

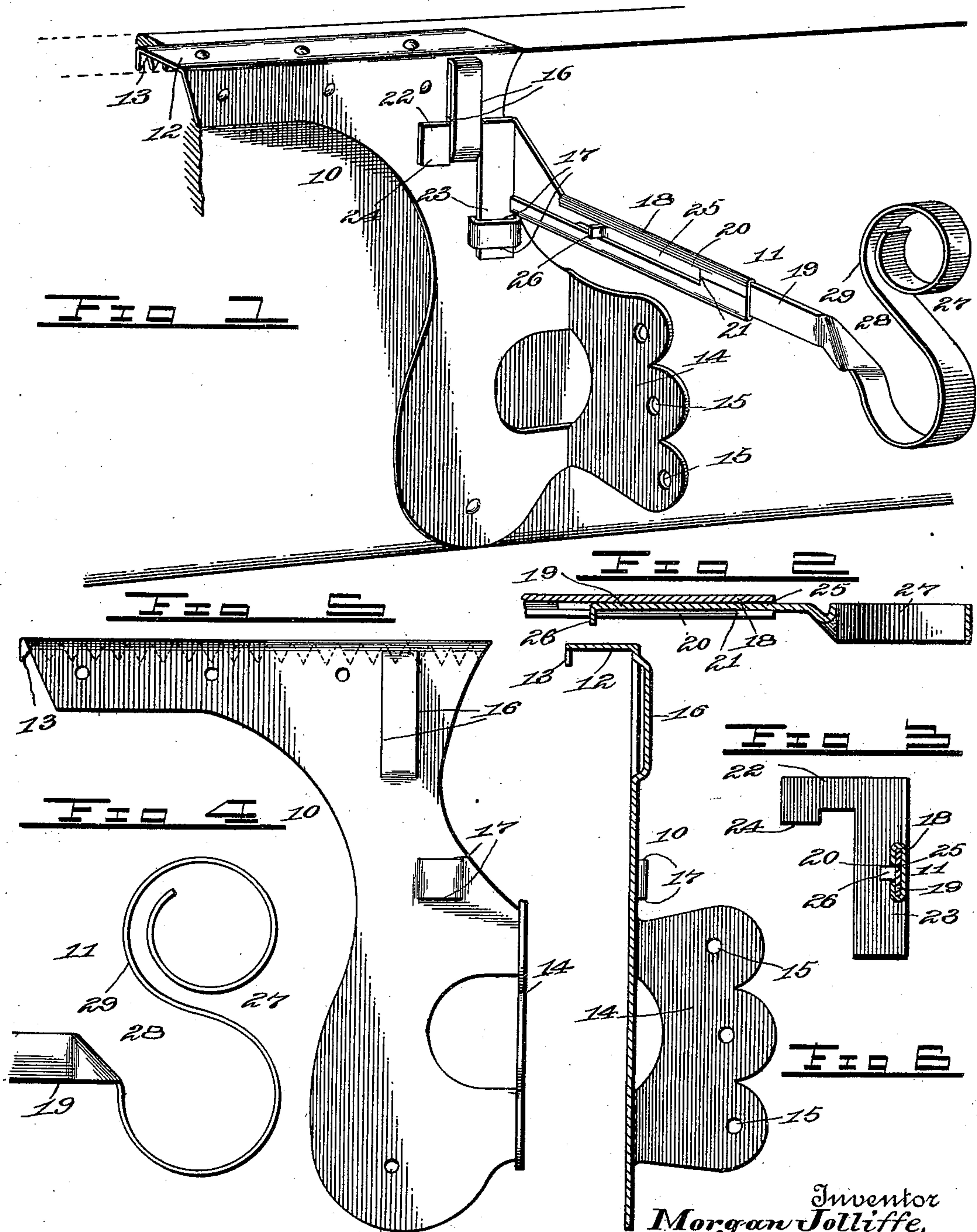
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORGAN JOLLIFFE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Salem, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Fixture, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in curtain-fixtures; and one object thereof is to provide a simple and inexpensive article of this character that will form both a bracket for a curtain-roller and a support for a curtain-pole.

A further object is to provide novel means for securely but detachably fastening the curtain-pole support to the base of the bracket.

A further object is to provide a curtain-pole support that is adjustable longitudinally, so that the pole and curtain carried thereby may be located at any desired distance from a window, and to provide a clip that will securely hold the pole in place without the necessity of screws or other fastening devices and will permit of the ready insertion or removal of the same.

