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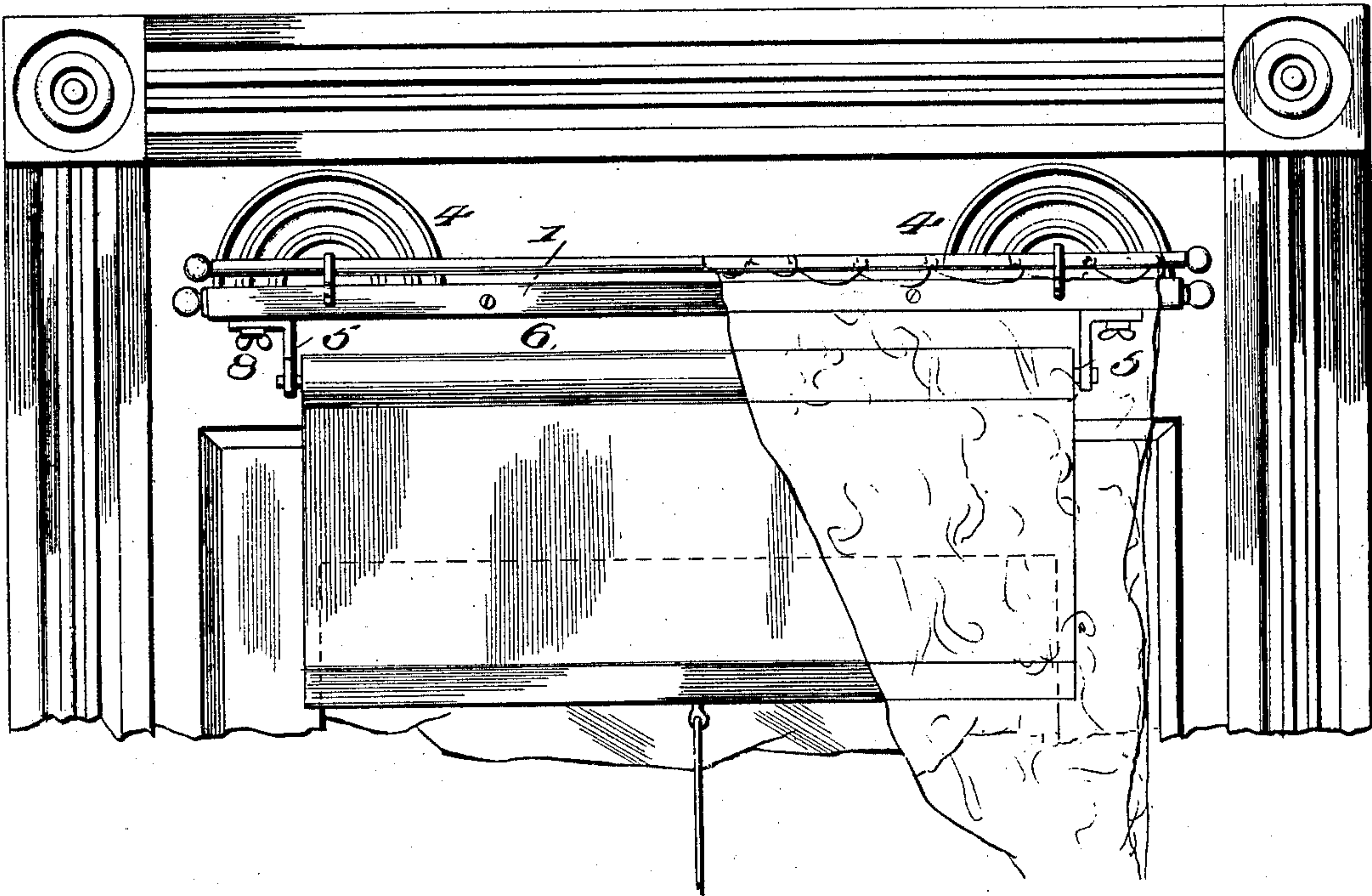


