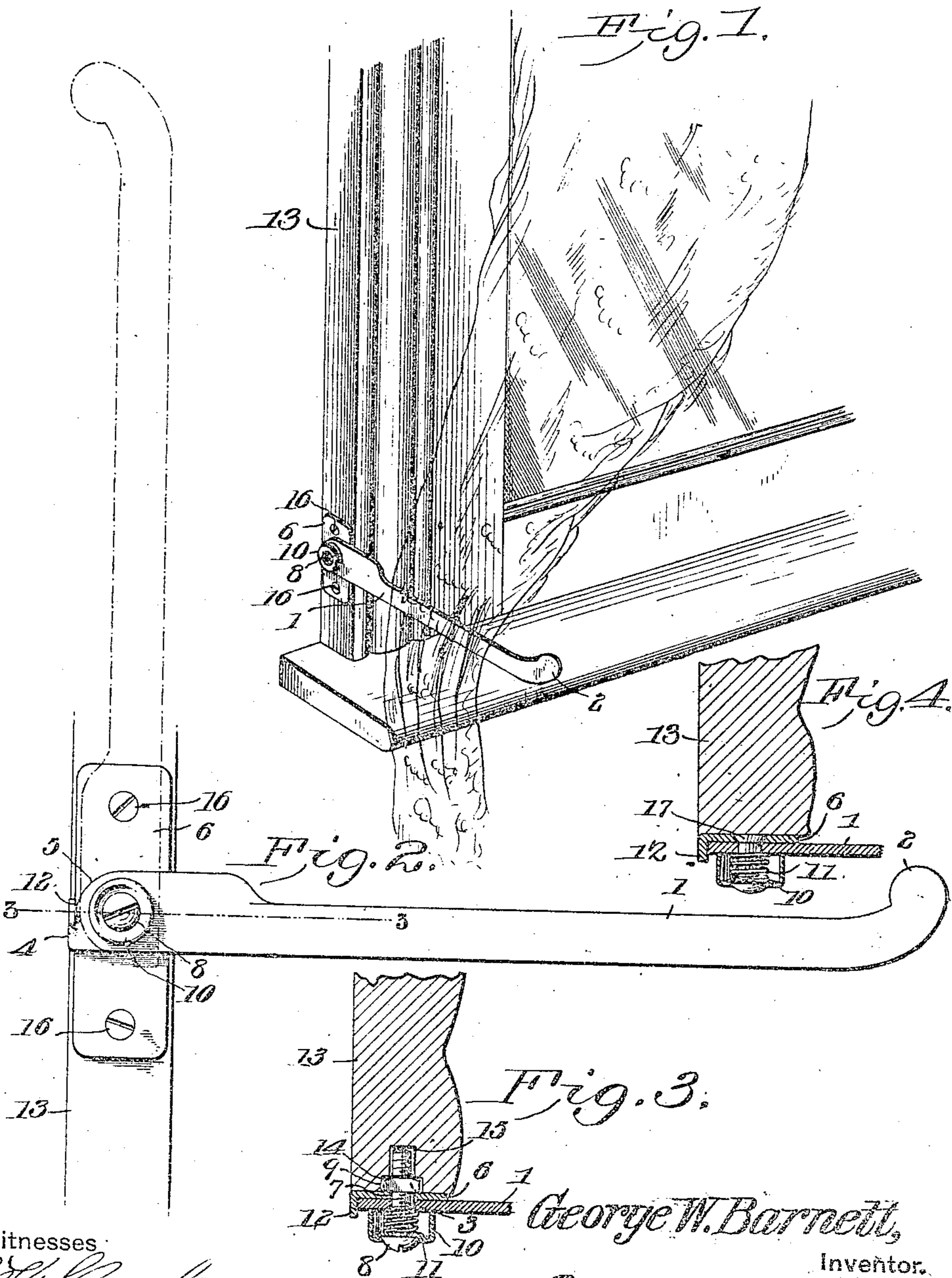


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention is a holder for lace curtains, portières, and the like, and has for its object to provide an improved device of this character capable of being attached to a window frame or case in such a position as to permit of a curtain or the like being thrown over the holder, so as to support the bottom portion of the curtain at a suitable distance above the floor, thereby to hold the curtain out of the path of a broom when sweeping the floor.

A further object of the invention is to enable the folding of the holder against the window case or frame when not in use and to provide for mounting the holder upon one edge of the frame or case, whereby it will be practically out of sight when not in use, and the window-frame is not marred by the application of the device.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the device of the present invention mounted upon the window-frame in position for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device in its operative position and on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing a simplified assemblage of parts.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in each and every figure of the drawings.

