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CURTAIN TASSEL CLASP.

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Fig. 1

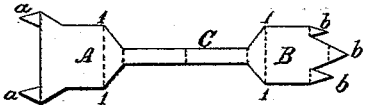
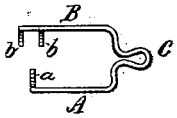


Fig. 2



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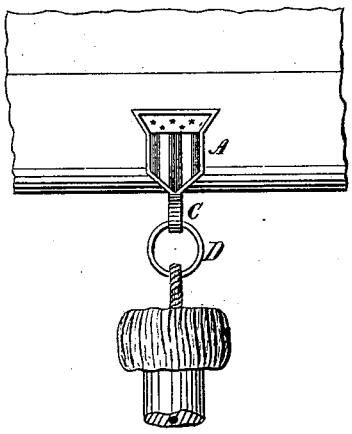

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IMPROVEMENT IN CURTAIN-TASSEL CLASPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **181,171**, dated August 15, 1876; application filed June 26, 1876.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH M. HOMISTON, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Curtain-Tassel Clasp and Shade-Pull; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices known as window-curtain-tassel clasps and shade-pulls, which are secured to the concealed lower strip, and from which depends or hangs the tassel, by which the shade is unwound or drawn down.

My invention has for its object to provide a metallic clasp, which may be readily secured by points to the wood strip, and so constructed that all liability of splitting is avoided, and the strip firmly secured between the opposite sides of the clasp; and with these objects in view my invention consists of a metallic clasp adapted to lie against and penetrate both sides of the strips at different altitudes, so that the entrance of the penetrating-points will not induce the splitting of the wood strip, and adapted, further, to receive and suspend the tassel-ring, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

To enable those skilled to more fully understanp the same, I will describe the construction and advantages of my improved clasp, referring by letters to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of my clasp as it appears when punched out from sheet-brass or other suitable metal; Fig. 2, a side or edge view of the same bent into shape ready to be applied to the strip, and Fig. 3 a front or plan view, showing the same attached to a shade and suspending the tassel.

Similar letters indicate like parts in the several views.

A and B are the two embracing ends, the former provided with two points, *a a*, and the latter with three points, *b b b*, the center one of which is longer than the other two, as clearly shown at Fig. 1. These two enlarged ends A and B are connected by a narrow portion, C, upon which the tassel-ring D hangs when the clasp is bent into shape. The points *a a b b b* are bent on the dotted lines shown in Fig. 1, at about right angles to the ends or sides A B, which are likewise bent on the dotted lines 1 1, and the connecting narrow strip is bent to form a loop, as represented at Fig. 2, from which it will be seen that the points *a a* and *b b b* lie in different planes, or straddle each other, so that liability of splitting the wooden strip is avoided, and the clasp secure ly fastened or secured in place without liability of accidental disengagement from the strip, or of tearing the shade material. The outside surface of the portions A and B may be ornamented with any desired design, to give a neat or artistic appearance to the same, and the clasp may be made of any suitable metal, and nickel-plated or otherwise washed.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a curtain-tassel clasp or shade-pull, made of a single piece, having embracing sides adapted to confine the wooden strip, and provided with securing-points at different altitudes, and with a ring-support, substantially as and for the purposes described.

Witness my hand this 10th day of June, A. D. 1876.

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