

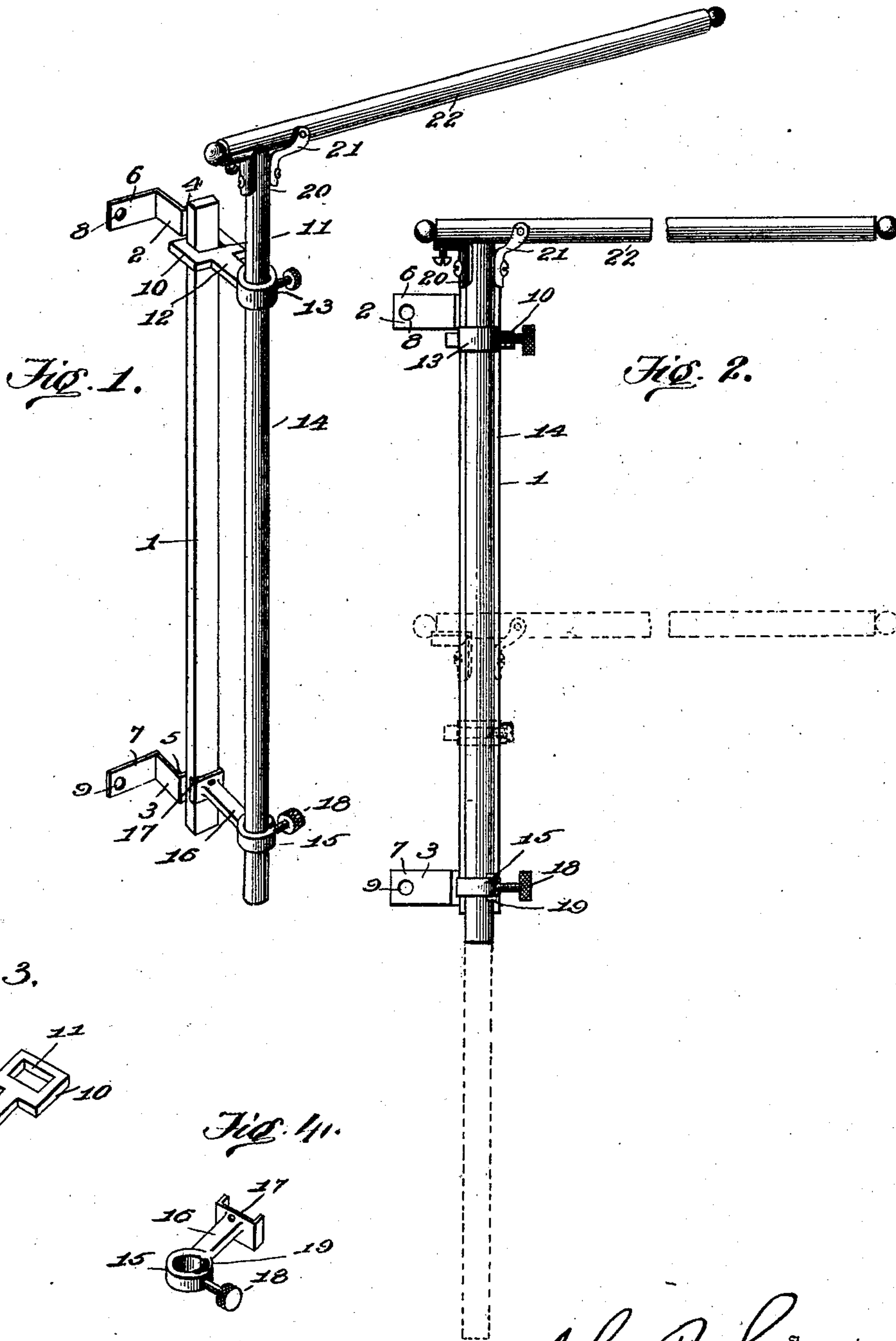
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. STILWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Pole for Lace Curtains and Draperies, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in devices for supporting lace curtains or articles of a like character.

The invention has in contemplation the provision of means whereby a curtain of the character above referred to may be quickly and securely held in any desired adjusted position relative to the window.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which can be easily and quickly placed in position for use, which is capable of being so mounted on the window-frame that it will not in any way interfere with the "inside" shutter should the window be provided with such, and one which shall be ornamental and capable of being manufactured at but small expense.

To the accomplishment of the above-recited objects the invention consists in the certain construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described in the specification, and pointed out in the annexed claims.

While I have herein shown and described my preferred form of adjustable curtain-supporter, it will of course be understood that the invention is susceptible of various changes in the proportion and arrangement of the parts and in the minor details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

To a full understanding of the merits of the invention an adaptation thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a curtain-supporter embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, the curtain-supporting pole being shown in dotted lines in one of its adjusted positions. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the upper bracket of my improved curtain-supporting device. Fig. 4 is also a detail perspective view illustrative of the lower bracket and the means

for holding the pole in the desired adjusted position.

