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Fig. 1.

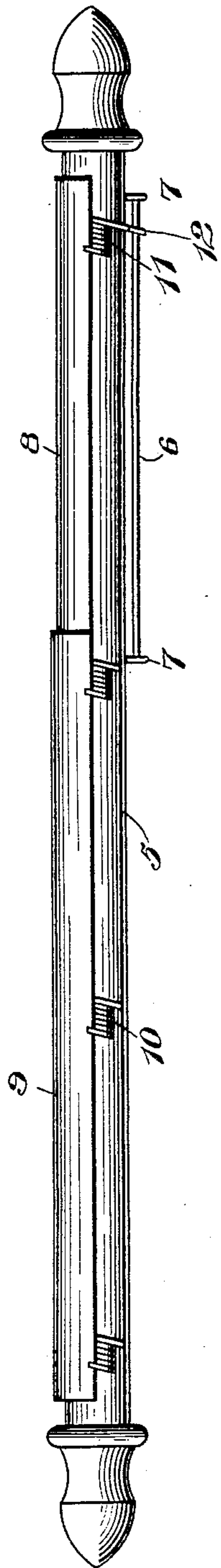


Fig. 2.

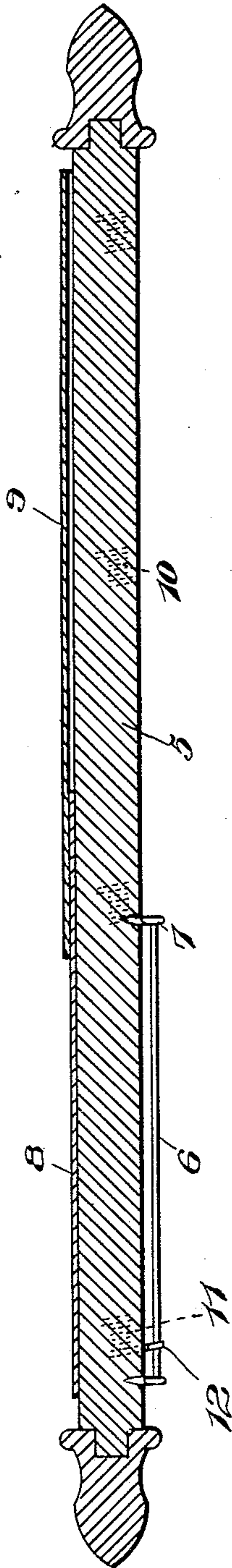
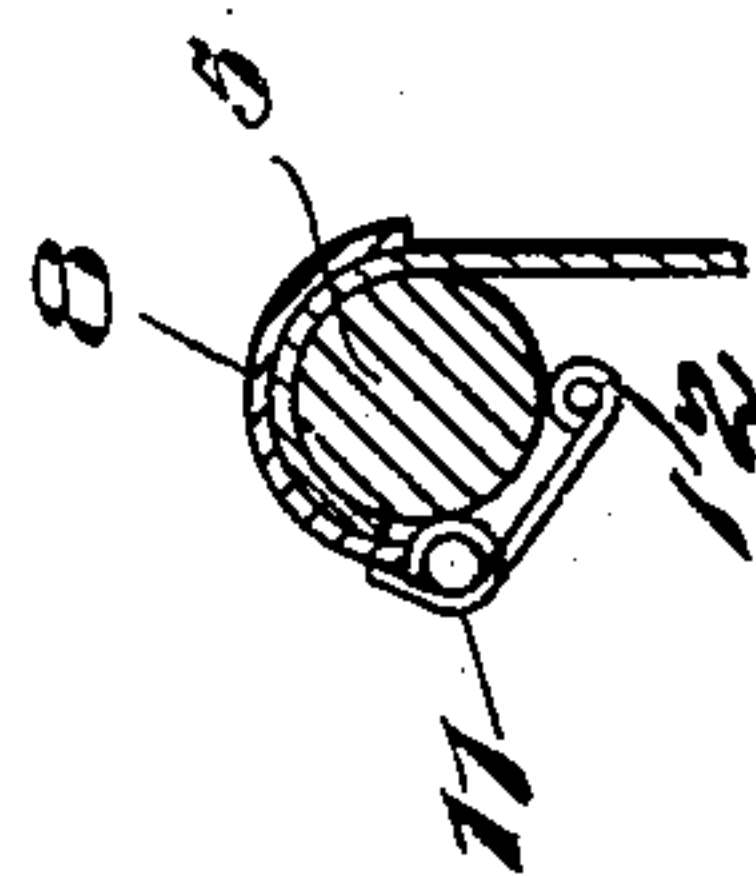


Fig. 3.



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CURTAIN-POLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WALZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attica, in the county of Seneca, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Poles; 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.

This invention relates to curtain-poles; and it has for its object to provide a pole and a curtain-clamp attached thereto and adjustable thereon so that it may clamp a curtain throughout the length of the pole or part way therealong, as may be desired, a further object of the invention being to provide a specific construction of clamp which will hold the curtain securely to the pole and yet may be readily moved to disengaging position.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an elevation showing a curtain-pole equipped with a clamp embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a section taken longitudinally through the pole and showing the clamping-springs in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the pole, including the clamp and a portion of a curtain.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a cylindrical pole 5, which may be wood or other suitable material and may be provided with any suitable end ornamentations. Attached at one end to the under side of the pole is a guide-wire 6, which is angular in cross-section and extends longitudinally of the pole through eyes 7, engaged with the latter, and which eyes hold the wire in spaced relation to the pole. To hold the curtain to the pole, clamping-plates 8 and 9 are provided and which are arc-shaped in cross-section, so that they may fit closely upon the pole. The plate 9 is held yieldably against the pole to clamp the curtain by means of a series of helical springs 10, which are disposed with their axes parallel with the pole, and one end of each of which springs is secured to the clamping-plate, while the other end is secured to the pole. The plate 8 is adapted to slide into the plate 9, and between it and the pole and attached to the outer end of the plate 8 is a helical spring 11, disposed with its axis parallel with that of the

pole and having an eye 12 at its opposite end which engages closely the wire 6, so that the plate 8 may be adjusted longitudinally of the pole without interference from the spring, and in whatever position this plate may be longitudinally of the pole it may be swung away from the pole to permit of engagement of the edge of a curtain or the fold of a curtain between it and the pole. As the plate 8 slides beneath the plate 9 the clamping-springs of the latter serve also to assist in the clamping action of the plate 8.

In the use of the clamp the edge of the curtain may be engaged between the plate and the pole, or, if desired, the curtain may be folded transversely and the fold thus engaged and the upper end of the curtain draped over the pole, so that the clamp will be hidden, and with the sliding arrangement of the plate 8 the clamp may be adjusted to any length of pole within certain limits, and when the curtain is drawn back to expose a portion of the pole the plate 8 may be slid from such exposed portions.

In practice modifications of the specific construction shown may be made and any suitable materials and proportions may be used for the various parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is—

1. The combination with a curtain-pole, of clamping-plates disposed longitudinally thereof, one of said plates being slidably engaged between the pole and the other plate, clamping-springs connected to the outer plate and to the pole, and a clamping-spring connected to the outer end portion of the inner plate and slidably connected with the pole.

2. The combination with a curtain-pole, of clamping-plates disposed longitudinally thereof, one of said plates being slidably engaged between the other plate and the pole, clamping-springs connected to the outer plate and the pole, a guide secured longitudinally of the pole, and a clamping-spring attached to the inner plate and slidably engaged with the guide and held upon the latter against rotation.

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

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