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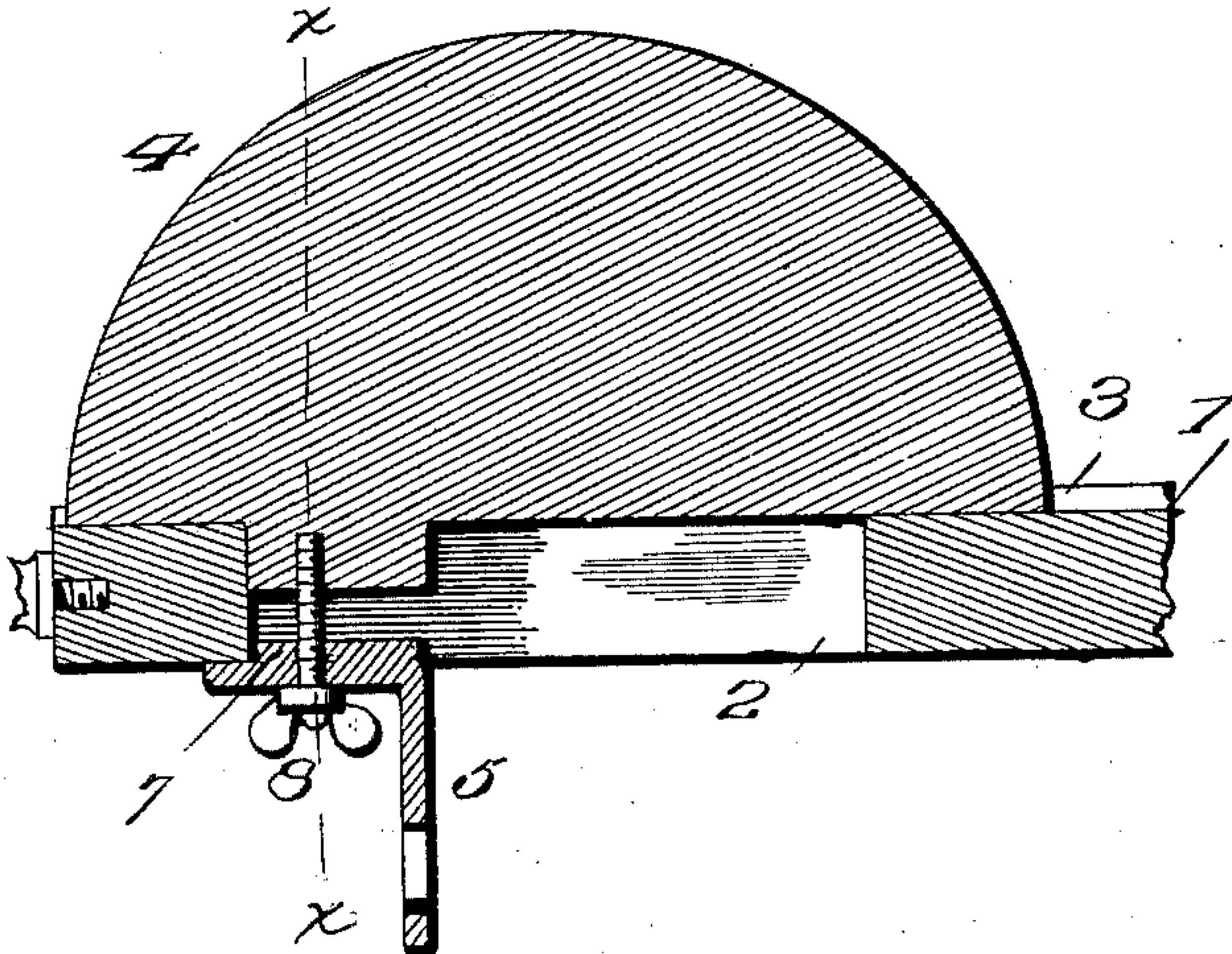
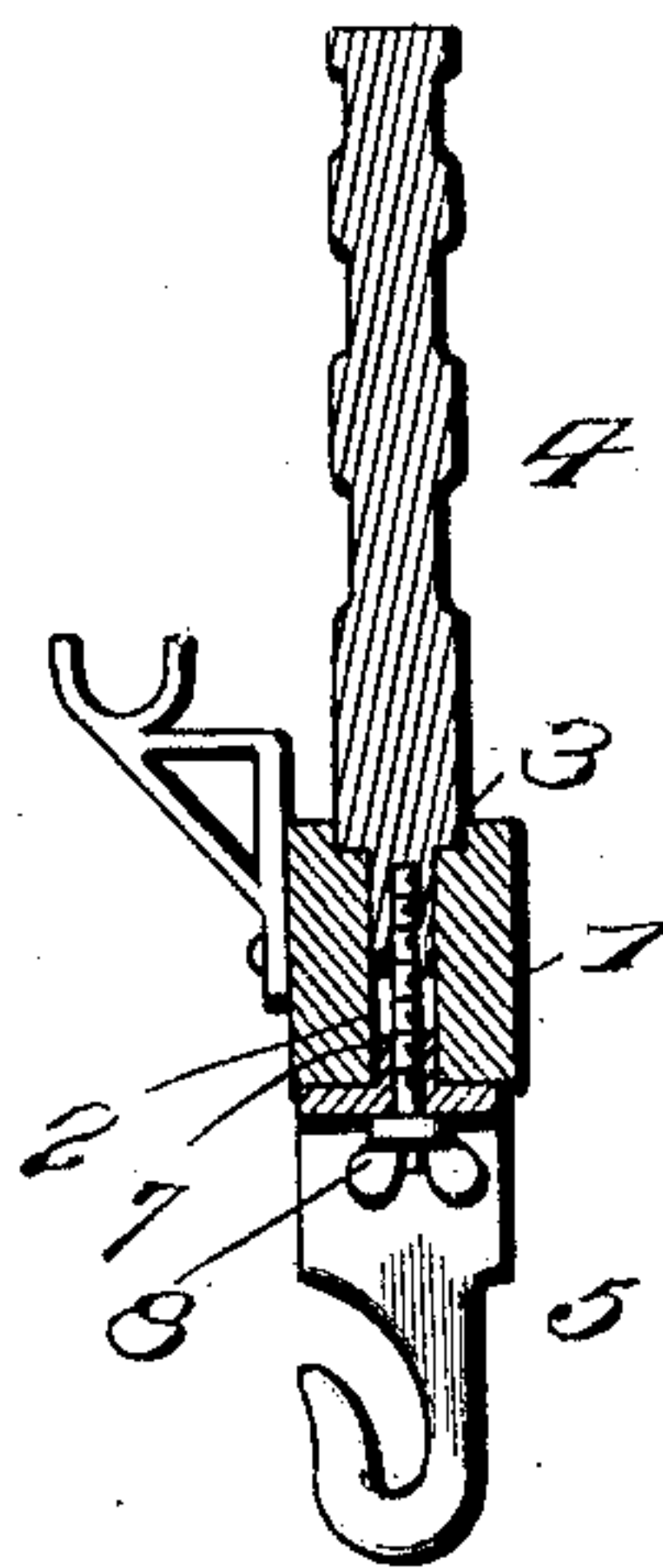


