

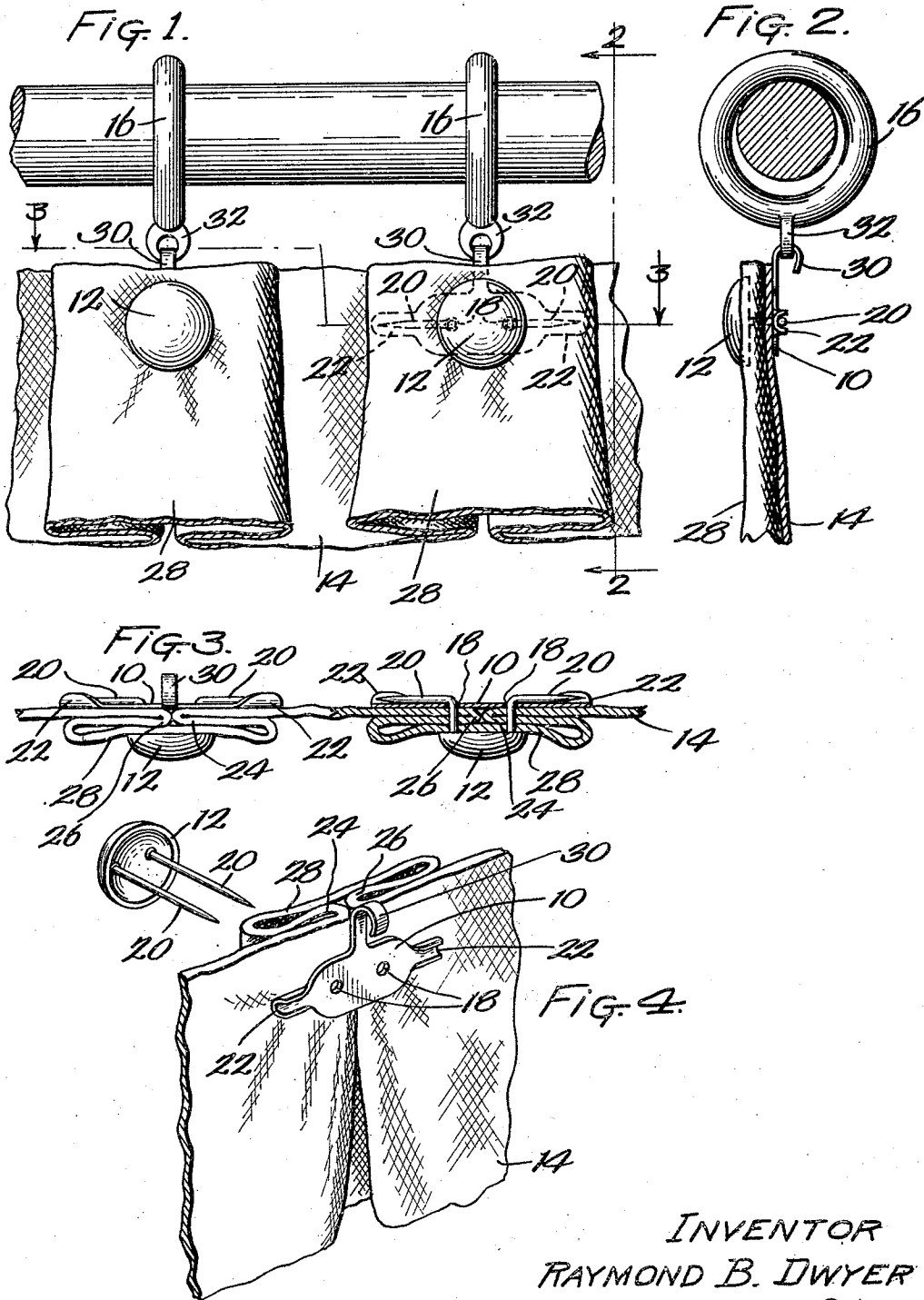
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My invention relates to hangers for curtains and other kinds of draperies, and the object is to provide a simple device for not only firmly securing the folds of the pleat but for also attaching the curtain or drapery to the curtain rod ring or other suspending means.

Another object is to provide a drapery hanger adapted to be detachably connected to the ring on the curtain rod, composed of a backing plate and a pronged button or fastener constructed and arranged so that when the curtain or drapery is folded to form the desired pleat the prongs of the button may be passed through the folds and through the backing plate and then bent laterally whereby securely to hold the folds of the pleat in position and the curtain to the curtain ring. This has the advantage of avoiding the necessity of any sewing or stitching whatever. The same act which secures the hanger to the drapery holds the drapery in folded or pleated condition. Thus the amount of labor ordinarily required is eliminated to a marked degree. A further object is to provide guards for protecting the points of the prongs. These and other objects of my invention will be apparent from a perusal of the following specification when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my improved hanger.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view on line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a disassembled view of the curtain, the back plate and the pronged fastener.

Referring now to the drawings, the preferred embodiment of the invention comprises a plate 10 preferably positioned at the rear of the curtain or drapery, and a

fastening member or button 12, preferably positioned at the front of the curtain.

