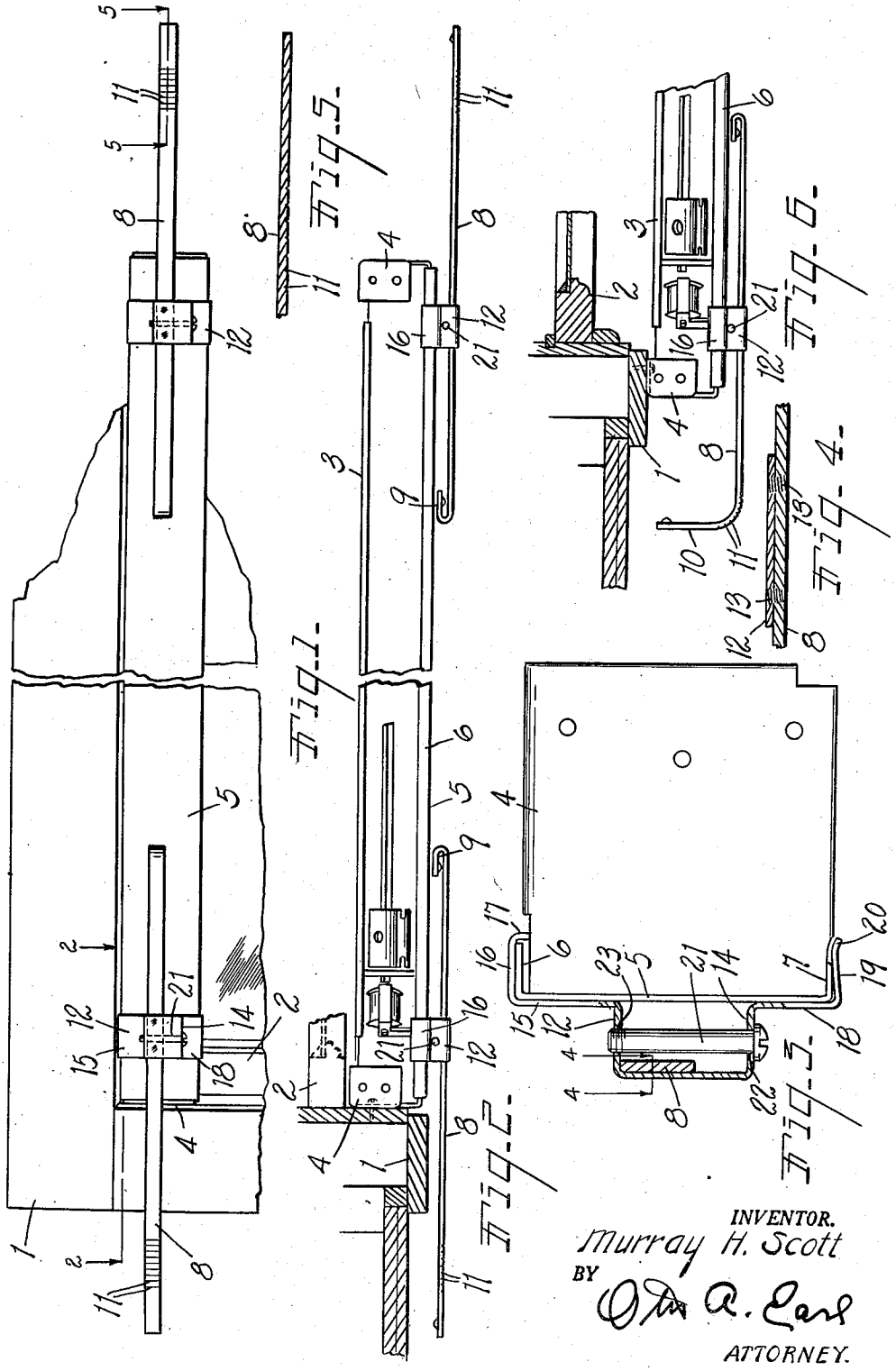
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This invention relates to improvements in drapery fixtures.

The main objects of this invention are:

First, to provide a drapery fixture which is adapted for use in combination with a Venetian blind structure and adapted to support curtains or draperies in front of the blind structure and in position to conceal the gap or space commonly present between the blind structure and the window casing.

Second, to provide a drapery fixture which can be quickly and securely mounted on the header or casing of a Venetian blind.

Third, to provide a structure which is capable of a wide range or adjustment for supporting the draperies or curtains in the desired position relative to the window casing and the Venetian blind assembly mounted thereon.

Fourth, to provide a drapery fixture which is capable of a very considerable adaptation to Venetian blind headers of different sizes and structural details.

Fifth, to provide in a structure of the character described a rod element which may be readily bent to present an angularly disposed end should occasion require.

Objects relating to details and economies of the invention will appear from the description to follow. The invention is defined and pointed out in the claims.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of a structure embodying the invention as mounted in a window casing conventionally illustrated.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, parts of the header and blind structure being conventionally illustrated.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the header with one of the fixtures mounted thereon, the parts being shown in section to better show structural details thereof.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary view on a line corresponding to line 5—5 of Fig. 1 showing the scores in the drapery supporting rod facilitating the bending of the rod to position its outer end in an angular relation to the main portion of the rod.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary view with casing window portions in sections illustrating the structure mounted on the outer side of a window casing as distinguished from mounting within the window casing as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the rod in this section having its outer end bent to an angular position.