The present device includes an arm 1, preferably formed of a piece of flat metal, which is nickel-plated or otherwise treated to present an ornamental appearance and to avoid rusting thereof. The outer extremity of the

arm is slightly upturned or hook-shaped, as at 2, and its rear end is somewhat enlarged and provided with a perforation 3, there being a shoulder 4 at the rear extremity of the arm, from which the rear end of the arm is rounded forwardly, as at 5, upon an arc struck from the center of the opening 3. There is also an attaching plate or bracket 6, provided adjacent its ends with openings for the reception of fastenings and pierced intermediate of its ends by an opening 7, with which the opening 3 of the arm is designed to be aligned for the reception of a headed pivot-pin 8, which is threaded and carries a nut 9, which lies at the back of the plate 6. A hollow cap 10 embraces the pivot-pin between its head and the arm 1 and houses a helical spring 11, which embraces the pin and bears against the cap and the arm. At the rear edge of the plate or bracket 6 there is a lateral shoulder or projection 12, disposed at substantially right angles to the plate for cooperation with the shoulder 4 of the arm to hold the latter in its substantially horizontal position.

When setting up the device, one edge of the window frame or case 13 is provided with a superficial seat or recess 14 for the reception of the nut 9, there being a reduced socket 15 formed in the back of the seat to accommodate the pin 8, the plate 6 of course being secured to the edge of the frame or case in such a position as to enter the nut and the pin in the seat and the socket of the window-frame. Any suitable fastenings may be employed for securing the plate or bracket in place—such, for instance, as screws 16. With the device thus fitted in place it may be swung upwardly alongside of the adjacent edge of the window-frame, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, in which position the device is entirely out of the way and concealed by the usual lace curtains or in any event is hardly noticeable. When it is desired to use the holder, the arm 1 is swung down until stopped by engagement of its shoulder 4 with the shoulder 12 of the plate 6, whereby the arm will be supported in a substantially horizontal position and extending outwardly at substantially right angles to the window-frame. In this position of the arm the lace curtain may be looped or draped over the same, so as to have its lower portion held at a suitable distance above the floor, so as to be

out of the path of a broom when sweeping the floor. The holder is also useful for holding the curtain when drawn out to the end of the curtain-pole to expose the window-sashes for cleansing the same.

It will of course be understood that the arm 1 is supported in its horizontal position only when it is desired to temporarily hold the curtain above the floor or to one side of the window-frame, and it normally occupies an upright position alongside of the adjacent edge of the frame, so as to be out of the way and concealed when not in use. The function of the spring 11 is to place such a tension upon the arm 1 as to hold the same in its elevated position without requiring any extraneous fastening means, whereby the arm may be quickly swung down into position for use and also turned up into its normal operative position without requiring the complicated manipulation of any fastening devices.

In view of the fact that it is necessary to have one holder at each side of the window-frame and to avoid the production of the device in lefts and rights the opening 7 and the shoulder 12 of the plate are alined transversely thereof, wherefore one device may be employed at either side of the window-frame. For instance, the illustration in the present drawings shows the device attached to the left-hand edge of the window-frame, and to employ the same at the other edge of the window-frame it is merely necessary to invert the plate, care of course being taken to have the shoulder 12 adjacent the wall of the building and the pin 8 being withdrawn from the arm and replaced from the opposite side thereof.

A somewhat simplified assemblage of parts has been shown in Fig. 4, wherein instead of the bolt and nut the stud or rivet 17 is employed for the pivotal support of the arm 1, the spring 11 being employed in the manner hereinbefore described. If it is desired to house the spring 11, the cap 10 may be employed in precisely the same manner as hereinbefore described; but if this cap is not desired it may of course be omitted without interfering with the operation of the device. The essential purpose of the cap 10 is to prevent the curtain from becoming caught between the coils of the spring and damaged thereby. It will of course be understood that the plate 6 is a duplicate of the plate hereinbefore described and is connected to the edge of the window-frame by suitable fastenings. The particular advantage of the form shown in Fig. 4 resides in its simplicity

and in the fact that it is not necessary to cut seats or sockets in the window-frame to receive the pivotal support of the arm.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A curtain-holder comprising an attaching-bracket pierced by an opening and provided with a shoulder in rear of the opening, a holder-arm having an opening for registration with the opening in the bracket and provided with a shoulder to engage the shoulder of the bracket in the substantially horizontal position of the arm, a threaded headed pin passing through the openings of the arm and the bracket, a nut upon the pin at the rear side of the bracket, and a spring embracing the pin and bearing in opposite directions against the head thereof and the arm to yieldably support the arm in an elevated position.

2. The combination with a window-frame having a seat in one edge thereof and a socket in the back of the seat, of an attaching-plate secured to the edge of the window-frame and provided with an opening registering with the seat of the frame and also provided with a shoulder alined in rear of the opening, a swinging arm having an opening registered with the opening of the bracket and provided with a shoulder to engage the shoulder of the bracket in the substantially horizontal position of the arm, a headed threaded pin passing through the openings of the arm and the bracket and entering the socket of the frame, a nut fitted in the seat of the frame and receiving the threaded pin, and a spring embracing the pin and bearing in opposite directions against the head thereof and the arm to yieldably support the latter in an elevated position.

3. A curtain-holder comprising an attaching-plate having a pivot-stud between its ends and projecting at substantially right angles to the plane of the plate, one side of the plate having a lateral projection at substantially right angles to the plate in the same direction as the pivot-stud and alined therewith transversely of the plate, and a curtain-holding arm pivoted upon the stud and provided with a stop projection to engage the projection of the plate.

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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