

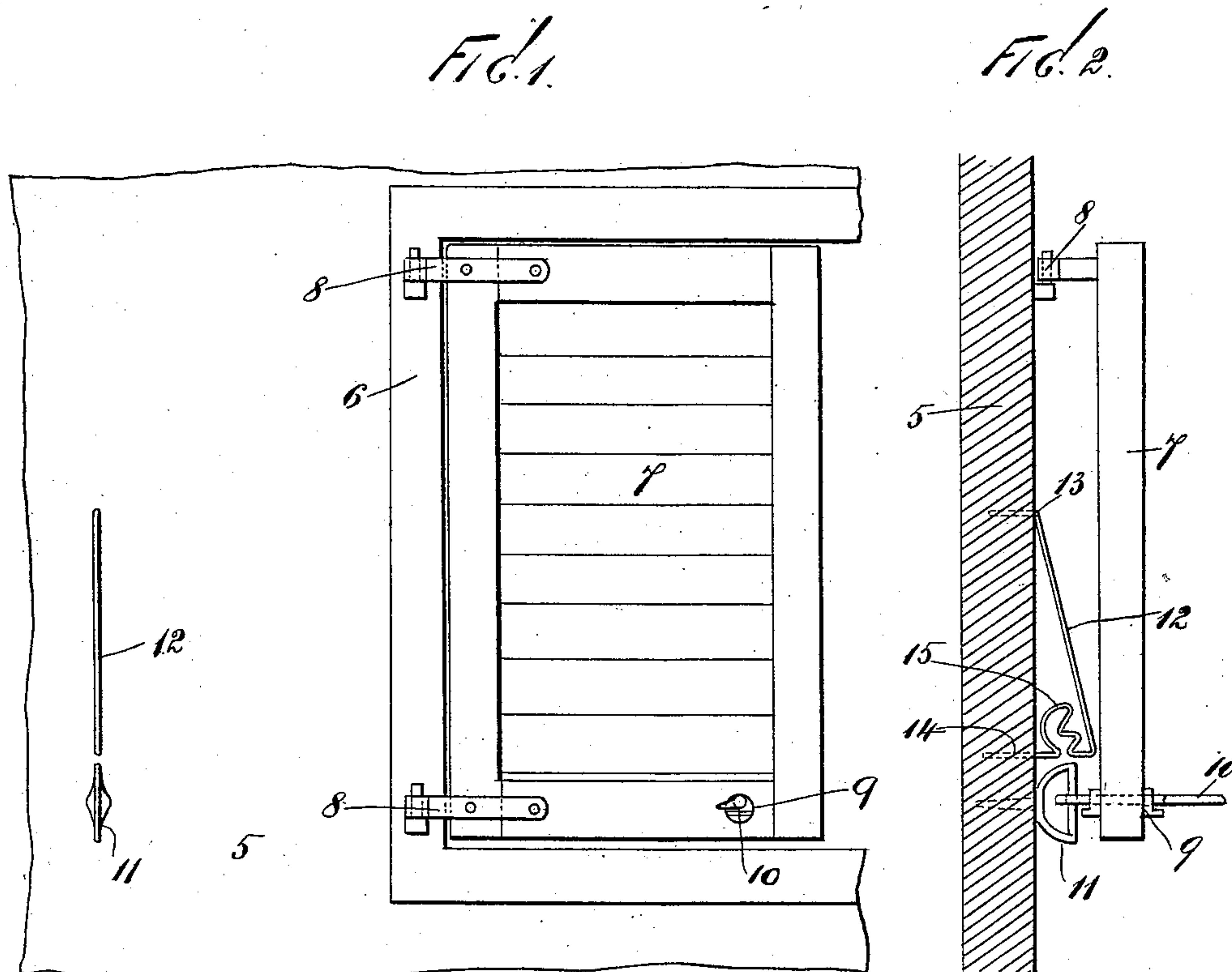
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BRALEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fall River, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guards for Shutter-Fasteners, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to means for preventing birds from roosting on the catches or fastening devices of window-shutters; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is adapted for use in connection with catches or fastening devices which are employed for holding window-shutters open.

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

Figure 1 is an outside view of part of a window-frame and showing a shutter hinged therein in the closed position, and showing also a part of the wall of the house; and Fig. 2, a side view thereof, showing the window-shutter in an open position and the wall in section.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference in each of the views, and in said drawings I have shown at 5 a part of the wall of a house, at 6 a part of the window-frame, and at 7 a window-shutter, and said shutter is hinged to the window-frame at 8 in the usual manner.

Connected with the window-shutter at 9 is a fastening device 10, which is of the usual or any preferred form, and this fastening device 10 is adapted to engage with a loop, staple, or similar device 11, secured to the wall of the house, and all these parts are of the ordinary and well-known construction and may be of any preferred form and form no part of this invention.

It is a well-known fact that birds are in the habit of roosting on the catches or fastening devices by which the shutters are held open, and this is very objectionable, especially in country places, and in order to avoid this I secure to the wall, directly over the

fastening devices or devices by which the shutter is held open, a guard 12, which, as shown in the drawings, consists of wire the upper end of which is secured in the wall, as shown at 13, and the lower end of which projects downwardly and outwardly directly over the fastening devices or devices of the shutter and is provided with a backwardly-directed extension 14, which is also secured to the wall, and the backwardly-directed extension 14 is preferably provided with an upwardly-directed loop 15. My invention is not limited, however, to the form of the guard herein described; but the form described is the one which I prefer, and the same, as will be readily understood, is adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and when employed as shown and described will prevent birds from roosting on the fastening device of the shutter.

Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A guard for shutter-fasteners consisting of a rod secured above said fastener and provided with a downwardly and outwardly inclined extension arranged vertically over said fastener, substantially as described.

2. A guard for shutter-fasteners, consisting of an inclined rod provided upon its upper end with a prong whereby the device is attached to the building and at its lower end with an inwardly-extending portion arranged vertically above the shutter-fastener, substantially as described.

3. A device for preventing birds from roosting on shutter-hooks which consists of a guard or inclined rod 12, having its lower end formed into an extension 14 with an intermediate loop 15, and provided on its upper end with a prong 13, whereby the device is of itself attachable to the building, and adapted to align vertically with the shutter-hook, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 8th day of September, 1897.

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