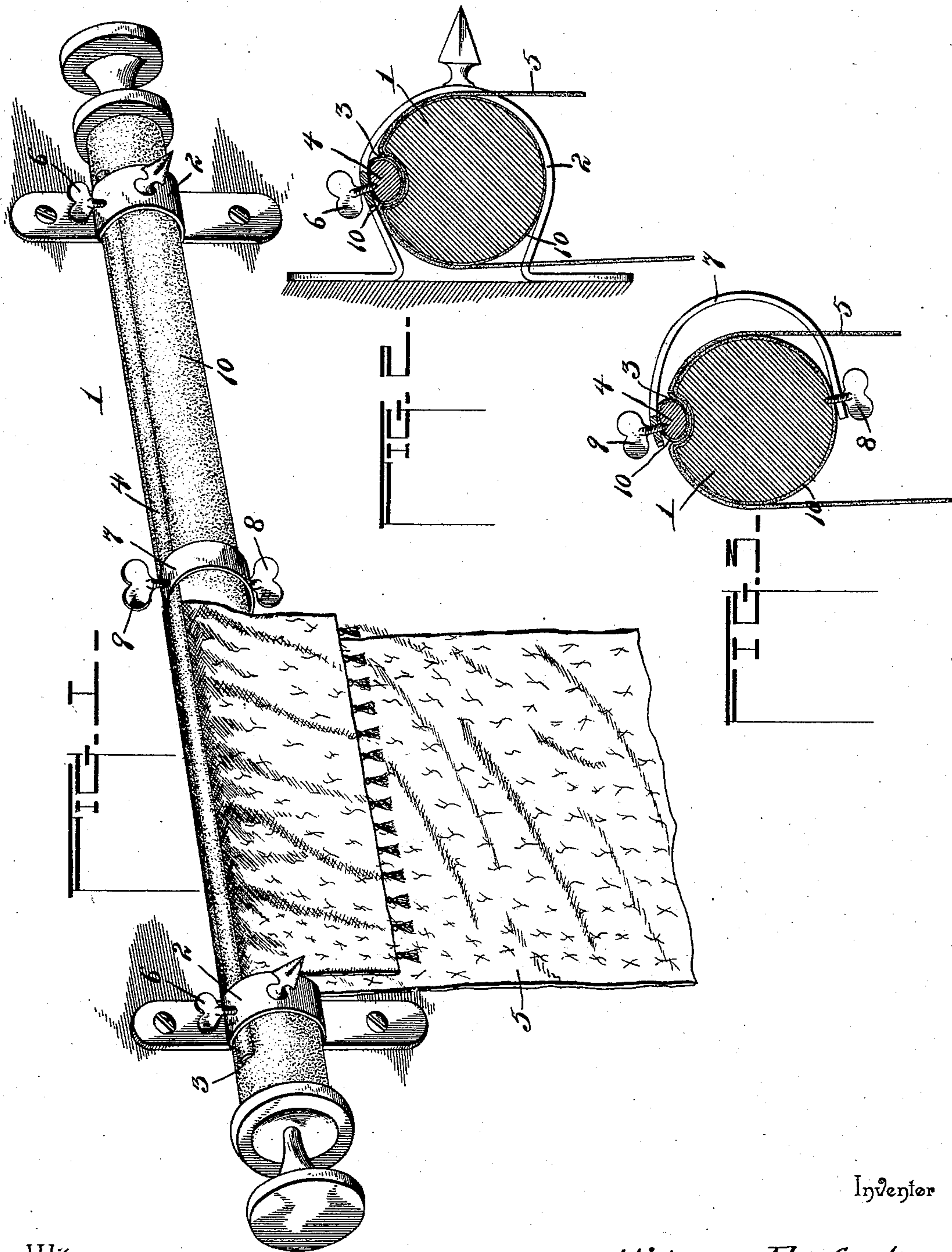


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM ECKERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marine City, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Pole, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to curtain-fixtures, and particularly to a supporting device for lace curtains and those of heavier material, such as chenille, the object in view being to provide means for attaching a curtain to the pole without the risk of injuring the material of the curtain and without the inconvenience incident to the use of hooks and rings, as in the ordinary practice.

Further objects and advantages of this invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a curtain-pole embodying my invention, showing a portion of a curtain attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view taken contiguous to the plane of one of the terminal brackets. Fig. 3 is a similar view taken contiguous to the plane of the intermediate clamp.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the body portion of the pole embodying my invention, which is terminally supported by means of brackets 2, said pole having a longitudinal groove or channel 3, in which is fitted a curtain-fastening strip 4, and in practice the curtain 5 is hung over the pole with its upper edge, for instance, hanging loosely from the front side thereof, and the strip is applied to depress the curtain into the groove or channel, said groove or channel being arranged in the upper side of the pole. The strip is held in place by means of thumb-screws 6, arranged in the terminal brackets, and said thumb-screws also serve to secure the pole against longitudinal displacement.

In case the pole is of a length exceeding that in which the transverse resistance of the strip at a point midway between the brackets

will properly secure the contiguous portion of the curtain in the groove I propose to employ an auxiliary clamp for securing said central portion of the strip firmly in place. In the drawings such a clamp is illustrated at 7 and consists of an approximately semicircular plate of any suitable ornamental design having terminal thumb-screws 8 and 9, the former of which impinges against the lower side of the pole, while the latter engages the exposed surfaces of the retaining-strip, and thus depresses the same into the groove or channel.

From the above description it will be seen that the means which I prefer to employ for securing the curtain to its pole may be applied and removed with ease and rapidity without the danger, incident to the use of the common forms of securing devices, of tearing or otherwise injuring the curtain. Furthermore, it will be seen that when in place the curtain falls gracefully over and conceals the pole, which may be clothed or provided with any suitable covering 10, in common with the strip, to prevent the injury which might occur from contact with the surface of a bare pole.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A terminally-supported curtain-pole having in its upper side a longitudinal groove, a retaining-strip seated in said groove to secure an overextending portion of a curtain therein, terminal means, as set-screws, for securing the extremities of the strip in the groove, and an intermediate strip-securing device consisting of a looped clamp provided with terminal set-screws bearing respectively against the under side of the pole and the outer surface of the strip, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of brackets, a longitudinally-grooved curtain-pole terminally fitted in said brackets and having a longitudinal groove, a retaining-strip seated in the groove to hold an overextending portion of a cur-

tain in contact with the floor of the groove
and extending through said brackets, and se-
curing devices, as thumb-screws, mounted in
the brackets and engaging the outer surface
5 of said strip to secure the latter in the groove
and prevent longitudinal displacement of the
pole, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
the presence of two witnesses.

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