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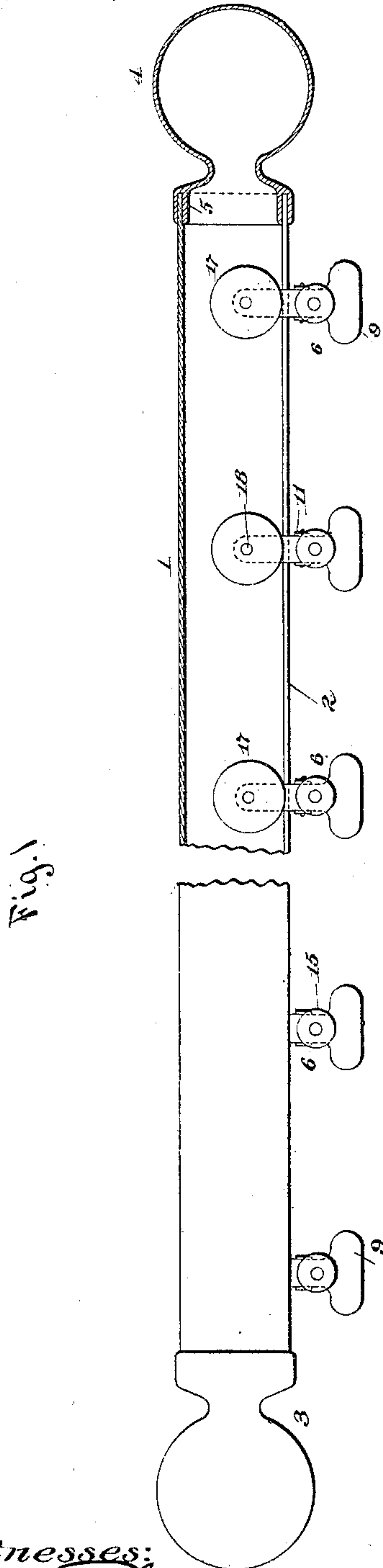


