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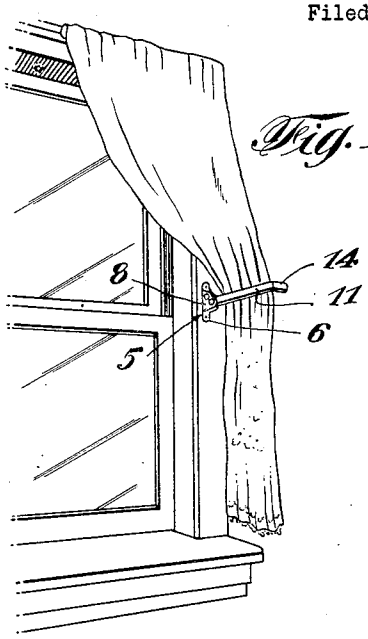


Fig. 1.

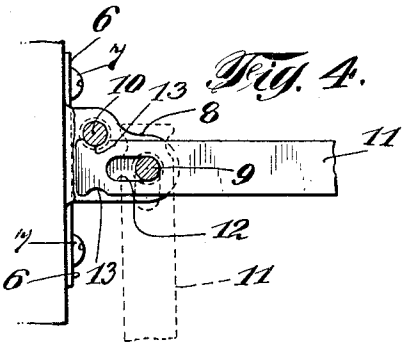


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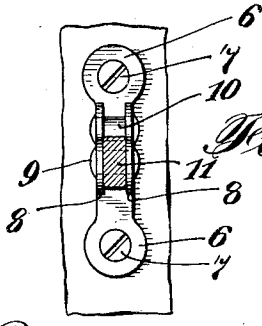


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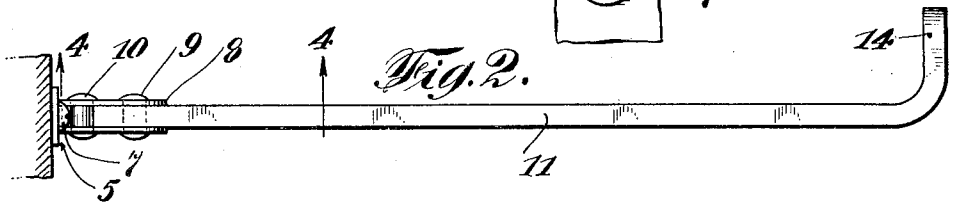


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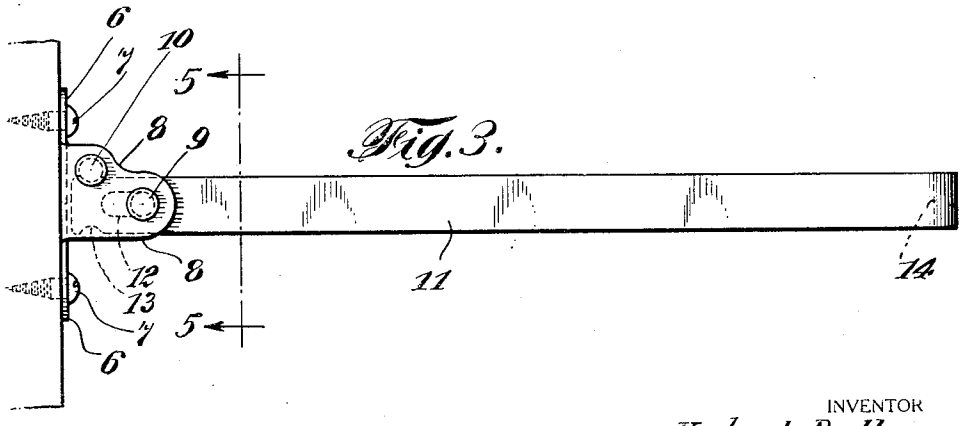


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to curtain holders and has for its primary object to provide a simple and inexpensive device easily applicable to the window frame or casing whereby the curtains or other draperies may be held or supported in spaced relation to the window opening in case full ventilation is desired and to prevent the curtains from being blown about and possibly soiled or otherwise damaged.

It is a more particular object of the invention to provide a device for this purpose which is so constructed, that it may be readily adjusted to operative or inoperative position relative to the window frame, and in the latter position thereof is inconspicuous and out of the way.

