The present invention relates to curtains, and more particularly to draw curtains, finding its greatest application with curtains that are hung from fixed rods or supports, such as shower curtains, door curtains, and the like, and it has for its object to provide curtains of the character described which will conceal the supporting rods, so that the appearance of the curtains will be greatly enhanced.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide curtains of the character described which will be easy and convenient to hang and easy and convenient to move and adjust upon the supporting rods.

It is further the object of the present invention to provide hooks or saddles for the hanging of the curtain of the present invention which may be used upon supporting rods of all types and shapes whether round, square or rectangular; which will facilitate the engaging of the curtain and retain it in position without unhooking and which will eliminate the danger of injury to the hands encountered in the use of the hooks or saddles at present in use.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating several embodiments of a draw curtain of the present invention and of the hooks to be used in combination therewith,

Fig. 1 is a cross sectional view of one embodiment of a draw curtain and saddle of the present invention showing the same suspended from a supporting rod;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of the same, in side elevation, partly cut away;

Fig. 3 is a view of a modified form of saddle for the draw curtain shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view of a further modified form of saddle for the same; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view in perspective of another embodiment of a draw curtain of the present invention together with the saddle therefor.

Referring more specifically to the accompanying drawing, the numeral 10 designates a bar or rod of the type generally used for the hanging of curtains, which may be of any conventional shape, such as circular or square, upon which rests a hook or saddle generally designated as 11, the central portion, 12, of which is of a curved, preferably a circular shape, forming, preferably, approximately a semi-circle, its ends being turned outwardly and upwardly substantially parallel to one another, to form hooks 13, one on each side of the central curved portion 12.

Suspended from a plurality of such saddles 11 is a curtain, generally designated as 14, having at its upper end a pair of hems, 15, one of which may be a continuation of the curtain proper and the other of which may be attached thereto in any conventional manner such as by stitching or the like. Each of said hems may comprise a single layer of fabric or it may comprise a plurality of layers of fabric the inner facing layer or layers 16, of which are free from the outer one providing a compartment 17. Into the said inner layers, 16, are set a plurality of spaced grommets or eyelets 18, in an aligned row parallel to the edge of the hem, 15, corresponding and parallel to the grommets in the other hem. Such grommets 18 are positioned at a point below the upper edges of the hems 15, so as to permit insertion through them into the space 17, the hooks 13 of saddle 11. Such grommets are also concealed from view by the outer fabric layer of the hem 15, which they do not penetrate.

By inserting the hooks 13 of a saddle 11 into each pair of corresponding grommets 18, on the two hems 15, the curtain 14 may be easily and readily hung upon the bar 10. Since the grommets 18 are positioned at a distance below the upper edge of the hems 15, such hems will conceal the rod 10 on both sides thereof and the curtain proper will be suspended evenly below the center of such rod.

The double suspension of the curtain, by the two hems 15, reinforces the curtain by reducing the weight on the individual grommets and thus lessens the chances of tearing the fabric adjacent to them. As the saddles of the present invention require no pressing or locking and do not require the use of any pressure or force to engage the curtains, any danger of injury to the hand while the curtain is being hung is entirely eliminated.

It is also readily apparent that since the saddle 11 is only semi-circular and does not entirely surround the bar 10 its frictional contact with the bar is reduced and is therefore more easy to slide over the bar.

It may here be stated that the hems 15 may be of a single layer of fabric or that the grommets 18 may pass to the outside layer in a multiple layer hem, in which case the ends 13 of the saddle 11 will project to the outside of the curtain and will not be concealed.

The saddles of the present invention may be modified to prevent them from falling off the rod 10 when the curtain 14, which ordinarily weighs them down and keeps them in position, is removed, by providing them with a central cir-
circular portion 19, which is substantially in excess of a semi-circle, having an opening somewhat smaller than the diameter of the rod 10. Since the saddles 11 are made of metal wire, which is resilient, such saddles may be by a slight pressure be snapped into position over the bar and will not therefore fall off. Such a saddle is illustrated in Fig. 3.

The saddles 11 may be further modified to prevent the dislodging of the curtain therefrom by providing it with zigzag ends 20, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawing.

The rod concealing curtains of the present invention may also be made with a single hem as illustrated in Fig. 5, of the drawing, by the curtain generally designated as 21, in which the inner fabric 16 of the hem 15 is provided with a pair of parallel and adjacent rows of spaced grommets 18. Such curtain 21 is carried by a plurality of saddles 22 mounted on the supporting rod 10. These saddles may be preferably made of resilient metal, such as spring wire and have a circular central portion 23, of a diameter somewhat larger than the supporting rod 10, such circular portions 23 being preferably in excess of a semi-circle, and having its terminal ends, 24, bent outwardly in alignment with one another. The saddles 22 are placed on the supporting bar 10 so that the ends 24 thereof are in line with the vertical.