Fig. 1

Fig. 3

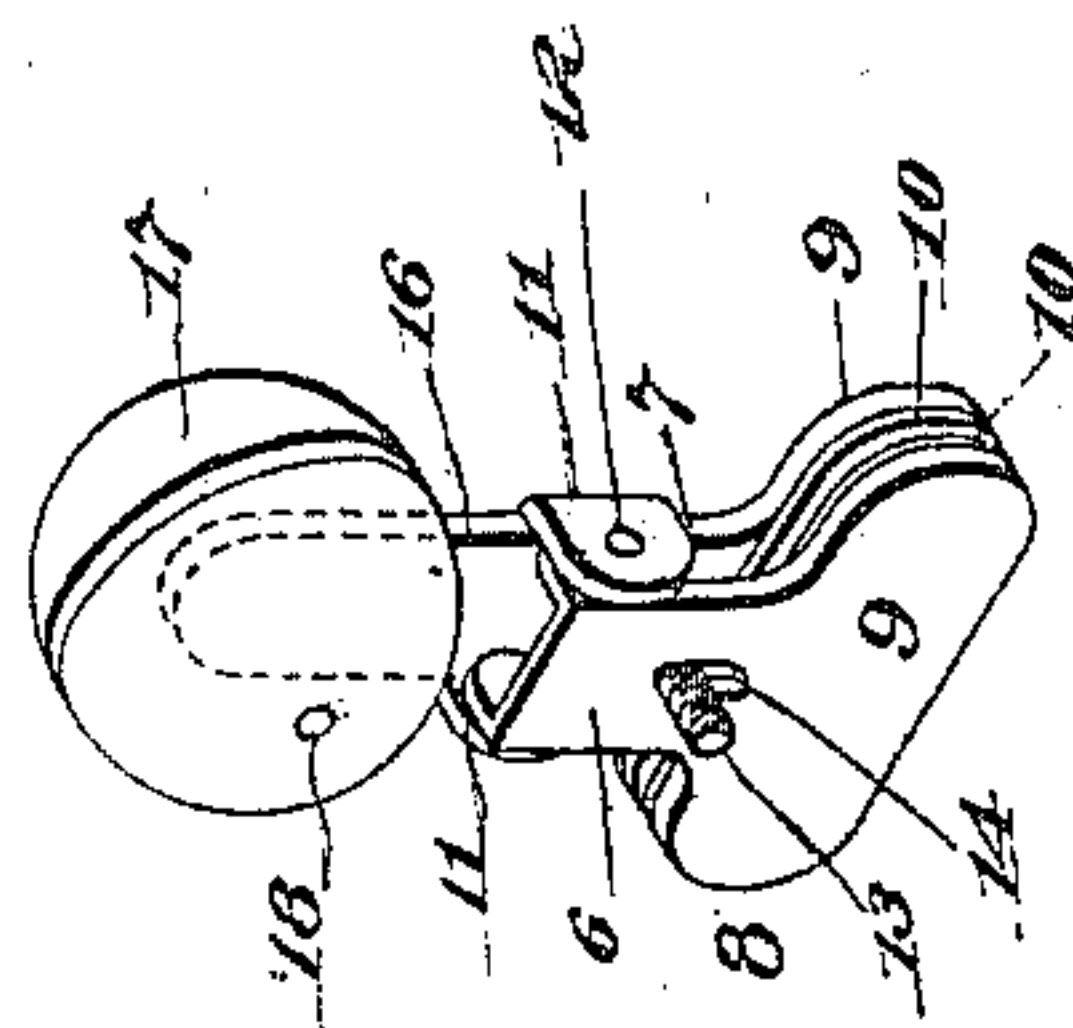
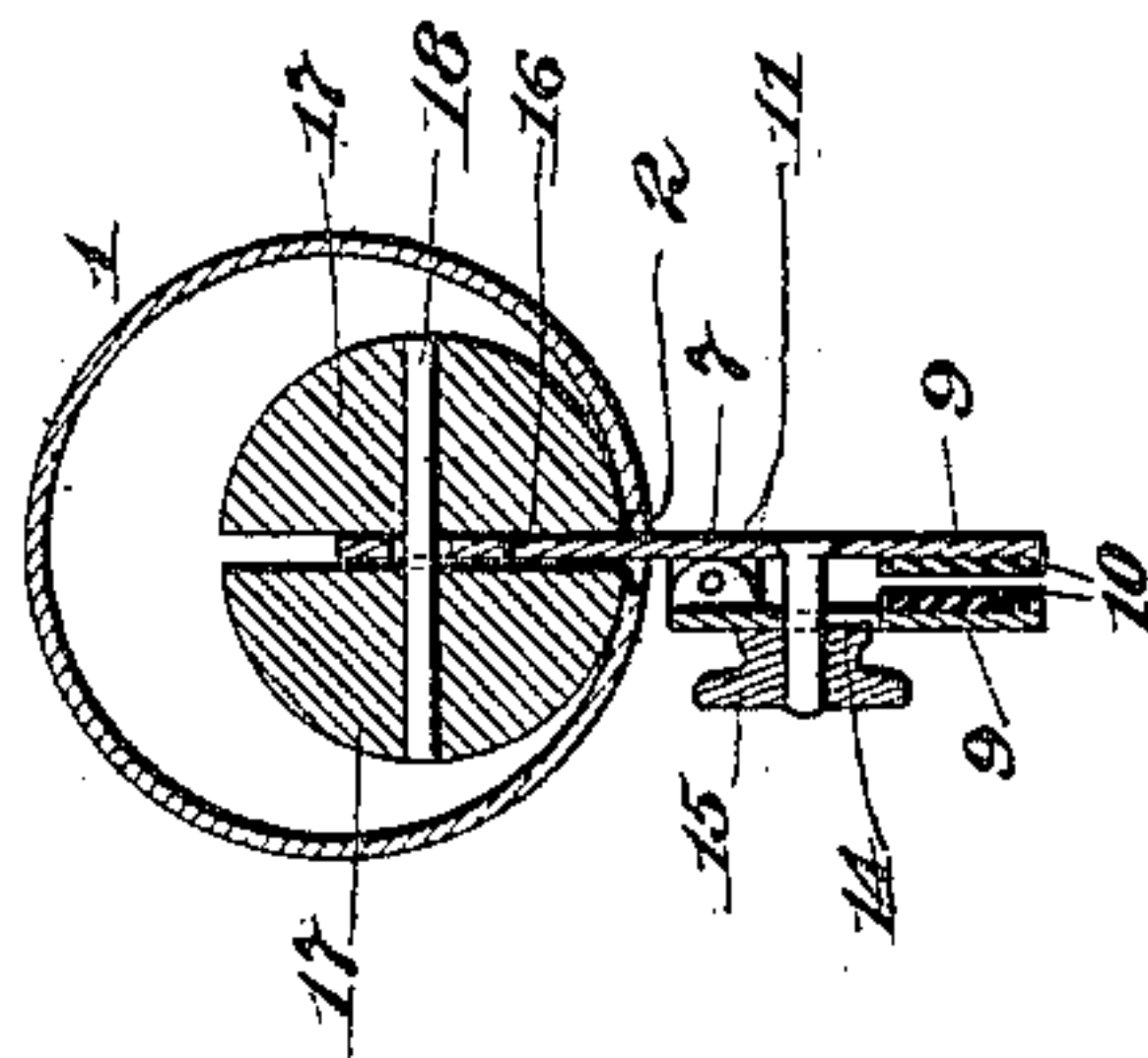


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK L. MEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to various new and useful improvements in curtain-fixtures for hanging portières, draperies, and similar varieties of curtains and for analogous purposes.

