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Fig. 1.

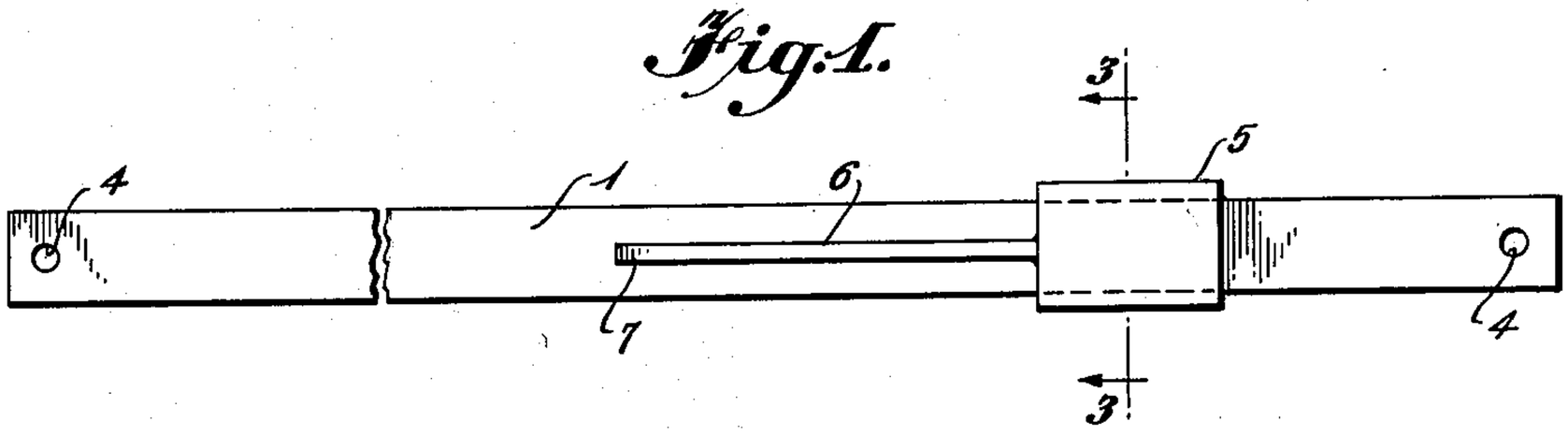


Fig. 2.

