

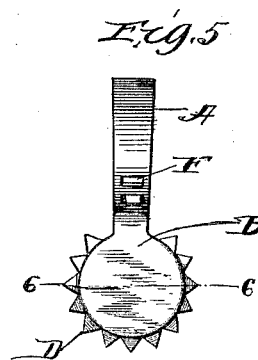
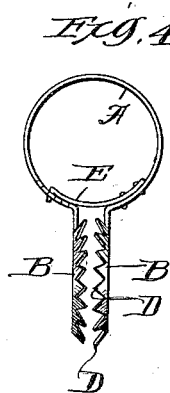
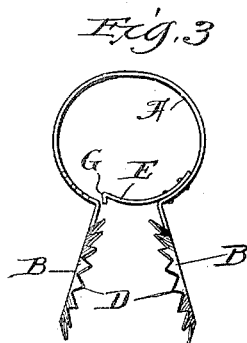
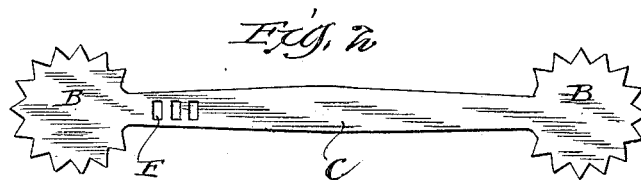
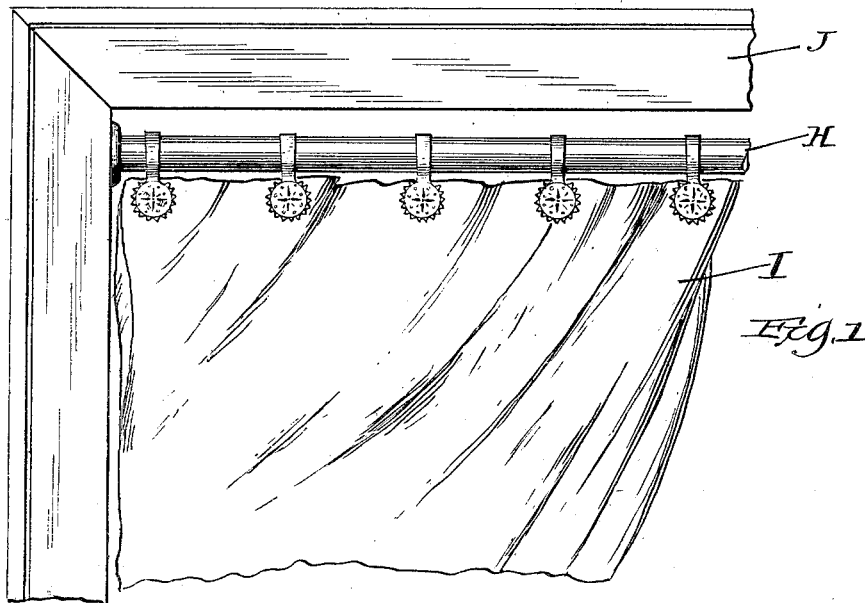
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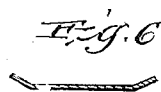


Fig. 7  
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## COMBINED CURTAIN RING AND HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED BEULWITZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Curtain Ring and Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined curtain rings and holders, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, ornamental in appearance, and positive and secure in operation.

A further object is to provide a device embodying in one piece a ring which is movably mounted on a pole and having jaws to hold the curtain securely in place; and a further object is to provide a combined curtain ring and holder which can be used with curtains of any size or thickness.

With these and other ends in view the invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a portion of a curtain and pole with my improved combined ring and holder suspending the curtain from the pole. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which the device is made. Fig. 3 is an edge or side view of the device when the jaws are open. Fig. 4 is a similar view with the jaws closed. Fig. 5 is a front view of the device. Fig. 6 is a sectional view on the line 6 6 of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the tongue.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures, A designates the ring, and B the gripping-jaws, which are stamped up from a sheet of spring metal, preferably, the blank as it has been stamped being shown in Fig. 2. The length of the part C is sufficient to provide a ring A, which can be used with poles of any ordinary size, and the gripping-jaws B are large enough to secure a proper purchase on the curtain without tearing or mutilating the same. These gripping-jaws are provided with teeth D on their periph-

eries, which project inwardly to engage the curtain and hold it securely without slipping.

When the blank is bent up into shape, the part C is formed into an open ring, the ends of which will normally spring open more or less when not suspending the curtain, as shown in Fig. 3. The gripping-jaws are arranged at right angles to the ring and parallel with each other, the teeth thereon projecting inwardly and preferably arranged in a staggered relation to each other.

For the purpose of securing the jaws together upon a curtain I, provide a catch or fastening device consisting of a spring-tongue E, which is arranged wholly within the ring and secured at one end to one side of the ring, its other end being provided with a hooked end G to engage one of a series of holes or notches F in the other side of the ring. The arrangement is such that the jaws can be quickly and easily pressed together upon a curtain, and in so doing the hooked end of the locking-tongue will engage one of the holes F, so that the tongue will span the opening in the ring and be locked above said opening across the ring. The series of holes provides for the adjustment of the jaws to curtains of different thicknesses, and they also enable the device to be locked securely in place under all circumstances.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide an open ring with depending jaws and a locking device, and I make no claim herein for such a broad invention; but a curtain-ring constructed in accordance with my invention as herein disclosed can be easily manipulated and locked or unlocked without distorting the ring and without rubbing or straining the fabric held between the jaws, which would result in injury to the fabric and weaken the ring. The locking device of my improved curtain-ring is constructed and arranged so that it will automatically engage one of the openings in the side of the ring as the jaws are pressed together upon the fabric, said locking device being of spring metal, which causes its hooked end to bear upon the ring in this operation and enter one of the holes therein. To unlock this device, an instrument of some kind can be inserted be-

tween the spring-tongue and the lower part of the ring to lift the tongue until its hooked end is released from its engagement with the hole without in any way distorting or pressing or twisting the ring, and therefore avoiding any strain or injury to the fabric held between the jaws. When the ring is provided with holes, as shown in the drawings, the unlocking may be accomplished by simply pressing the instrument up against the end of the hook to force it out of the hole.

The device is most generally used to suspend curtains, portières, &c., from a pole; but it may be employed to hold them in looped fashion at the side of a window or door and in other ways to which it is adapted. The particular construction and proportions of the several parts of the device may be varied, and it is apparent that the ring and jaws may be chased or ornamented in any way, so that they will present a pleasing effect and appearance.

To secure the jaws on the curtain, it is only necessary to arrange the curtain between the jaws and then press the jaws together until the tongue of the fastening device enters the last hole in the ring it can reach. In this way the jaws can be made to take a firm hold on the curtain, so as to prevent slipping and consequent tearing of the curtain.

In Fig. 1 I have shown how the rings are

generally arranged on a pole H to suspend a curtain I in a door or window frame J. The ring and jaws may be made separate and of different materials, and the device may be made in whole of other material than spring metal.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a combined curtain ring and holder comprising an open ring having parallel gripping-jaws extending downwardly from the ends of the ring and provided with inwardly-turned teeth, and a device for fastening the jaws together on a curtain comprising a spring-tongue arranged within the ring and spanning the opening between the ends thereof, said spring-tongue being secured at one end to one side of the ring and having its other end provided with a hook to engage an opening in the opposite side of the ring, whereby the jaws are locked on the curtain and the ring held in closed position until the hooked end of the tongue is lifted out of the opening, substantially as described.

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