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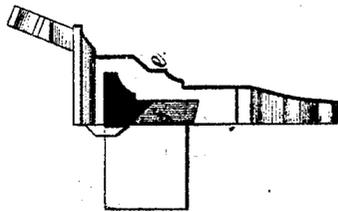


Fig. 1.

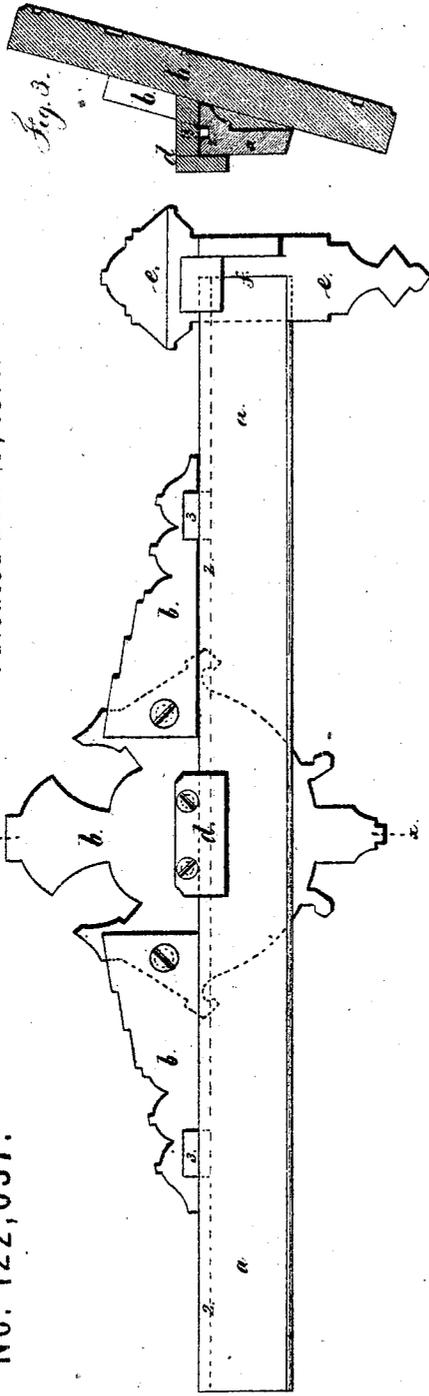
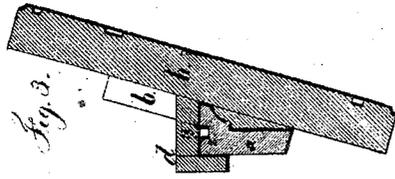


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORNICES FOR WINDOW-CURTAINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LLOYD, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Cornices for Window-Curtains; and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof.

Window-cornices have been made of wooden moldings with ornamental end and center pieces; but usually they have to be made up to the exact measure for particular windows; hence in the general trade difficulty is experienced in keeping on hand a proper stock to supply the varying widths of windows. Besides this, changes are often made in the furnishing of houses, and a cornice fitted to one window cannot be applied to another of a different width.

The object of this invention is to provide for the contingencies arising in business and in the use of cornices for window-curtains by making them with movable center pieces and detachable end pieces, so that the molding itself can be sawed off at any desired point, the movable center ornament slipped upon the same, and then the end ornaments connected to said molding, thus adapting the cornice to any width of window.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an elevation of the rear of the cornice with one of the ends removed. Fig. 2 shows the side of said end piece. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the cornice at the line *xx*.

The molding *a* or body of the cornice is of any desired shape sectionally, and the surface is to be varnished, gilded, or otherwise finished. The central ornament *b*, is to be of any desired shape or character, but instead of being fastened permanently to the molding *a*, as usual, the same is slipped upon the said molding; and to form the guide for the same I employ a groove, 2, in the upper edge of the molding *a*, into which pass the slide blocks attached at 3 to the back of the ornament *b*; and a clamp-slide or half box, *d*, extends from the ornament *b* over the top and back edge of the molding *a*. It will now be understood that the ornament *b* can be slipped upon the molding *a* and moved to the center of the cornice, regardless of the length of said molding

a. The ornamental end pieces *ee* are of any desired shape and configuration, but they are formed with recesses of a size and shape adapted to receive the end of the molding or body *a*, such recesses being made as shown at *f* in the side of each end piece coming toward the body of the cornice.

By the use of these removable end pieces the cornice can be easily fitted to place, because the molding *a* only requires to be sawed off at the proper length and then the ornamental ends applied to the same; and in consequence of the molding passing into a correspondingly-shaped recess it is unnecessary to employ glue or adhesive material. A small wedge or screw, however, may be used to prevent the parts separating in handling; hence the cornice can be easily constructed for any width of window, or changed to adapt it to a narrower window.

I am aware that a cornice has been made with a center piece and two separate side moldings, the parts being adjusted by slides and screws, and that the end ornaments have been fitted in a similar manner. In my construction of cornice the molding forming the body is of one continuous length, and upon this the center ornament slides, and the length of the cornice is regulated by sawing off the molding and inserting its ends into the recesses of the ornamental end pieces. In this construction the cost is lessened, and the person putting up the cornice can easily adjust the length by sawing off the molding if too long.

I claim as my invention—

The cornice for a window-curtain, made with an ornament fitted to slide upon the continuous molding forming the body of said cornice, substantially as set forth, and in combination therewith, the detachable end ornaments made with recesses to receive the ends of the molding *a*, as specified.

Signed by me this 15th day of May, A. D. 1871.

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