be desired to adjust, take down or replace the curtains, it is usually necessary to remove the tacks or pins and subsequently reinsert them. If, as is usually the case, the pins be relocated so as to avoid insertion in the original holes, the frames or panels eventually become more or less perforated and unsightly, whereas if it be desired to use the original holes, it is practically impossible to secure sufficient anchorage to hold the pins in place and eventually it becomes necessary to relocate them.

The principal objects of the present invention are to overcome the aforementioned objectionable features and to provide a simple, efficient and relatively inexpensive device which may be permanently anchored in position so that a curtain, tieback or the like may be quickly and conveniently detachably secured in adjusted position.

Further objects relate to various features of construction and will be apparent from a consideration of the following description and the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a pin constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the pin;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the head or clamping member associated with the pin shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an end view of the head;

Figs. 5 and 6 are views illustrating the manner in which a device constructed in accordance with the present invention is used; and

Fig. 7 is a sectional view of a modified form of head.

The embodiment herein shown for the purpose of illustration is designed for use in connection with conventional household curtains, and comprises an elongate pin-like element 1, preferably formed from a piece of one-eighth inch square stock, such as brass, bronze or steel, the overall length being of the order of 0.9 inch. The pin 1 is formed with a tapered, preferably substantially pyramidal-shaped end portion 2, preferably having a length of the order of one-half inch and adapted to be permanently embedded in a window frame, panel or the like support F, and its opposite end 4 is substantially conical-shaped so as to define a point adapted to pierce a tieback T which holds a curtain C in place, as illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6. The body of the pin intermediate the tapered portion 2 and pointed end 4 is provided with threads 5 by means of which a head or clamping member 10 may be detachably secured to the pin.

The head 10 may consist of a unitary piece of metal or other suitable material, and is formed with an axially extending screw-threaded bore 12 to receive the threaded body 5 of the pin 1, the inner end 14 of the bore 12 being conical-shaped so as snugly to receive the end 4 of the pin. The outer end of the head may be shaped to present an ornamental appearance and/or provided with any desired type of embellishment, whereas its inner end is shaped to define an enlarged, substantially flat, annular surface 15 adapted to clamp the tieback T in position against the surface of the window frame F, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

If desired the head may be a composite structure of substantially the same design as above described, and, as shown in Fig. 7, the head 10a may comprise a metal sleeve 20 embedded in a casing or jacket 21 of suitable plastic material, in which case the sleeve is formed with a threaded bore 12 terminating in a conical-shaped end 14, as in the previously described embodiment, and the outer end of the sleeve is formed with a flange 22 which cooperates with the inner end of the casing 21 to form an annular shoulder or clamping surface adapted to engage a tieback T, as illustrated in Fig. 6.

In using a device constructed in accordance with the present invention, the pin 1 and head 10 are assembled so that the conical end 4 engages the inner end 14 of the bore of the head, and when thus assembled the projecting end 2 of the pin is pressed or driven into the window frame or panel F. The shoulder 15 of the head serves as a stop to limit the depth to which the pin may be driven into the frame or panel F and the substantially square cross-sectional shape of the end 2 is effective to prevent the pin from being twisted out. When the pin is permanently secured in place the head 10 may be removed and the ends of a tieback T, circumposed about the lower portion of a curtain C in the conventional manner, may be pressed against the projecting conical outer end 4 of the pin so that the latter pierces them, whereupon the head 10 may be applied so as to hold the tieback clamped against the frame

or panel F, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. If it be desired to readjust the tieback or remove the curtain, it is merely necessary to remove the head 10 and withdraw the ends of the tieback from about the pin 1, it being noted that there is no necessity for removing the pin 1 from its embedded position in the frame F.

While I have shown and described one desirable embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that this disclosure is for the purpose of illustration, and that various changes in shape, proportion and arrangement of parts, as well as the substitution of equivalent elements for those herein shown and described, may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device for holding curtains, draperies, tiebacks and the like in adjusted position against a window frame, panel or the like support, comprising an elongate pin-like element having a pyramidal-shaped end portion adapted to be permanently embedded in a window frame or the like, its opposite end being conical shaped so as to pierce a curtain, tieback or the like and its intermediate portion being screw-threaded, and a head member having a threaded axial bore to receive said opposite end and screw-threaded portion of said pin-like element, said head member having a relatively large inner end adapted to clamp a curtain, tieback or the like in position against the window frame when in assembled relation with said pin-like element, the inner end of said axial bore being conical so as to provide an accurately fitting contacting surface with said conical end of the pin-like element, these surfaces being effective when the device is driven into a support to receive and transmit the driving forces, thereby preventing injury to the screw-threaded portions of the head and pin-like element.

2. A device for holding curtains, draperies, tiebacks and the like in adjusted position against a window frame, panel or the like support, comprising an elongated pin-like element having a pointed end portion adapted to be permanently embedded in a window frame or the like, its opposite end being shaped so as to pierce a curtain, tieback or the like and its intermediate portion being shaped to form one part of a complementary interengaging fastening means, and a head member having an opening to receive said opposite end, said opening being shaped to form the other part of said complementary interengaging fastening means, the inner end of said head member having a relatively large surface adapted to clamp a curtain, tieback or the like in position against the window frame when in assembled relation with said pin-like element, the inner end of said opening and the extremity of said opposite end having accurately fitting contacting surfaces effective when the device is driven into a support to receive and transmit the driving forces, thereby preventing injury to said complementary interengaging fastening means.

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