

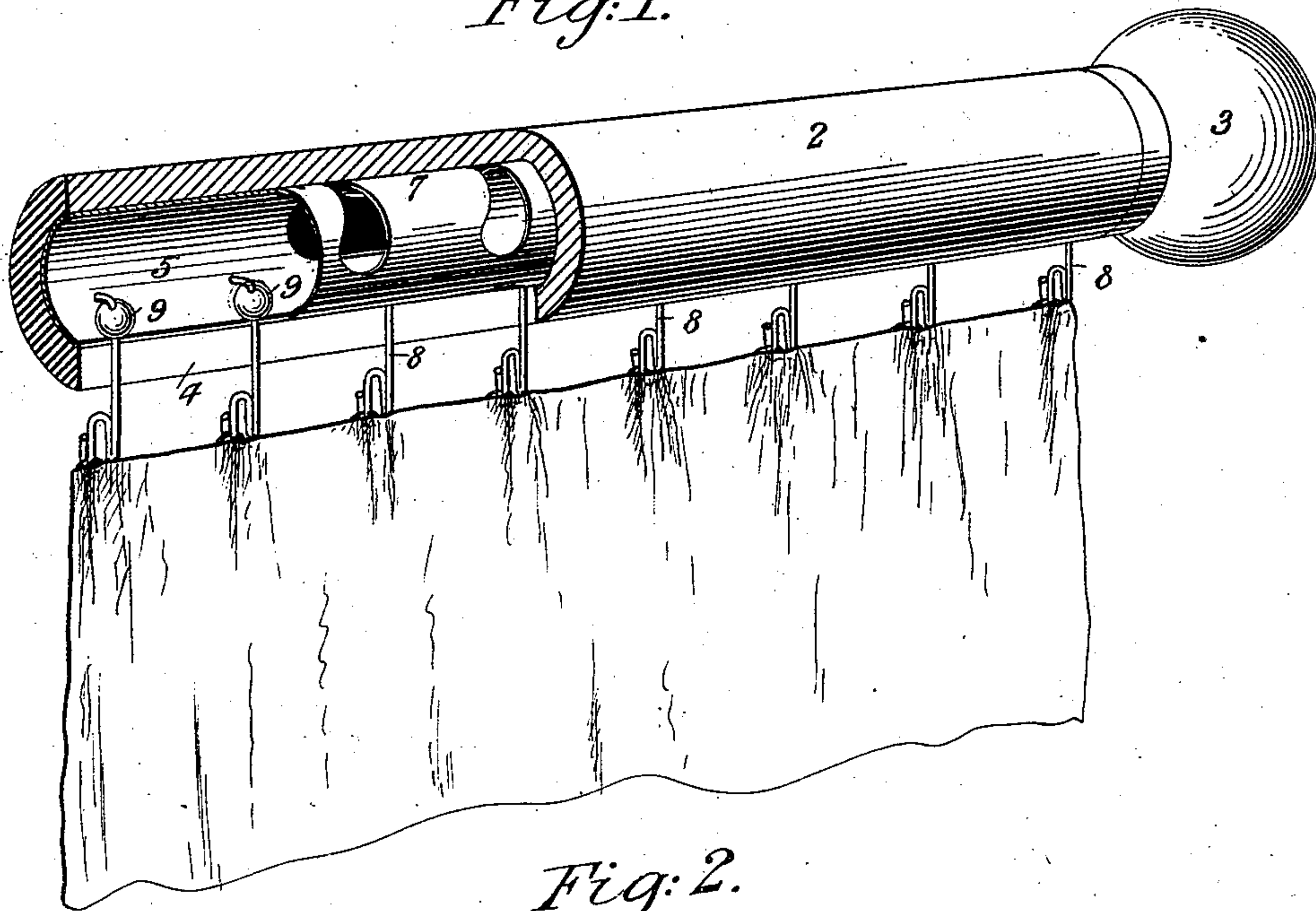
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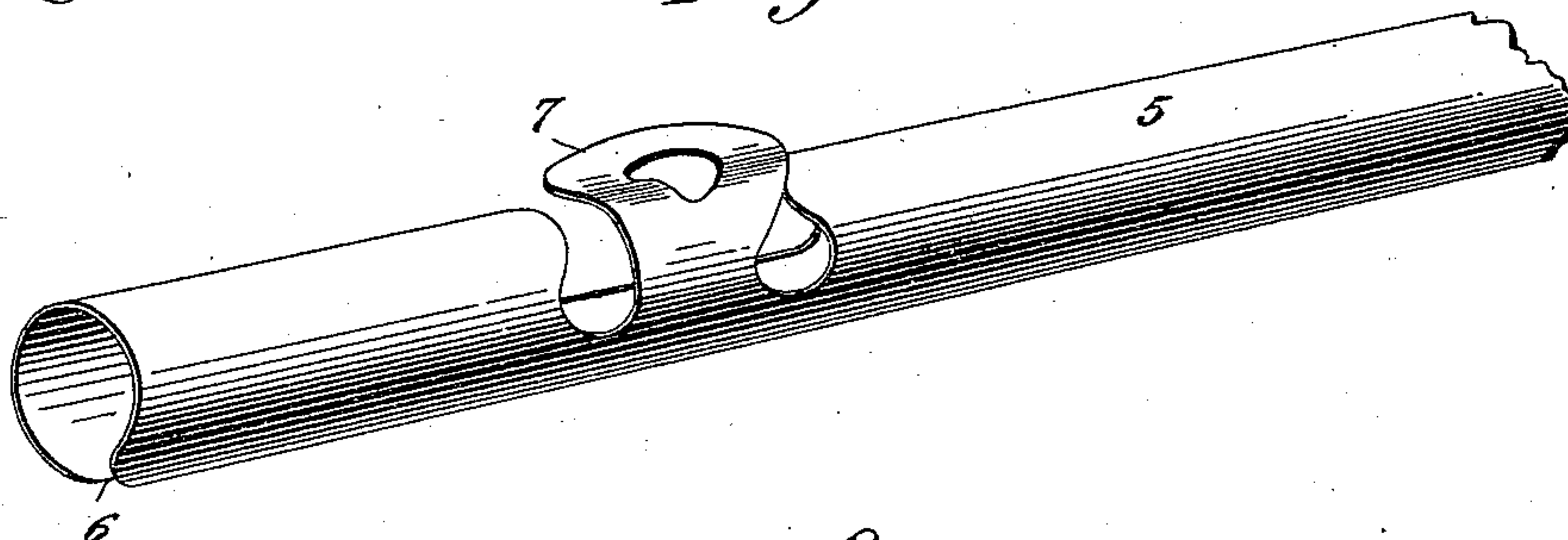
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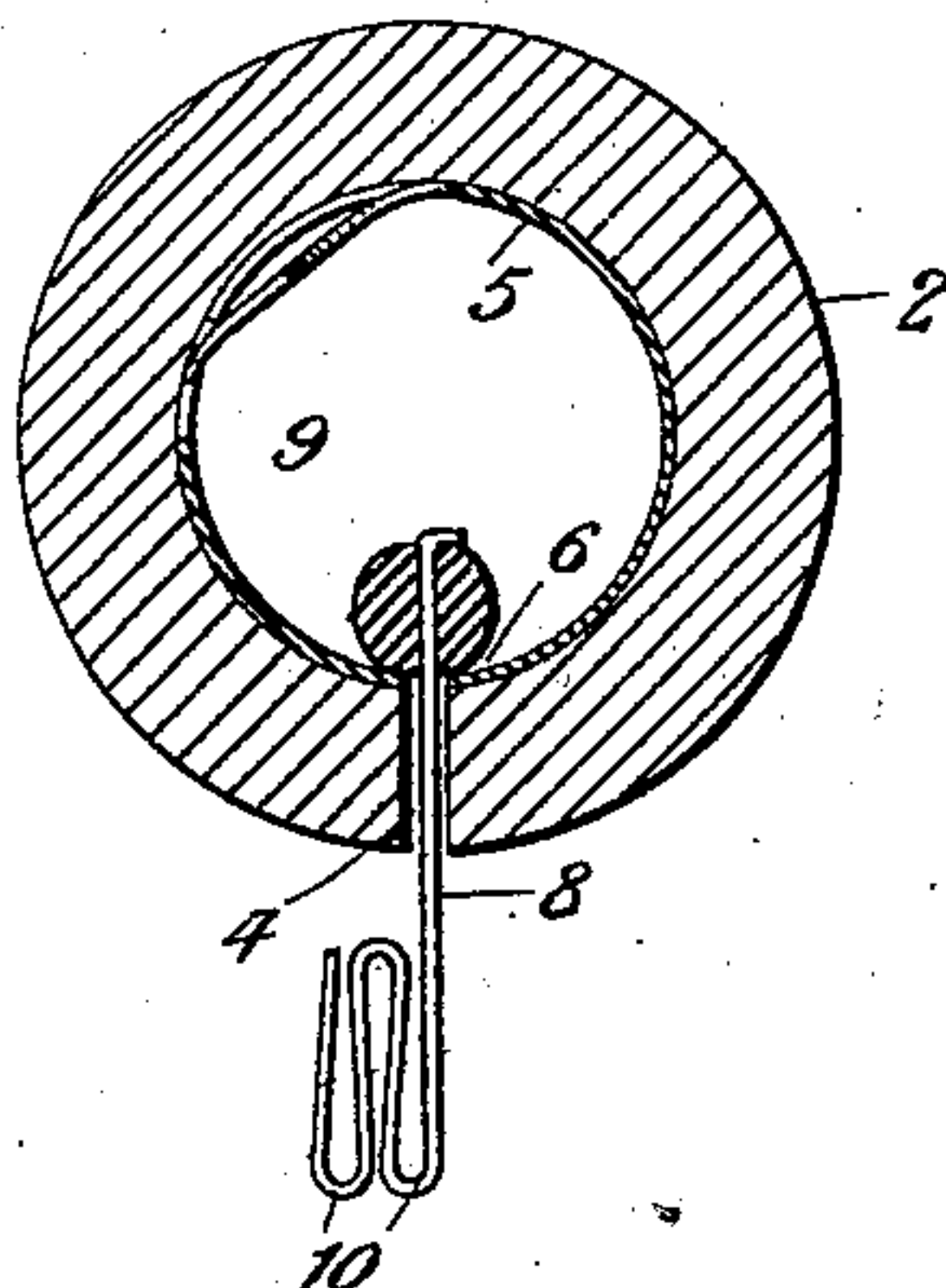
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## CURTAIN-POLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY LANSING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Albany, county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Poles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to curtain-fixtures; and the object thereof is to provide an improved support for curtains, portières, or other similar articles which will be simple in construction and operation, which shall involve improved means of attaching and adjusting the curtain on its support, and other advantages which will hereinafter appear.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 represents a section of a curtain pole or support having a curtain suspended therefrom, and part of the pole being in longitudinal section; Fig. 2, an attachment or detail; and Fig. 3, a transverse section of the pole, showing one of the suspension devices.