Referring now to the drawings, and in particular to Fig. 1 thereof, 1 designates a relatively long narrow strip of any suitable material, such as wood or metal, and is adapted to be rigidly and permanently secured to the side or jamb of the window-frame through the medium of any desired agency, such as the brackets 2 and 3. These brackets are secured, as at 4 and 5, to the aforesaid strip 1 and are fastened to the window-frame by the parts 6 and 7 through any suitable means—such, for instance, as screws passed through the apertures 8 and 9 in the said bracket portions 6 and 7. By this arrangement it will be seen that the strip is held parallel with the side of the window-frame a little distance from the same. Slidably mounted upon the aforesaid strip 1 is a bracket or holder having its base or plate portion 10 provided with an aperture 11 to permit the strip 1 to be inserted therethrough. Formed integral with the portion 10 is the outwardly-extending tongue 12, such tongue or extension carrying at its outer end a collar or band, as at 13. A pole or rod, as at 14, extending parallel to the strip 1, is carried by this collar 13 in such manner that it may be revolved or turned therein, yet at the same time is incapable of longitudinal movement relative to said collar. The lower end of this rod 14 is supported by a second collar 15, mounted at the outer end of the bracket 16, which is rigidly secured, as at 17, to the strip 1. The rod 14 is capable of longitudinal movement in said collar 15 and may be held in any desired position of adjustment by means of the set-screw 18 and the bearing-plate 19, the latter being interposed between the collar and the rod. If desired, the bearing-plate may be omitted and the set-screw alone used, or any other preferred securing means may be employed. Connected to the top of the rod 1 by means of the brackets 20 and 21 and extending substantially at right angles to said rod is the pole 22, adapted when in use to form the immediate means for carrying the curtain. While I have shown this pole or rod 22 connected with the rod 14 by means of brackets, it will be understood

that other connecting means may be employed and considered as coming within the scope of the invention. The bottom of the rod or pole 14 is provided with a wedge or
 5 stop in case it should be necessary, owing to the length of the strip 1, to limit the upward movement of the rod.

From the above description of the invention, taken in connection with the annexed
 10 drawings, the operation of my device will be apparent. When the parts have been assembled in the relative positions shown in Fig. 1, the whole structure is secured to the side of the window-frame or any suitable
 15 place contiguous to the window by means of the bracket portions 6 and 7. The curtain is then secured to the bar or rod 22. Now if it is desired to adjust the curtain in any position longitudinally of said window between
 20 the top and the bottom thereof it is only necessary to loosen the set-screw 18, and this will permit the bracket portion 10 and its accompanying parts to slide or move up or down on the said rod. The fact that the rod
 25 14 is rotatable in the collars enables the curtain-carrying portions, and consequently the curtain, to be swung into any desired position horizontally, therefore permitting the curtain to shade different portions of the
 30 room. When the desired position of adjustment has been attained, the set-screw is tightened to hold the rods in such position.

The many advantages incident to my improved curtain-supporter are so obvious that
 35 it is unnecessary to dwell upon the same here in detail. In a device of this character should it be desired to remove one lace curtain and substitute another in the place thereof it is not necessary to remove the sup-
 40 porter, as has heretofore been the case; but the top pole or curtain-supporting rod may be lowered to a position approximately on a level with the window-sill, thereby enabling any person to make the substitution. The
 45 curtain may also be adjusted to any angle for

the purpose of shading the different parts of the room.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a standard or strip, a bracket slidably mounted on said standard, a second bracket rigidly secured to said standard, curtain-supporting means rotatably
 55 mounted in said sliding bracket, and movable longitudinally in said rigid bracket, and means carried by said rigid bracket for securing the said curtain-supporting means in any desired adjusted position, substantially
 60 as set forth.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a standard or strip, a bracket slidably mounted thereon, a collar formed on said bracket, a rod rotatably
 65 mounted in said collar, a second bracket rigidly secured to the standard, a collar on the end of the said second bracket, said collar being adapted to encircle the aforesaid rod, and means carried by said last-mentioned collar
 70 for securing the rod in a predetermined, adjusted position, substantially as set forth.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination of a standard or strip, a bracket slidably mounted thereon, a rod rotatably mounted in said bracket, a curtain-supporting bar carried by the aforesaid rod, a second bracket rigidly mounted on the here-
 75 inbefore-mentioned standard, a collar formed on the said second bracket and adapted to encircle the aforesaid rod, such rod being free to move longitudinally relative to said bracket, and means carried by the collar of the second bracket for holding the rod in any predetermined adjusted position, substantially as set
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