To secure effective hanging of the curtain the saddles should be of such size that the opening in the circular portion 23 should be of approximately the size equal to the distance between the two parallel series of grommets.

The curtain may be readily hung from the saddles by inserting one end of a saddle 24, either the upper or lower end, into a grommet in the corresponding row and comprising the curved resilient central portion 23 of such saddle until the other end may be inserted into the corresponding grommet in the other row. This may be readily done in view of the fact that the diameter of the circular portion 23, of the saddle, 22, is larger than the supporting rod 10. To remove the curtain the process is reversed. The curved central portion 23 is compressed until one of the ends 24, may be slipped out of one of the grommets and then the other end 24 is slipped out of the corresponding grommet in the other row.

It may here be stated that wherever the term "grommet", is used in this application such term is intended to be merely representative of any eyelet or opening adopted to receive the end of a saddle. These eyelets or openings may be reinforced by a grommet of metal or other material, or by stitching or they may be without any reinforcement at all.

This completes the description of the preferred embodiments of the draw curtains of the present invention and their respective saddles. It is to be clearly understood that the invention and their claims hereeto appended. What I claim is:

1. A curtain having twin hems at its upper end and a row of spaced grommets set into each hem parallel to its edge, each grommet of the one hem facing a grommet in the other hem.

2. A curtain having twin hems at its upper end each of said hems comprising a plurality of fabric folds, a row of spaced grommets set into the inwardly facing fabric layer of each of the said hems parallel to its edge, each grommet of the one hem facing a grommet in the other hem.

3. A curtain having two adjacent parallel rows of grommets set into it adjacent its upper end, and parallel thereto, each grommet in the lower row of grommets being in vertical alignment with, one in the upper row of grommets each aligned pair of grommets being adapted to be engaged by one curtain saddle.

4. A curtain having a hem at its upper end, such hem comprising a plurality of fabric folds, two adjacent parallel rows of grommets set into one of the outer fabric layers of the hem adjacent its upper end, and parallel thereto, each grommet in the lower row of grommets being in vertical alignment with one in the upper row of grommets each aligned pair of grommets being adapted to be engaged by one curtain saddle.

5. The combination with a curtain having twin hems at its upper end and a row of spaced grommets set into each of the said hems parallel to its edge, each grommet in the one row facing a grommet in the other row, of a curtain saddle for hanging such curtain comprising a curved central portion adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and upwardly to form hooks on each side of the said curved central portion, each of the said hooks engaging one of a pair of facing grommets in the two hems of the said curtain.

6. The combination with a curtain having twin hems at its upper end, each of said hems comprising a plurality of fabric layers and having a row of spaced grommets set into the inwardly facing fabric layer parallel to its edge grommet in the one hem facing a grommet in the other, of a curtain saddle for hanging the same comprising a curved central portion adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and upwardly to form hooks on each side of the said curved central portion, each of the said hooks engaging one of a pair of facing grommets in the two hems of the said curtain.

7. The combination with a curtain having twin hems at its upper end and a row of spaced grommets set into each of the said hems parallel to its edge, each grommet in the one row facing a grommet in the other, of a curtain saddle comprising a resilient curved central portion in excess of a semi-circle adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and upwardly to form hooks on each side of the said curved central portion, each of the said hooks engaging one of a pair of facing grommets in the two hems of the said curtain.

8. The combination with a curtain having twin hems at its upper end, each of said hems comprising a plurality of fabric layers and having a row of spaced grommets set into the inwardly facing fabric layer parallel to its edge, each grommet in the one hem facing a grommet in the other, of a curtain saddle comprising a curved central portion, adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and upwardly to form hooks on each side of the said curved central portion, each of the said hooks engaging one of a pair of facing grommets in the two hems of the said curtain.

9. The combination with a curtain having two adjacent parallel rows of grommets set into it adjacent its upper end and parallel thereto each grommet in the lower row of grommets being di
rectly below one in the upper row of grommets, of a curtain saddle comprising a substantially resilient semi-circular central portion adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and in alignment with one another, each of said ends being inserted into one of a pair of grommets in the upper and lower rows of the same.

10. The combination with a curtain having a hem at its upper end and two adjacent, parallel rows of grommets set into one of the outer fabric folds of the said hem parallel to its edge, each grommet of the lower row of grommets being directly below one in the upper row of grommets, of a curtain saddle comprising a substantially resilient semi-circular central portion, adapted to slide over a curtain supporting rod and ends extending outwardly and in alignment with one another, each of said ends being inserted into one of a pair of grommets in the upper and lower rows of the same.

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