In a practical embodiment of the invention, I provide two bracket members for attachment to opposite sides of the window frame or casing, each bracket member having spaced ears and a pair of pins out of horizontal alignment with each other extending between and fixed in said ears. A curtain supporting or holding arm is provided in one of its ends with a longitudinal slot through which one of the pins is engaged and notches in its opposite longitudinal edges, one of which is adapted to receive the other pin to retain the arm in a horizontal position. By shifting the bar upon the first named pin, it may be disengaged from the second named pin and permitted to swing downwardly to a pendant position closely adjacent to the window frame.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved curtain holder, and in the form, consruction and relative arrangement of the several parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and subsequently incorporated in the subjoined claims.

In the drawings, wherein I have disclosed several simple and practical embodiments of the invention, and in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the manner of application of my improved curtain holder to the window frame;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation;

Fig. 4 is a detail section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, the curtain supporting arm being shown in dotted lines in its pendant inoperative position, and

Fig. 5 is a detail section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring in detail to the drawings, in the embodiment of my invention which I have selected for purposes of illustration, I provide a bracket member generally indicated at 5 for attachment to each side of the window frame or casing substantially in line with the meeting rails of the window sashes. This bracket member preferably is in the form of a metal stamping having a body plate provided with apertured ears 6 at its opposite ends through which the attaching screws 7 are engaged. From opposite longitudinal edges of this plate the ears 8 project at right angles to the plane of the bracket plate and in substantially parallel relation with each other. A pin 9 extends between the ends of these ears and has its ends fixed therein. A similar pin 10 is also fixed in the spaced ears 8 in parallel relation to the pin 9 but is located above and in spaced relation to the latter pin and adjacent to the body plate of the bracket.

The curtain holding arm 11 is in the form of a metal bar which is provided adjacent one of its ends with a longitudinal slot 12 through which the pin 9 extends, whereby the said end of the bar may be slidably moved between the bracket ears 8. Beyond the outer end of the slot 12, the outer longitudinal edges of the bar 11 is formed with notches 13 whereby the curtain holding bar may be properly assembled with the bracket for use at either the right or left hand sides of the window frame or casing, one of said notches being adapted to receive the other of the pins 10.

The other end of the curtain holding arm 11 has a right angular extension 14 which, when said arm is in its operative position, prevents the curtain from sliding over the end of the arm.

As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, when it is desired to hold or support the curtain in spaced relation to the window opening so as to permit of full ventilation, or for the purpose of washing the window glass or other reasons, the arm 11 is moved inwardly on the pin 9 and beneath the pin 10 so that when said arm is released, the latter pin is received in one of the notches 13 and thereby retained in the horizontally extending position with respect to the bracket 5 as shown

in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings. The curtain is then draped over said arm as seen in Fig. 1. Thus, the curtain is held or supported against being blown outwardly through the window opening or inwardly beyond the supporting arm 11. The annoyance of the flapping curtain is thereby obviated and the curtain is also protected against being soiled or otherwise damaged.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that I have devised a holding device for window curtains which is of exceedingly simple construction and may therefore, be manufactured and sold at relatively small cost. I have found the embodiment of the device as herein described to be very convenient and satisfactory for the purpose in view. Nevertheless, it is possible that the essential features of my present disclosure may be susceptible of more or less modification in the form, construction and relative arrangement of the detail parts, and I accordingly reserve the privilege of resorting to all such legitimate changes therein as may be fairly incorporated within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A curtain holder comprising a bracket member adapted to be attached to a window casing and having spaced parallel ears, a pair of pins extending between and fixed in said ears out of horizontal alignment with each other and spaced apart longitudinally of said ears, and a curtain holding arm formed of flat bar stock and slidably engaged at one of its ends between said ears and having a longitudinal slot through which one of said pins extends, and said arm being also provided in one of its longitudinal edges with a notch to receive the other of said pins when the arm is moved inwardly between the ears to thereby retain the arm in a horizontally disposed operative position and said arm adapted to be moved outwardly on the first named pin and disengaged from the second named pin to swing downwardly to a vertically pendant position.

2. A curtain holder comprising a bracket adapted to be secured to a window frame and having spaced parallel ears, two pins extending between and fixed in said ears out of horizontal alignment with each other and spaced apart longitudinally of the ears, and a curtain holding arm having a slot in one of its ends to receive one of said pins whereby said arm may be longitudinally shifted between the bracket ears and said arm being also provided in its opposite longitudinal edges beyond the outer end of said slot with recesses, one of which is adapted to receive the other of said pins when the arm is moved inwardly between said ears to retain the arm in a horizontal operative position, the other end of said arm having an angular extension to prevent movement of the curtain off of said arm, and said arm adapted to be moved outwardly between said ears and disengaged from the second named pin and swung downwardly to a vertically pendant position adjacent to the window frame.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name hereto.

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