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CURTAIN ROD ATTACHMENT
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Bessie M. Gibson, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Rod Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a device designed for use in connection with curtain rods or poles to facilitate the operation of passing the latter through the hem of the curtain and to eliminate the liability of tearing the same.

The invention has for its object to provide a simple, efficient and easily applied device of the kind stated, and in order that the same may be better understood, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the device, and

Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the blank out of which the device is formed.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the device comprises a thimble 5 closed and tapered at one end, and open at the other end so that it may be slipped over the end of the curtain rod or pole shown at 6. The thimble contains a series of gripping members 7 adapted to engage the side of the rod and hold the thimble in place thereon and against slipping off the same. These gripping members are spring tongues projecting inward into the interior of the thimble and having their free ends pointing in the direction of the closed outer end of the thimble. The thimble can therefore be readily slipped over the end of the curtain rod or pole by inserting the latter into the open rear end of the thimble and then pushing the thimble back over the pole or pushing the latter forward in the thimble. With either operation, the resilient tongues 7 yield outward to allow the pole to pass, and they press against the pole with sufficient force to retain the thimble thereon. The diameter of the pole is slightly less than the inside diameter of the thimble.

The thimble hereinbefore described provides an end cap for the curtain rod or pole, and its tapered shape enables the latter to be readily passed through the hem of the curtain without impediment or danger of tearing the same.

The thimble can be very cheaply constructed out of a single piece of suitable metal which is rolled into tubular shape, with one end of the tube closed and tapered. The resilient tongues are integral with the body of the device and are formed by slitting the material and bending the tongues thus formed inward. Fig. 3 illustrates the blank out of which the device is formed before it is rolled into a tubular shape.

I claim:

A device of the character described comprising a thimble closed and tapered at one end and having its other end open, said thimble being also provided with longitudinal slits terminating short of its ends and defining integral resilient tongues on the side of the thimble and projecting thereinto, the free ends of the tongues extending in the direction of the closed end of the thimble.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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