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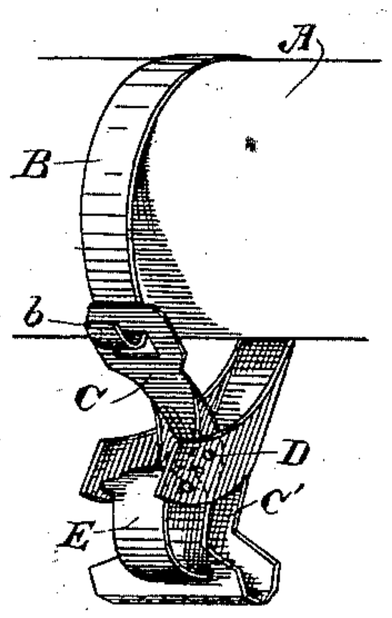
Fig. 1.



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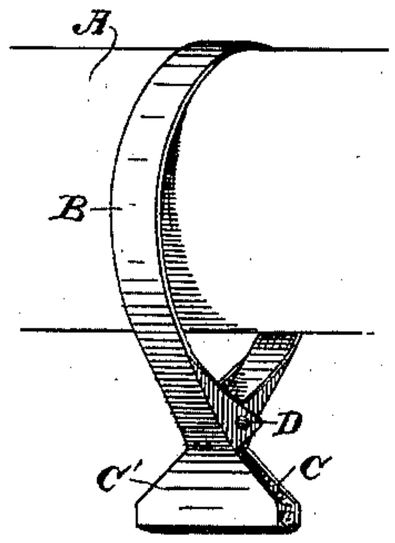

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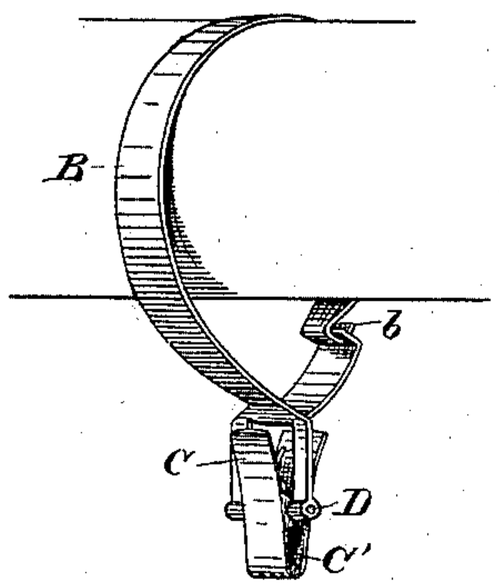

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CURTAIN-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. BOGEL, a citizen of Germany, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Curtain-Hangers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device which is especially adapted for hanging curtains.

It consists, essentially, of rings or loops adapted to slide upon the curtain-pole, and in conjunction therewith of automatically-closing gripping devices adapted to seize and hold the upper edge of the curtain and connect it with the hangers.

It also consists in details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my hanger. Figs. 2 and 3 are modifications of the same.

A is a curtain-pole of any suitable shape and dimensions. In the present case I have shown it as being made round.

B is a loop of metal, here shown in the form of a band adapted to surround the curtain-pole and fit easily about it. This band is preferably made elastic and so arranged as to be open at some point, so that it can be applied to or disengaged from the pole without taking the latter down. If preferred, however, the band may be made without such disengaging device, and in either event the clamping or gripping attachment is carried by its lower end, as shown.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the band B having a hook *b*, which may be bent either outwardly or inwardly, as preferred, and it is adapted to engage with a hole in the upper end of one of the hinged jaws C. The other jaw, C′, is made continuous with the opposite end of the band, and the two parts, just above the jaws, are bent at right angles and overlap to receive a pivot-pin D, about which the jaws are adapted to open and close by simple pressure upon the sides of the band. The band being made of elastic metal, the tendency is to straighten out, and it exercises sufficient pressure upon the upper arms of the jaws above the pivot-pin to close the jaws together where they meet below the pivot-pin. These jaws may be made of any suitable or desired length horizontally and are toothed, the teeth engaging and holding the upper edge of the curtain at any desired point.

If preferred, the band B may have downwardly-extending arms, Fig. 3, and the clamping-jaws may be pivoted between these arms, having their upper ends separate from the band and being actuated by an independent spring, which normally closes the jaws and which will yield by pressure upon the upper ends of the jaws to allow the latter to be opened to receive or release the curtain. I have found, however, that the forms previously described are very efficient and satisfactory, and it is always easy to remove the curtain from the jaws by slightly compressing the band, so as to open the jaws, and the band itself can be removed from the pole by disengaging the hook, so as to allow the band to straighten or expand sufficiently for the free end to pass over the pole. The bands can also be returned in like manner.

In order to lock the jaws and prevent their being opened by the weight of the curtain, portière, or other suspended article, or by accident, I employ a swinging latch or stop E, so pivoted that it may be turned to hold the jaws closed or to allow them to be opened.

It will be understood that the term "curtain" as here used represents any article which can be so suspended, and also that the bands encircling the pole may be flat, round, or of other desired shape. I may also connect the upper ends of the arms C with the elastic band B by hooks *b* upon both sides.

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

1. A curtain-hanger consisting of a band the normal tendency of which is to straighten out or expand, said band being extended at one end to form a jaw, a second jaw pivoted with relation to the first-named jaw and having a portion extended above its pivotal connection therewith, and a connection between

the extended end of the second-named jaw and the free end of the band whereby said band and jaw may be detachably engaged and the band made to surround the curtain-pole.

2. As an article of manufacture, a curtain-hanger consisting of a band the normal tendency of which is to straighten out or expand, said band being extended at one end to form a jaw, a second jaw pivoted with relation to the first-named jaw and having a portion extended above its pivotal connection therewith, the adjacent ends of the band and the movable jaw having a bent tongue-and-slot connection whereby these parts are detachably interlocked when the band is made to surround the curtain-pole, said band expanding when said connection is broken, and a stop to engage and hold the jaws closed.

3. A curtain-hanger consisting of a piece of elastic material carrying a fixed jaw, and a movable jaw pivoted with relation to said fixed jaw, said piece adapted to be bent and made to surround the curtain-pole, with its free end adapted to be held under tension whereby the band expands and straightens out when said free end is released.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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