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WINDOW-SHADE SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS DALBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arlington, in the county of Alexandria and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Shade Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The annoyance to tenants and the expense to property owners resulting from fitting curtain-rollers to windows are too well known to require any explanation further than a mere reference thereto, the purpose of the present invention being to provide a fixture which can be readily fitted to any window without disfigurement of the casement or material injury thereto and which will admit of the occupant fitting a curtain-roller to the window with a minimum amount of labor, annoyance, and inconvenience.

The fixture consists, essentially, of a strip to be attached to the upper portion of the window-casement, brackets adjustable along the strip near the ends, so as to accommodate curtain-rollers of different lengths, and headpieces at the ends of the strip movable with the brackets and forming a part of the securing means and adapted to present an ornamental finish and to provide for the reception of the brackets supporting the pole from which lace curtains or other draperies are hung.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the upper portion of a window, showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of an end portion of the fixture on a

larger scale. Fig. 3 is a cross-section about on the line X X of Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The fixture comprises a strip 1, which may be of any length and of any cross-sectional outline. This strip may be of any material, wood being preferred. A slot 2 extends lengthwise of the strip for a short distance from each end and projects vertically through the strip. A groove 3 is provided in the top side of the strip, and the slot 2 extends therein. This groove 3 forms a seat for a headpiece 4, which is lengthwise adjustable upon the strip. A bracket 5 is provided near each end of the strip to receive a journal of the shade-roller 6. The bracket has a lug 7 to enter the slot 2 to direct the bracket in its movements along the strip and insure a proper position thereof. A clamp-screw 8 passes loosely through an opening in the base portion of the bracket and is threaded into an opening in the corresponding headpiece and serves the dual purpose of holding the headpiece and the bracket to the strip in an adjusted position, both the headpiece and bracket being capable of simultaneous adjustment upon loosening the clamp-screw. The strip 1 may be plain or suitably embellished and is adapted to be connected to the upper portion of a window-casement by means of screws or other fastenings, which will readily admit of detachment of the strip when required.

The brackets 5 are constructed to receive the journals of any ordinary spring shade-roller. For a short shade-roller the clamp-screws 8 are loosened and the brackets and headpieces are moved inward upon the strip, and for a long shade-roller the brackets are moved outward upon the strip. After the brackets have been adjusted to accommodate the shade-roller they are fixed by retightening the clamp-screws. The headpieces 4 are utilized, primarily, for supporting the brackets which receive the pole from which the lace curtains or other window-drapery is hung and, secondarily, give a finished ap-

pearance to the fixture as a whole. By having the headpieces and shade-roller brackets adjustable the brackets for the curtain-pole and the brackets for the shade-roller maintain a fixed relationship and a pleasing and agreeable effect is produced, which is of material advantage from an esthetic point of view.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

In a window-shade-roller fixture, a strip having a seat in its top side and a longitudinally-extending vertical slot opening into the said seat, a movable ornamental headpiece

overlapping the slotted portion of the strip and guided by the aforementioned seat thereon, a shade-roller bracket located below the strip and having a longitudinally-extending rib entering the slot thereof, and a clamp-screw for securing the headpiece and bracket and clamping them against opposite sides of the strip, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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