In the practice of my invention I employ a tubular pole 2 having ornamental end pieces or heads 3, which may be secured thereto in the usual or any desired manner.

The pole 2 has a longitudinal slot 4 in the bottom thereof throughout its length and open at each end, and within the bore of said pole is placed a tubular metallic casing 5, having a longitudinal slot 6 in the bottom thereof corresponding with the slot 4 in the pole 2. The tubular metallic casing 5 is preferably composed of sheet metal, and may be inserted into the bore of the pole from either end thereof, and formed in the back and sides thereof or opposite the slot 6 is a spring 7, formed by cutting away a portion of the pole on irregular lines, as shown in Fig. 2, the operation of the spring 7 being to hold the casing 5 in the desired position within the pole and prevent the accidental slipping or movement thereof. The arrangement of the pole 2 and its interior casing 5 and the slots there-

in are clearly shown in Fig. 3, and the suspension devices for the curtain, portière, or other article consist each of a wire or rod 8, which extends upwardly through the slots 4 and is inserted therein at the ends of the pole or support and is provided at its upper end with a ball or spherical body 9, through which said rod passes and to which it is secured. The lower end of the rod 8 is preferably provided with double loops 10, formed by folding the end of said wire or rod three times, as shown in Fig. 3, the end of the wire being directed upward when the last of the loops 10 is formed. I do not limit myself, however, to this precise form of loop, as a single loop 10 may serve, and it is also evident that loops of other designs may be employed. In operation the suspension devices 8 are inserted into the slots 4 and 6 and slipped along to the desired positions, after which the curtain, portière, or other article is suspended from one of the loops 10, or both thereof, by means of rings or loops or other devices connected with the curtain, as clearly shown in Fig. 1.

As will readily appear, the curtain or portière is readily adjustable to any desired position along the pole by simply sliding the suspension devices from one point to another, as desired, and, as will also appear, the pole 2 and the end piece 3 may be ornamented in any desired manner.

I do not limit myself to the exact form, construction, and combination of parts shown, as it is evident that many changes and modifications thereof may be made without departing from the scope of my invention; but,

Having fully described said invention, its construction and operation, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A curtain fixture or support comprising a tubular pole having a slot opening through the periphery thereof, a tubular casing arranged in said tubular pole and having a slot to correspond with the slot in the pole, a spring 7 formed by cutting away a portion of the casing on irregular lines and adapted to hold the casing in place, and suspension devices arranged in the casing, substantially as described.

2. A tubular curtain-pole having a slot 4  
therein, in combination with a tubular casing  
arranged in said tubular pole and having a  
slot 6 corresponding with the slot in the pole,  
5 and a spring 7 adapted to secure said casing  
in the pole, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name, in pres-  
ence of two witnesses, this 3d day of April  
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