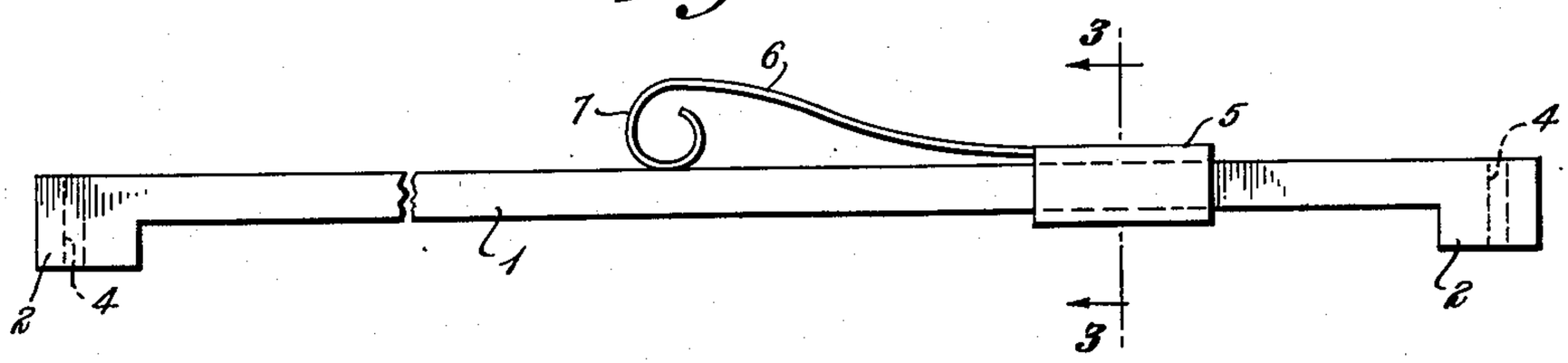


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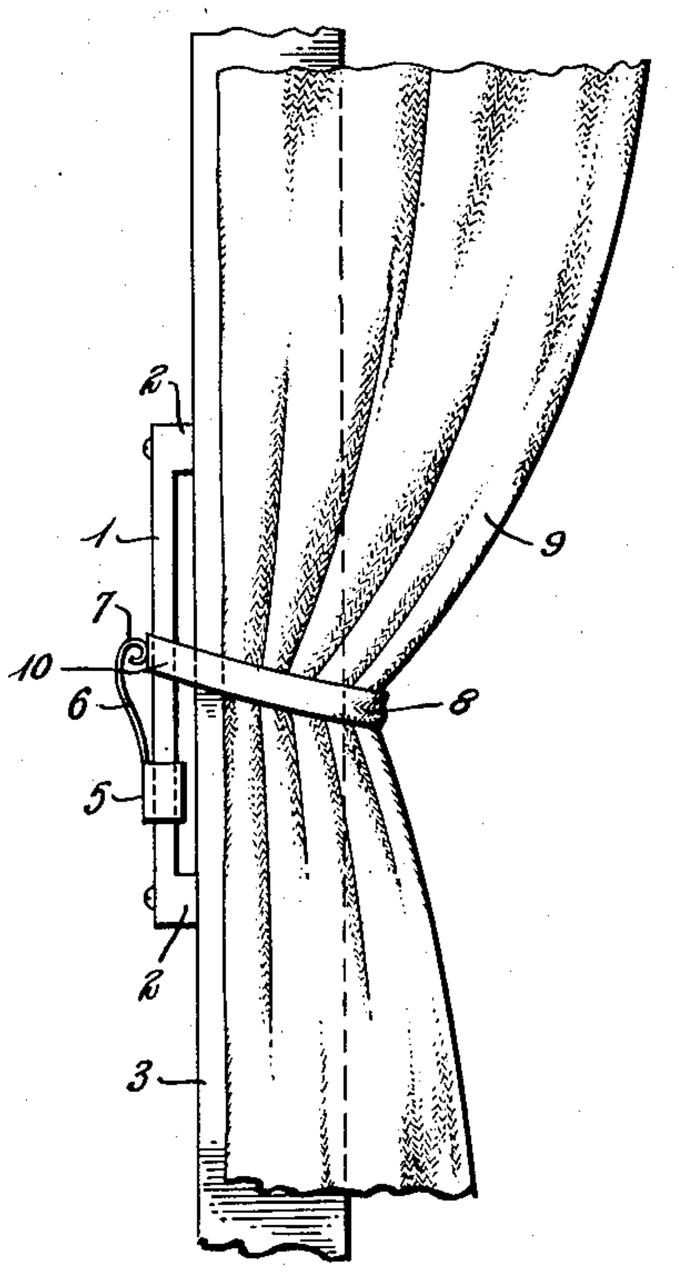
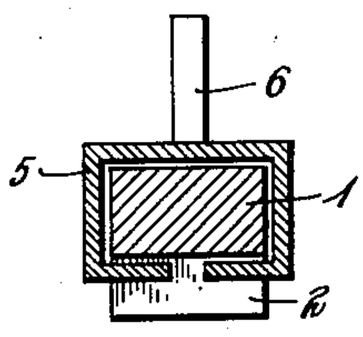


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in article holding devices, and particularly to improvements in curtain tie-back holders adapted to cooperate with the curtain tie-backs commonly used in connection with window and door curtains.

The devices object of this invention are of simple and inexpensive construction, and can be quickly and simply applied to a window or door casing. Among its features, this invention allows to move the tie-back and change its position relative to the casing and the curtain without changing the position of the holder on the window or door casing, and without requiring the substitution of one holder for another. In this manner, the shape of the draping of a curtain can be modified at will, with a single device object of the invention.

Other features will appear from the following description and accompanying drawings, which relate to a preferred embodiment, without limitation of the scope of the invention, which can be used in other forms.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a side view, partially broken away and rotated 90° counterclockwise, of an embodiment of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation corresponding to and rotated as Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view along line 3—3 of Figs. 1 and 2;

Fig. 4 is a partial front elevation of a window or door side casing showing a curtain and its tie-back used in connection with an embodiment of the holders of the invention.