The objects of the invention are to provide and produce a curtain-fixture which is simple in construction, which can be made cheaply, which will be ornamental in appearance, by which the curtains will be firmly supported, and in the operation of which the curtains may be quickly placed in or removed from position.

To attain these ends, my invention comprises a hollow or tubular curtain-pole, made of metal, papier-mâché, paper, wood, or any other suitable material, provided with a longitudinal slot in its bottom, said pole having the usual and ordinary ornamental ends, at least one of which is removable in order to disclose the free end of said slot, and curtain-supporting brackets being employed, having rollers or enlarged heads at their upper ends which work within the bore of the pole, the shank thereof fitting within the slot and capable of longitudinal movement therein.

In order that my invention may be better understood, attention is directed to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved curtain-fixture; Fig. 2, a cross-sectional view of same; and Fig. 3, an enlarged perspective view of the preferred form of curtain-supporting clamp, the thumb-nut being removed.

In all of the above views corresponding parts are represented by the same reference-numerals.

1 represents a pole of the required length, tubular in form, and provided with a longitudinal slot 2 at its bottom extending, preferably, the entire length of the pole. The pole 1 may be made of metal, papier-mâché, paper, wood, or any suitable material, and the slot is formed therein in any approved way. At

one end the pole may be provided with a removable cap 3, permanently secured in place, and at the other end the pole is provided with a removable cap 4, which is removably secured in position and which when removed discloses the end of the slot. The cap 4 may be, and preferably is, held in place by the friction between it and the pole 1, the presence of the slot 2 in the pole allowing for a radial expansion of the latter within the cap 4. In order to prevent any collapsing of the pole in use and the consequent loosening of the cap 4, the said cap may be provided with an internal flange 5, fitting within the interior of the pole, as shown in Fig. 1.

6 6 are a plurality of curtain-supporting clamps carrying the curtain or curtains to be suspended from the pole. These clamps comprise, preferably, two elements 7 and 8, made of sheet metal and having enlarged flat heads 9 9, lined with an elastic substance 10, such as chamois, leather, rubber, or felt, so as not to injure or stain the curtains. Obviously, however, the lower or elastic material may be omitted, and the interior surface of the heads 9 9 may be suitably roughened to effect a firm engagement with the curtains. Sections 7 and 8 are pivoted in any suitable way—as, for example, by providing said sections with up-turned ears 11, which overlap and are secured by the pivot 12—and section 7 is provided with screw-shank 13, rigidly secured therein, which extends through a slot 14 in section 8 and receives the thumb-nut 15, by which the two sections may be firmly clamped together to grasp the curtain. The section 7 is extended upward to constitute a shank 16, which works within the slot 2, and at its upper end receives, preferably, a pair of semispherical rollers 17, secured to a small shaft 18, working in said shank and by which the curtain-supporting clamps may be moved back and forth within the curtain-pole to properly drape the curtain. Obviously the semispherical rollers 17 17 may be clamped tightly upon the shank 16, so as not to turn, and to thereby constitute practically an enlarged head for supporting the clamps.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. In a curtain-fixture the combination of

- a tubular pole having a longitudinal slot in its bottom, a removable cap frictionally maintained at one end of said pole and engaging the exterior surface thereof, an integral internal flange on the cap engaging the internal surface or bore of the pole, and a plurality of curtain-supporting devices carried by the pole depending through said slot, substantially as set forth.
- 10 2. In a curtain-fixture the combination of a tubular pole having a longitudinal slot in its bottom extending through one end thereof, a cap rigidly secured to the pole at the other end thereof, a removable cap frictionally
- 15 maintained at the slotted end of the pole and engaging the exterior surface thereof, an integral internal flange on the cap engaging the internal surface or bore of the slotted end of the pole, and a plurality of curtain-supporting devices carried by the pole depending through the slot and introduced in position through the slotted end of the pole, substantially as set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 21st day of April, 1898.

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