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In the accompanying drawing, 1 represents a window casing and 2 one of the sash thereof. The header designated by the numeral 3 is provided with a mounting bracket 4 at the ends thereof. A portion of the blind operating mechanism is conventionally illustrated. These parts form no part of the present invention.

The header is provided with a face or front plate 5 having inturned top flange 6 and bottom flange 7. The manner of securing the face plate is not illustrated as that forms no part of the present invention.

The drapery or curtain rods 8 are, in the embodiment illustrated, formed of flat stock and desirably have return bent inner ends 9 to prevent the drapery or curtain from slipping off the inner ends of the rod. In certain installations it is desirable that the outer ends 10 of the rods be angularly disposed, as shown in Fig. 6, and to permit this adjustment or manipulation the rods are provided with a plurality of transverse grooves or scores 11 adjacent to but substantially spaced from the outer end of the rod as is illustrated in the accompanying drawings. These scores facilitate the uniform bending of the rods in the scored zone to position the ends 10 substantially at right angles to the major length of the rod. The rods are formed of dead or non-resilient or springable stock so that they can be bent and remain in the bent position.

Each rod is provided with a supporting bracket 12 formed of springable stock and of generally U-shape, the rods being secured within the bight portions of the brackets by means of spot welding as shown at 13—that is, the rods are fixedly secured to the brackets, the adjustment that may be desired being accomplished by adjusting the brackets on the header.

The upper arm 14 of the bracket is provided with an extension 15 which lies against the header front or face plate and terminates in an inturned finger 16 having a down-turned end 17 engaging the top flange 6 of the front plate. The lower arm of the bracket is provided with an extension 18 which likewise lies against the face of the header and is provided with an upwardly inclined finger 19 which engages the lower flange 7 of the header. This finger 19 is provided with a curved end 20 which facilitates the springing engagement of the finger with the header after the finger 16 has been hooked upon the top flange of the header front plate.

As the draperies may be quite heavy, it is desirable to securely clamp the brackets in their adjusted position upon the header. In the embodiment illustrated, the clamping means comprises the screws **21** which are arranged through holes **22** in the lower arms of the bracket and have threaded engagement with holes **23** in the upper arms of the bracket. The screws are slotted so that a tool may be engaged therewith from the under side of the brackets to clamp the brackets in their adjusted positions.

With this arrangement of parts, the draperies or curtains are supported in position most suitable for the particular installation. The structure is very simple and economical and may be installed by relatively unskilled persons and when installed is very secure.

I have not attempted to illustrate other embodiments or adaptations which I contemplate as it is believed that this disclosure will enable those skilled in the art to embody or adapt the invention as may be desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. The combination of a flat drapery supporting rod and a rearwardly facing U-shaped springable supporting bracket for said rod, the upper arm of said bracket terminating in a hooked finger engageable with the top of a header panel, the lower arm of said bracket terminating in a finger springably engageable with the bottom of a header panel, and a clamping screw arranged through one arm of the bracket and having threaded engagement with the other arm thereof whereby the bracket may be clamped in its adjusted position on a header panel with the rod projecting beyond the end of the header.

2. The combination with a horizontal support having inturned flanges at its top and bottom edges, the edges of said flanges being exposed, of a drapery supporting rod, and a bracket to which said rod is permanently secured, said bracket having upper and lower springable arms adapted to supportingly engage the front of said support, the upper arm being provided with an inturned finger having a downturned end adapted to engage the inner edge of the top flange of the support, the lower arm having an inturned finger springably engageable with the bottom flange of the support, and means carried by the bracket for clamping said fingers upon the support.

3. The combination of a drapery supporting rod, and a rearwardly facing U-shaped springable support engaging bracket directly secured to said rod and having oppositely projecting arm extensions adapted to supportingly engage the support, one arm extension terminating in a hooked finger engageable with one edge of the support, the other arm extension terminating in an inturned finger springably engaging the other edge of the support, and a clamping screw for applying clamping stress to the arms of the bracket whereby the bracket may be clamped in its adjusted position on a support.

4. The combination of a drapery supporting rod of flat section having a series of transverse scores on its outer side adjacent to but substantially spaced from its outer end facilitating the bending of the rod to angularly position its outer end, and a support engaging bracket for supporting said rod having arms adapted to supportingly engage a support, and means for applying clamping stress between the arms of the bracket whereby the bracket may be clamped in adjusted position on the support.

5. A drapery supporting fixture adapted for mounting on the header of a Venetian blind while it is in mounted position, comprising a drapery supporting rod, and a rearwardly facing U-shaped supporting bracket for said rod having oppositely projecting arm extensions adapted to supportingly engage the header, the upper arm extension terminating in an inturned hooked finger engageable with the top of the header, the lower arm extension terminating in an inturned upwardly inclined finger having a downturned end facilitating springing engagement thereof with the bottom of the header, the rod being secured to the inner side of the bight portion of said bracket, and a clamping screw arranged through the lower arm of the bracket and having threaded engagement with the upper arm thereof whereby the bracket may be clamped in its adjusted position on a header with the rod projecting beyond an end of the header.

6. A drapery fixture for use with Venetian blinds, comprising a drapery supporting rod, and a bracket to which said rod is fixedly secured, said bracket having upper and lower springable arms adapted to supportingly engage the header of a Venetian blind, the upper arm being provided with a finger adapted to engage an upper part of a Venetian blind header, the lower arm having a finger springably engageable with a lower part of a header, and means carried by the bracket for clamping said fingers upon the header.

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