In the drawing, the same reference numerals are given to corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawing, the curtain tie-back holder comprises a guide-bar 1 of substantial length terminating at each end by an abutment 2 projecting from the same side of the guide-bar. As shown in Fig. 4, the guide-bar is attached vertically to the side of the casing 3 of a window or door by means of screws or nails engaging holes 4 in the ends thereof; said holes may be threaded or smooth according to the means used to attach the guide-bar to the casing. The arrangement is such that, when the guide-bar is secured to the casing, there is a clearance between the casing and the portion of the guide-bar intermediate abutments 2 (see Fig. 4). A movable member 5 is slidingly mounted on and around said guide bar 1; its thickness is less than the aforesaid clearance, in order that it may be moved along the guide-bar between said abutments 2. A

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spring 6, parallel to the longitudinal axis of guide-bar 1, it attached at one of its ends to one end of the upper surface of the member 5, and is disposed generally along the axis of the outer face of the guide-bar in such a manner that its free and springing end 7 bears and applies pressure on said outer face, said outer face being that opposite the face which bears the abutments 2.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that spring 6 moves along guide-bar 1 with movable member 5 and that its end 7 can be moved along the guide-bar over a length equal to the distance between abutments 2 less the total length of member 5 and spring 6. For example, if the length of guide-bar 1 between abutments 2 is 24 inches, and the total length of member 5 and spring 6 4 inches, then end 7 of the spring can travel over a length of 20 inches on the guide-bar.

The pressure of end 7 of spring 6 on the guide bar should be such as to hold the spring and the member 5 in position, once the latter has been selected. A change of position of member 5 and spring 6 along bar 1 is effected by springing manually or otherwise spring end 7 away from the guide-bar 1 and then moving the member 5 or attached spring 6. When the desired position has been reached, the spring 6 is then released.

To use the device of this invention as tie-back holders, as shown in Fig. 4, a tie-back 8 for a curtain 9 is inserted at its holding end 10 between end 7 of spring 6 and the outer face of guide-bar 1, after the proper position of spring 6 has been determined along the bar with respect to the casing and the draping effect to be achieved. The pressure of spring 6 on the guide-bar holds the tie-back in position. If the said position must be changed, it is sufficient to disengage the tie-back from the holder by moving spring 6 away from the guide bar 1, to then move the member 5 and associated spring 6 to a new position, after which the tie-back is reinserted between spring end 7 and the guide-bar, the spring being then released in order that it may hold the assembly and the tie back in the new position.

While this invention has been specifically described in respect of the use of the holder with a side of the casing (Fig. 4), it should be understood that it can be applied to a front face of the casing, or other suitable place.

The parts may be made of any suitable material, such as metal or plastic.

I claim:

1. A holder for drapery tie-backs, which comprises: an elongated guide member, having at

each end a projection attachable to a casing; a movable member slidingly engaging said guide member between said projections; a spring having one end attached to said movable member and the other end yieldingly contacting said guide member; said spring cooperating with said guide member to hold said movable member in a predetermined position along said guide member, solely by the pressure exerted by said other end against said guide member.

2. A holder for curtain tie-backs, mountable on a casing, which comprises: an elongated guide member, having at each end a projection extending from the same side of said guide member and attachable to said casing; a sliding member movably engaging at least a substantial part of the periphery of said guide member between said projections; a spring having one end attached to said sliding member and the other end yieldingly contacting said guide member; said spring cooperating with said guide member to hold said sliding member in a predetermined position along said guide member solely by the pressure exerted by said other end against said guide member.

3. A holder for curtain tie-backs, adapted to be mounted on a casing, which comprises: an elongated guide bar having at each end an abutment projecting in the same direction from said guide bar, the tip of said abutments being abuttable against said casing; a stirrup slidingly engaging at least a substantial part of the periphery of said guide bar between said ends; a spring having one end attached to said stirrup and the other end yieldingly contacting said guide bar; said spring cooperating with said guide bar to hold said stirrup in a predetermined position along said guide bar solely by the pressure exerted by said other end against said guide bar.

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