These two parts are constructed and arranged for detachable connection to the drapery 14 directly at the arranged folds forming the pleat so as not only to hold the folds in permanent position but also to constitute the means for hanging the drapery to the curtain ring 16 or other like suspending member. In the present instance the backing plate is perforated preferably with two holes 18, and the button or fastener is formed with two pointed and bendable prongs 20 which are adapted to pass through the folds of the drapery and through the holes 18 of the backing plate 10. The backing plate is formed with oppositely extending guards 22, preferably channel-shaped so that when the prongs are bent laterally they will lie flush with the plate and in the grooves of the guards. Thus the pointed ends of the prongs will be housed. This arrangement protects not only the drapery but also persons from injury. If desired the walls of these guards may slightly overlie the prongs to hold them in position.

In the drawings I have shown my improved hanger as holding in place the folds of a so-called French pleat. In this type of pleat wherein the folds of the drapery have doubled or reversed upon themselves the backing plate 10 is disposed at the rear of and centrally of the juncture of the re-entrant folded portions 24 and 26, and the complementary button or fastener 12 is disposed at the front and centrally of the main front fold 28 with each prong passing through three thicknesses of the drapery and through the hole in the backing plate. In this manner the folds forming the pleat of the drapery may be arranged at desired intervals along the top of the curtain and secured in set position by the drapery hanger itself. Thus no other means for fastening the pleats is required, and the curtains or

draperies will hang as desired, since the upper portions are substantially clamped in set position. By my improved hanger the pleats may be positioned at will during the act of hanging the curtains. The guards 22 forming portions of the backing plate not only tend to hold the pointed prongs of the buttons in bent position and thus prevent inadvertent detachment of the buttons from the plates, but they also house, or partly house, the pointed ends of the prongs, which is a great advantage since it not only protects the curtain or drapery from injury but also prevents the person hanging or taking down the curtain from being pricked.

I preferably provide the upper portion of the backing plate with an upstanding hook 30 curved rearwardly so that the hanger may be suspended from the eyelet 32 of the curtain ring 16. Manifestly any manner of suspending the hangers and curtains is within the contemplation of my invention.

In actual use the plates and buttons are given an ornate appearance so that they enhance the beauty of the drapery. Various designs of fastening members, both in the buttons or front fastening part and in the backing plates, may be used and the construction of these parts may be suitably altered to be adaptable to various types of pleats to be formed.

As a result of this invention the labor of making and hanging draperies is greatly reduced. No sewing or stitching is required either for fastening the pleats or securing the hanger to the drapery. The entire process is accomplished by merely folding the upper edge of the drapery to the type of pleat desired and then passing the prongs through the fabric and backing plate and bending the prongs parallel to the plate.

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

1. A drapery hanger including detachably connected plates, one of which is provided with means to pierce the arranged folds of the drapery and to extend through a perforated portion of the other part, said piercing part being bendable behind the perforated part into clinching engagement therewith to hold the folds in position between the plates, and means provided on one of said parts for connecting said hanger to a curtain ring.

2. A drapery hanger comprising a perforated plate and a pin having an enlarged head and a prong adapted for insertion through the fabric of the drapery from the front thereof and thence to pass through the perforated plate said prongs being bendable back of the plate to hold the parts together and the plate having means for connection to the curtain ring.

3. A drapery hanger adapted to be con-

nected to a curtain ring having a perforated backing plate formed with spaced holes, oppositely extending arms and an upstanding hook, a button having pointed prongs adapted to pass through the folds of the drapery forming the pleat and through the holes of the plate, said prongs being bendable whereby they may be bent laterally substantially parallel to, and positioned close to, the extending arms of the plate.

4. A drapery hanger adapted to be attached to a curtain ring and comprising a perforated plate formed with a guard, a button having a prong adapted to pass from the front of the drapery rearwardly through the folds of the drapery forming the pleat to hold the folds in position, and then through a perforation of the plate, said prong being bendable behind the plate to lie within the guard of the plate.

5. A drapery hanger comprising a perforated plate formed with channel-shaped guards extending laterally in opposite directions, a fastener comprising a button adapted to engage the front of the drapery and an outstanding prong mounted on the button and adapted to pass through the folds of the drapery to hold the folds in position, and thence through the perforated plate, said prongs being bendable laterally behind the plate to lie in the channel-shaped guards.

6. A drapery hanger comprising a plate having an upstanding hook for connection to a curtain ring, two laterally extending channel-shaped guards and two perforations formed in the plate, a button having spaced bendable prongs adapted to pass through the arranged folds of the drapery and through the perforations of the plate, protruding portions of the prongs being bendable behind the plate whereby the same may be arranged within the channel shaped guards to thereby clinch the parts together upon the drapery.

7. A drapery hanger including a backing plate, and a companion plate having prongs which are adapted to pierce the arranged folds of the drapery to hold them in position and to extend behind the plane of said plate, said prongs being bendable laterally to clinch the parts together, one of said parts having means for connection to the curtain ring.

8. A drapery hanger adapted for connection to a curtain ring and comprising a perforated backing plate formed with spaced perforations, oppositely extending arms and an upstanding hook, a fastening member comprising a button provided with spaced prongs adapted for insertion through the fabric of the drapery and thence through the perforations of the plate, said prongs being bendable to a position behind the extending arms of the plate, whereby to secure the parts together.

9. A two-piece drapery hanger comprising a perforated backing plate and a face plate provided with a prong adapted for insertion from the front of a drapery to pass rearwardly therethrough and through the perforation of the backing plate, the face plate being adapted to engage the front surface of the drapery and the prong being bendable behind the backing plate whereby to secure the said plates firmly together on either side of the drapery and means formed and arranged in one of said plates for connection with a curtain ring.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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