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FIG. 1.

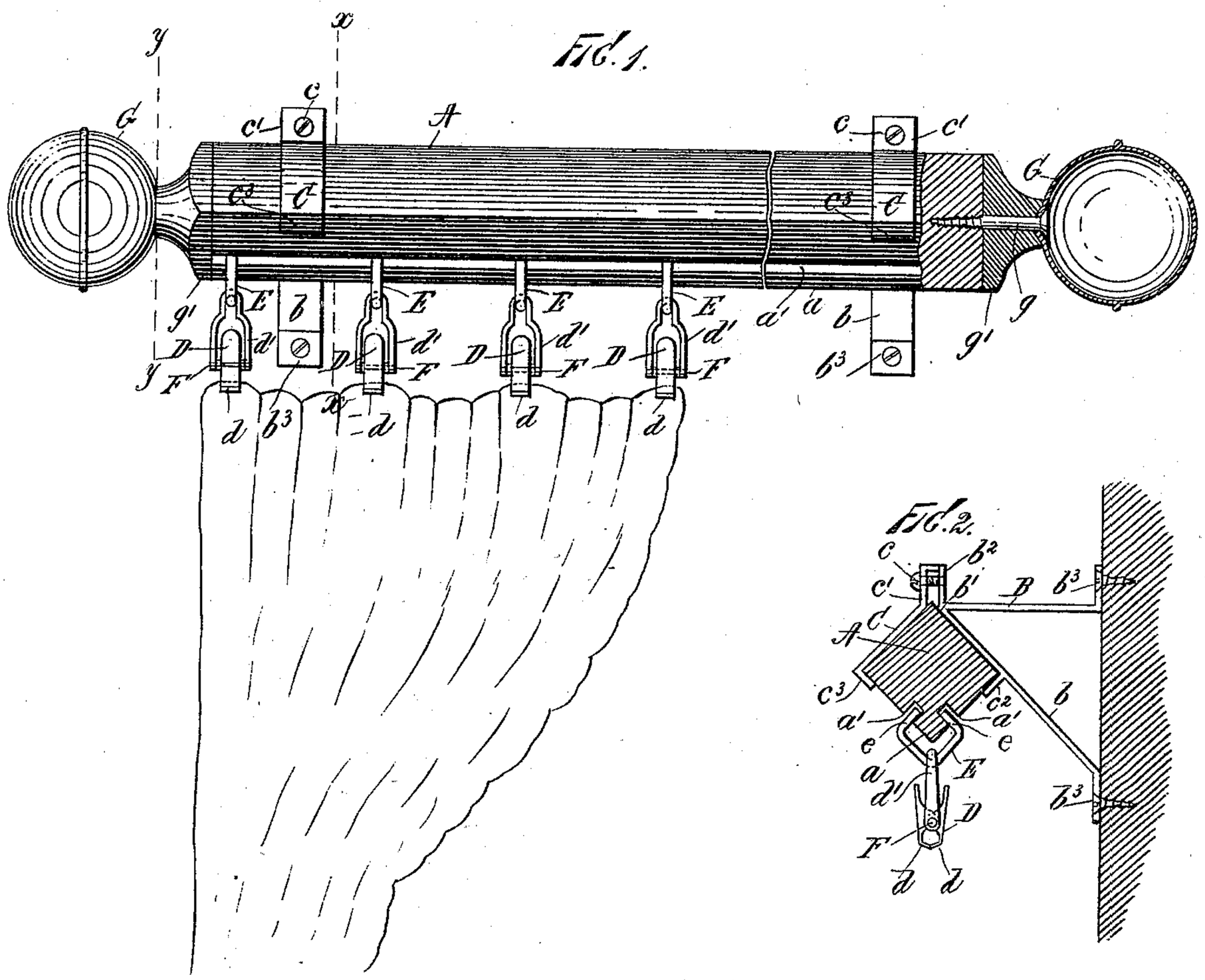

FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MANTON T. BENTLEY and MARY E. BENTLEY, citizens of the United States, and residents of Paterson, county of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Our invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in curtain poles and fixtures; and its object is to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to support a curtain or similar article and arranged in such a manner that the fastener may be secured against removal.