To the accomplishment of these several objects the construction described in the following specification and shown in the drawings is preferred, although such changes may be made therefrom as are within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the improved supports applied to the upper end of a window-casing. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view through the pole-supporting arm. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view of the same. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the pole-holding clip. Fig. 5 is a front elevation of the base, and Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional view through the same.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the construction as shown in the accompanying drawings the device comprises two elements—a base-section (designated as a whole by the reference-numeral 10) and a pole-support, (designated by the numeral 11.) The base-section 10 comprises a metal plate cut or stamped to have an artistic contour and having a rearwardly-extending flange 12 at

its upper edge, which is provided with downturned teeth 13, arranged to engage the top edge of a window-frame. The depending or body portion of the base-section is provided at the lower portion of one of its side edges with an outstanding flange 14, which is provided with a plurality of pintle-receiving openings 15, preferably located at different distances from the adjacent edge of the base. This flange constitutes a supporting-bracket for one end of a curtain-roller, which can thus be placed at different heights and different distances from a window-casing. Pairs of parallel slits 16 and 17 are cut in the base contiguous to its upper end, said pairs being preferably at right angles to each other, the lower ones 17 being substantially horizontal and the upper ones therefore practically vertical. The metal between each pair of slits is slightly struck up to form a pair of sockets, which will thus be at right angles to each other and are arranged to receive the arms of the pole-support, as is hereinafter described.

The pole-support 11 is made of slidably-connected sections 18 and 19, the inner one 18 being in the form of a casing, having a longitudinal slot 20 in one side that extends nearly to the outer end, the outer end of said slot constituting a stop-shoulder 21. The inner end of the section 18 is provided upon one side with attaching-arms 22 and 23, said arms being located at right angles to each other and to the casing and being adapted to engage in the sockets of the base, and thus support the section 18 in a substantially horizontal position and at right angles to said base when the latter is secured to a window-frame. The horizontal arm 22 is provided at its outer end with a depending portion or lug 24, that interlocks with the edge of the upper socket on the side opposite the vertical arm 23, and thus prevents the lateral displacement of the section. The outer support-section 19 has a shank 25, that is slidably mounted in the casing of the section 18 and is provided with a stud 26, that rides in the slot 20 thereof, whereby the sliding movement is limited and the parts are held against being pulled apart. In the present instance the frictional engagement between the two sections is sufficient to hold them in adjusted relation. The outer

end of the section 19 carries a depending spring-clip 27, arranged to be engaged about a curtain-pole. This clip is curved to conform to the contour of the pole and is formed of a single piece of metal, the outer portion of which is bent inwardly toward the adjacent end of the shank to provide a contracted entrance-throat 28, the terminal portion being curved outwardly to form a guiding portion 29 and preferably bent into ornamental shape.

In use a pair of the devices are employed, one being located at each upper corner of the window-frame. The base is placed flat against the face of the frame, and the flange and teeth are engaged over the top edge of the same. The base may be further secured by fastening devices, such as nails or screws, passed through suitable openings made in the same, and will thus be rigidly held in place. The end of the curtain-roller is then placed in the opening 15 of the bracket 14, which is at the desired distance from the frame. The pole-support is secured in place by passing the arms 21 and 22 through the respective pairs of slits 16 and 17, thus fastening this element in a horizontal position. One end of the pole is then placed in the clip, this being easily accomplished by placing it behind the up-standing guiding portion 29 and forcing it through the contracted entrance-throat. The pole can then be adjusted toward or away from the base as may be desired. By this construction, therefore, a simple curtain-fixture is obtained which may be readily applied to any window and will adjustably support a curtain-roller and a curtain-pole. The pole is secured firmly in place without the necessity of using screws, nails, or other fasteners and can be readily inserted and removed. Furthermore, the entire device may be made of sheet metal, and thus is a practical article of manufacture.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein-described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be under-

stood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. In a curtain-fixture, the combination with a base having holding elements located in angular relation to each other, of a supporting-bracket comprising a shank having arms at its inner end, said arms being located in angular relation to the shank and to each other, and arranged to engage the holding elements of the base, and curtain-pole-holding means located upon the supporting-bracket.

2. In a curtain-fixture, the combination with a base-plate having sockets on its outer face, said sockets being located in angular relation to each other, of a supporting-bracket comprising a shank having arms at its inner end, said arms being located in angular relation to the shank and to each other, and being arranged to engage in the angularly-disposed sockets of the base-plate, and curtain-pole-holding means located upon the supporting-bracket.

3. In a curtain-fixture, the combination with a base having a pair of substantially horizontal slits and a pair of substantially vertical slits, of a supporting-bracket having a substantially horizontal arm arranged to engage in the vertical slits of the base and provided with a depending portion that engages over one edge of one of said slits, said bracket being also provided with a substantially vertical arm that engages in the horizontal slits of the base, and curtain-pole-holding means located upon the bracket.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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