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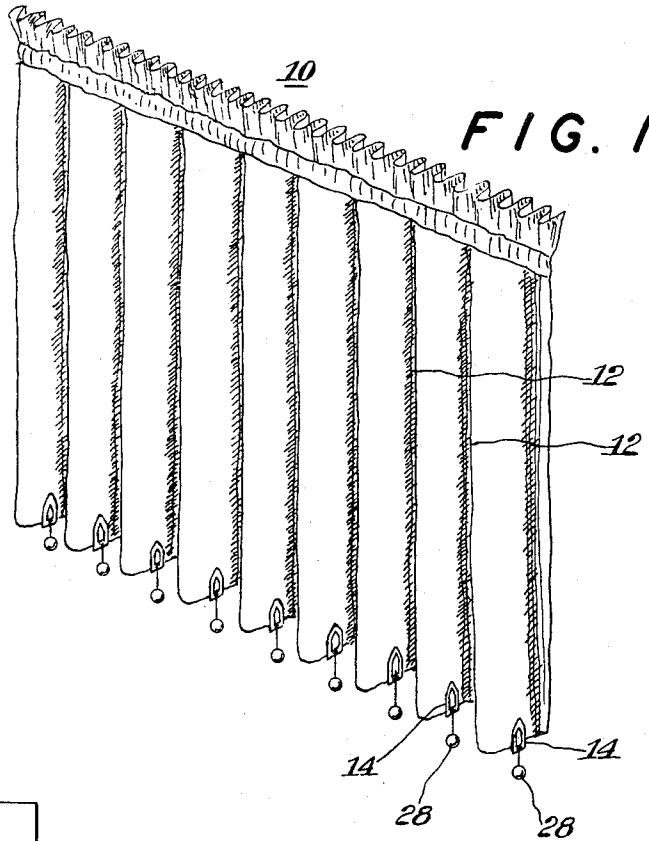


FIG. 1

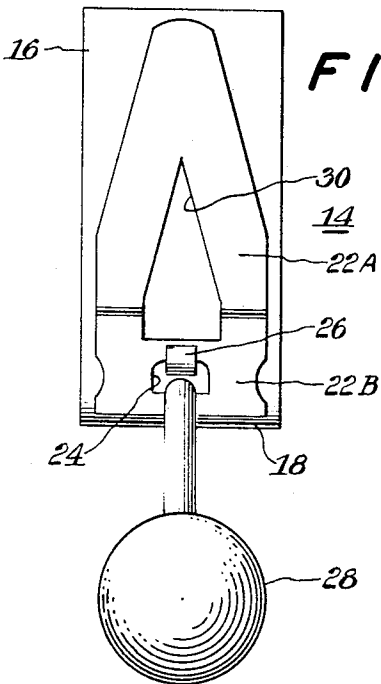


FIG. 2

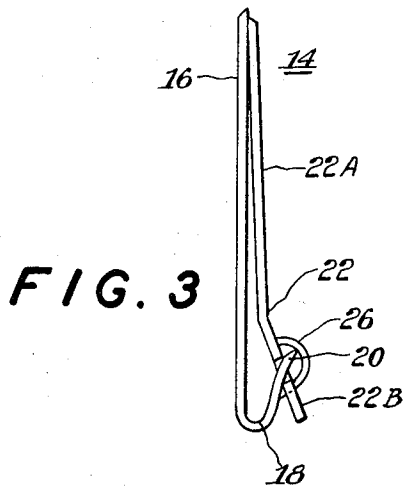


FIG. 3

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A clip adapted to be detachably secured to curtains to "train" same to drape and fold gracefully.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My clip includes an elongated vertical first member having an upwardly curved bottom edge terminating in an upwardly inclined prong extending away from the edge. An elongated second member has a relatively long upper essentially vertical section disposed adjacent the upper portion of the first member and a relatively short lower downwardly inclined section extending away from the first member. The lower section has a hole through which the prong extends. Means secured both to the lower section and to the prong normally biases the two members into contact but responds to manual pressure to temporarily separate the members.

Many types of curtains will neither fold nor drape gracefully unless the folds are formed and held in place until "trained." My clips are used for this purpose. Moreover, my clips can be made so decorative as to be left in place after "training" has been completed and need only be removed when the curtains are taken down.

If desired, ball pendants can be secured to the clips to give the effect of ball fringe when secured in place on curtains.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a curtain using my clips; FIG. 2 is a front view of one of my clips with a ball pendant attached; and

FIG. 3 is a side view of one of my clips with the ball pendant removed.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to FIGS. 1-3, a curtain 10 has a plurality of folds 12, each of which can be trained by detachably securing a separate clip 14 to the bottom horizontal edge thereof.

Each clip has a first elongated flat generally rectangular flexible member 16 having an upwardly curved bottom

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edge 18 with a prong 20 extending inclinedly upwards and outwards therefrom. A second flat elongated member 22 has a relatively long essentially vertical section 22A having its upper edge normally biased into contact with the upper portion of member 16 and a relatively short downwardly inclined section 22B extending away from the member 16. Section 22B has a hole 24 through which a portion of prong 20 extends. A C-shaped flexible leaf spring 26 spans hole 24 with the ends secured to section 22B and the center secured to the tip of the prong. The interaction of the spring with the remainder of the structure causes the biasing action described above. By applying manual pressure thereto, the members can be temporarily separated to permit removal or attachment of the clip.

A ball pendant 28 can be detachably secured to the clip via hole 24.

For decorative purposes, member 22 can be tapered with a central hole 30 in the section 22B.

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

1. A clip comprising:

an elongated vertical first member having an upwardly curved bottom edge terminating in an upwardly inclined prong;

an elongated second member having a relatively long upper essentially vertical section disposed adjacent the upper portion of the first member and a relatively short lower downwardly inclined section extending away from the first member, said lower section having a hole through which said prong extends; and

means secured both to said prong and to said lower section, said means normally biasing said members into contact and adapted under manual pressure to separate said members.

2. A clip as set forth in claim 1 wherein said means is a C-shaped strip spanning said hole and secured to the tip of the prong.

3. A clip as set forth in claim 2 wherein said upper section of the second member has another and larger hole.

4. A clip as set forth in claim 3 further including a ball pendant detachably secured thereto.

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