With these and other ends in view the invention contemplates a curtain-pole preferably rectangular in cross-section and suitably supported and provided with a slot on each side of the lower edge thereof to receive the ends of an open ring from which the fastener is suspended, and suitable end pieces for said pole adapted to be operated to close or open the ends of the slots therein, all of which will be fully and particularly described and claimed hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a curtain pole and fixture embodying our invention and partly shown in section. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view on the line $x\ x$ of Fig. 1.

In the practice of our invention we employ a pole A, which is preferably rectangular in cross-section, as shown; but it may be of any shape which includes a downwardly-extending tapered portion a. The pole is provided with the oppositely-arranged slots a', substantially at right angles to each other and located on each side of said tapered portion, for a purpose hereinafter fully described. The pole is supported by means of brackets which are fastened to the wall by screws or otherwise, and each bracket comprises a horizontal bar B and an inclined bar b, which are connected together at b' and provided with an upward extension b^2. The other ends of the bars are bent to form flanges b^3, through which the securing-screws are passed.

A supplemental piece C connected to the extension b^2 by means of an adjusting-screw c, which passes through an upward extension c' thereon, and the extension b^2 and the pole is clamped between said supplemental piece and the inclined bar b and held in place by the projection c^2 on the inclined bar and the extension c^3 on the supplemental piece.

The fastening device D comprises the spring-controlled jaws $d\ d$ and is supported on a hanger d', which is suspended from the split ring E. This split ring may be of any desired shape, and it is provided with two straight end sections $e\ e$, adapted to be arranged in the slots a of the pole. By the arrangement of the slots and the ends of said ring the ring will be loosely arranged on the pole, so that it and the devices suspended thereby may be moved along thereon as desired. The fastening device which supports the curtain is also free to move in any direction, as the pivot-pin F thereof is journaled in the ends of the hanger d' and said hanger is also loosely arranged through the ring E.

The end sections G G of the pole are suitably ornamented and fastened to the pole by screws g and the faces g' thereof and each provided with a recessed or cut-away portion g^2, which may be turned to disclose the slots a', so that the rings may be removed. The faces g' of the end sections are preferably of the same shape in cross-section as the pole, with the exception of the slot, so that they will normally close the ends of the slots and prevent the rings from slipping out of place; but these end sections can be easily turned on the screws g, so that the recessed or cut-away portions will disclose the slots and permit the rings to be removed without taking the pole down from the brackets.

In using our improved device the pole is arranged upon the extension c^2, and then the supplemental piece is placed in position and fastened by means of the screws e. The end sections are then turned so that the ends of the slot will be open. Both end sections may have the recessed or cut-away portions, or one only of them may be so constructed, as preferred. The rings E, having first been inserted through the hangers d', are then arranged in the slots a' and the curtain secured

between the jaws *d*. The end sections are then turned to close the ends of the slots.

We are aware that changes in the form and proportion of parts and details of construction of our invention may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and we therefore reserve the right to make all changes that fairly fall within the scope of the invention.

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

1. The combination with a curtain-pole, of a bracket adapted to be secured to a wall and comprising a horizontal bar, and an inclined bar secured together at one end and having an upward extension, and a supplemental piece adapted to be clamped upon the pole and having an upward extension and an adjusting-screw passing through the extensions, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination with a curtain-pole, of a bracket adapted to be secured to a wall and comprising a horizontal bar, an inclined bar secured at one end to one end of the horizontal bar and having an upward extension, a supplemental piece having an upward extension, an adjusting-screw passing through said extension, an extension c^3 on the lower end of the supplemental piece and a projection c^2 on the inclined bar, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we have signed our names, in presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of June, 1895.

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