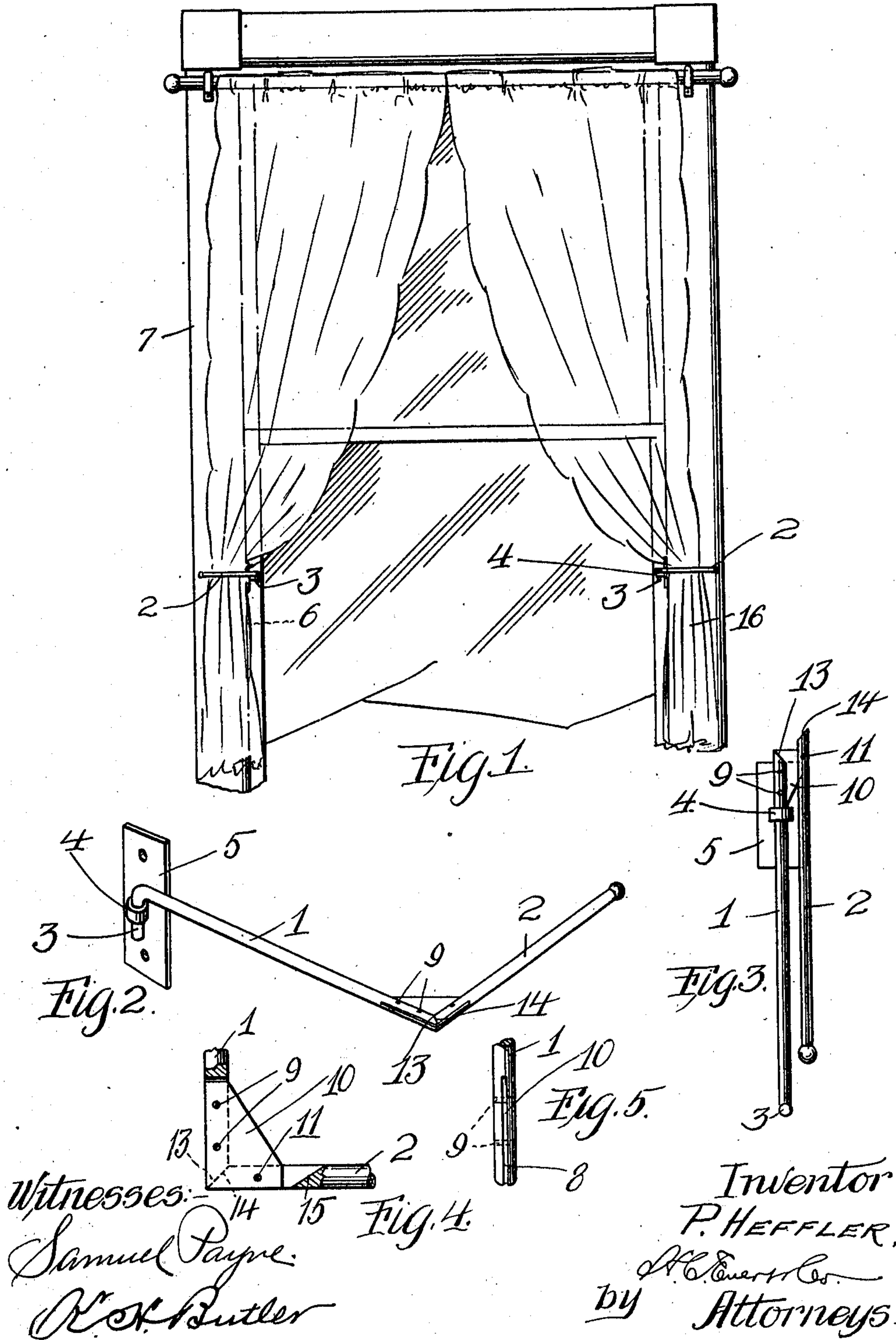


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP HEFFLER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to curtain-holders, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device that can be easily attached to a window frame for holding the lower ends of curtains, draperies and flexible screens in a drawn position at the sides of the window frame.

20 Another object of this invention is to provide a curtain-holder that can be folded to occupy a small space upon the window frame when the curtains or draperies are closed or in their natural position.

25 A still further object of the invention is to accomplish the above results by a fixture that can be used in connection with door frames or window frames, easily applied thereto, and quickly manipulated when it is desired to place the same in an active or inactive position.

30 With these and such other objects in view as may hereinafter appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

35 Reference will now be had to the drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that the structural elements thereof can be changed without departing from the scope of the appended claim.

40 In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a window frame showing my improved holder as applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a detached holder, showing the same in an extended or active position. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the same showing the holder in a folded or inactive position. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view of a portion of the holder showing the hinge connection, and Fig. 5 is a front elevation of a portion of the holder.

50 In connection with a window frame two holders are employed, and as the holders

are identical in construction, but reversely 55 arranged, it is only necessary to describe the detail construction of one of the holders.

A holder embodies two arms or rods 1 and 2, the arm 1 having one end thereof bent at right angles to provide a pivot member 3 60 adapted to loosely fit in a bearing or eyelet 4 carried by a plate 5 adapted to be suitably secured to the side 6 of a window frame 7. As a fastening means screws or nails can be employed, and the plate 5 can be dispensed 65 with if it is desired to provide the window frame with an ordinary screw eyelet for holding the pivot member 3 of the arm or rod 1.

The outer end of the arm or rod 1 is bifurcated, as at 8, and fixed in the bifurcation of said arm by rivets or pins 9 is a triangular-shaped hinge member 10. This member is pivotally mounted by a rivet or pin 11 in the bifurcation 12 of the arm or rod 2. The outer end of the arm or rod 1 is beveled, as at 13, and adapted to engage the beveled end 14 of the arm or rod 2, these beveled ends limiting the outward swing of 80 the arm or rod 2 relative to the arm or rod 1, the beveled ends being adapted to maintain the arm or rod 2 at right angles to the arm or rod 1 when in an active or extended position. 85

To provide clearance for the triangular-shaped hinge member 10 and allow the arm or rod 2 to swing to a closed or inactive position, the closed end of the bifurcation of the arm or rod 2 is beveled, as at 15, thus allowing the arm or rod 2 to be swung into parallelism with the arm or rod 1, as best shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. 90

The pivot member 3 is adapted to support the arm or rod 1 in a horizontal position 95 with the arm or rod 2 extended at right angles thereto, whereby the lower ends of curtains or draperies 16 can be swung behind the arms or rods 1 and 2 to retain the curtains or draperies in an open or drawn 100 position at the sides of the window frame 7.

When the holder is not in use, the arm or rod can be swung into parallelism with the arm or rod 1, said arms raised whereby the arm or rod 1 can slide downwardly in 105 the bearing or eyelet 4 and assume the folded position shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

The holder in its entirety is made of light

and durable metal and can be finished to harmonize with the finish of the window frame or the metallic fixtures thereof.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

5 In a curtain-holder, the combination with a window frame, of a bearing adapted to be carried thereby, an arm having the one end thereof bent to provide a pivot member adapted to loosely engage in said bearing, a triangular-shaped hinge member mounted
10 in the outer end of said arm, and an arm

pivotaly connected to said hinge member and adapted to swing into parallelism with the first mentioned arm, said arms having 15 the confronting ends thereof beveled to limit the movement of one arm relative to the other, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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