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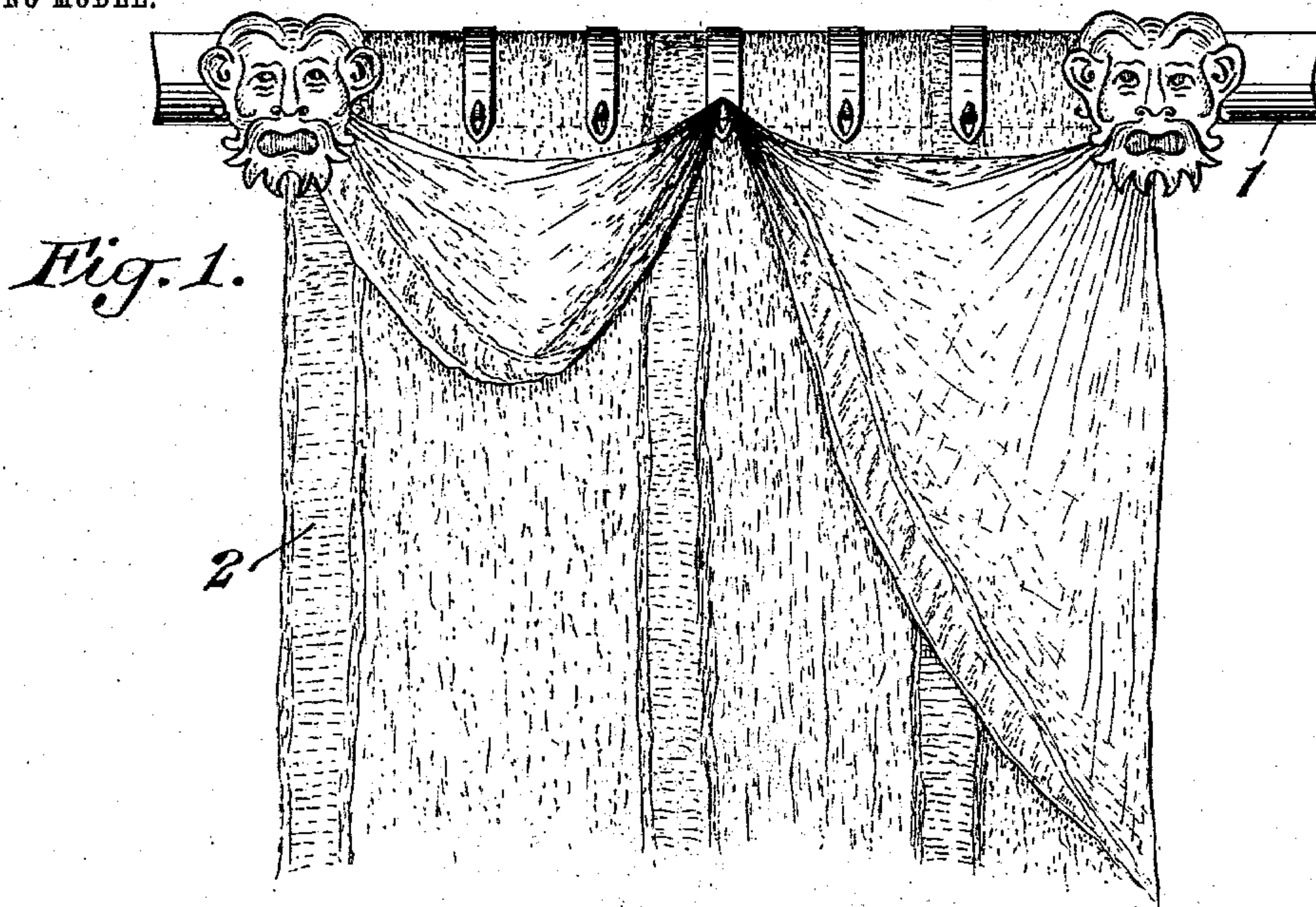


Fig. 2.

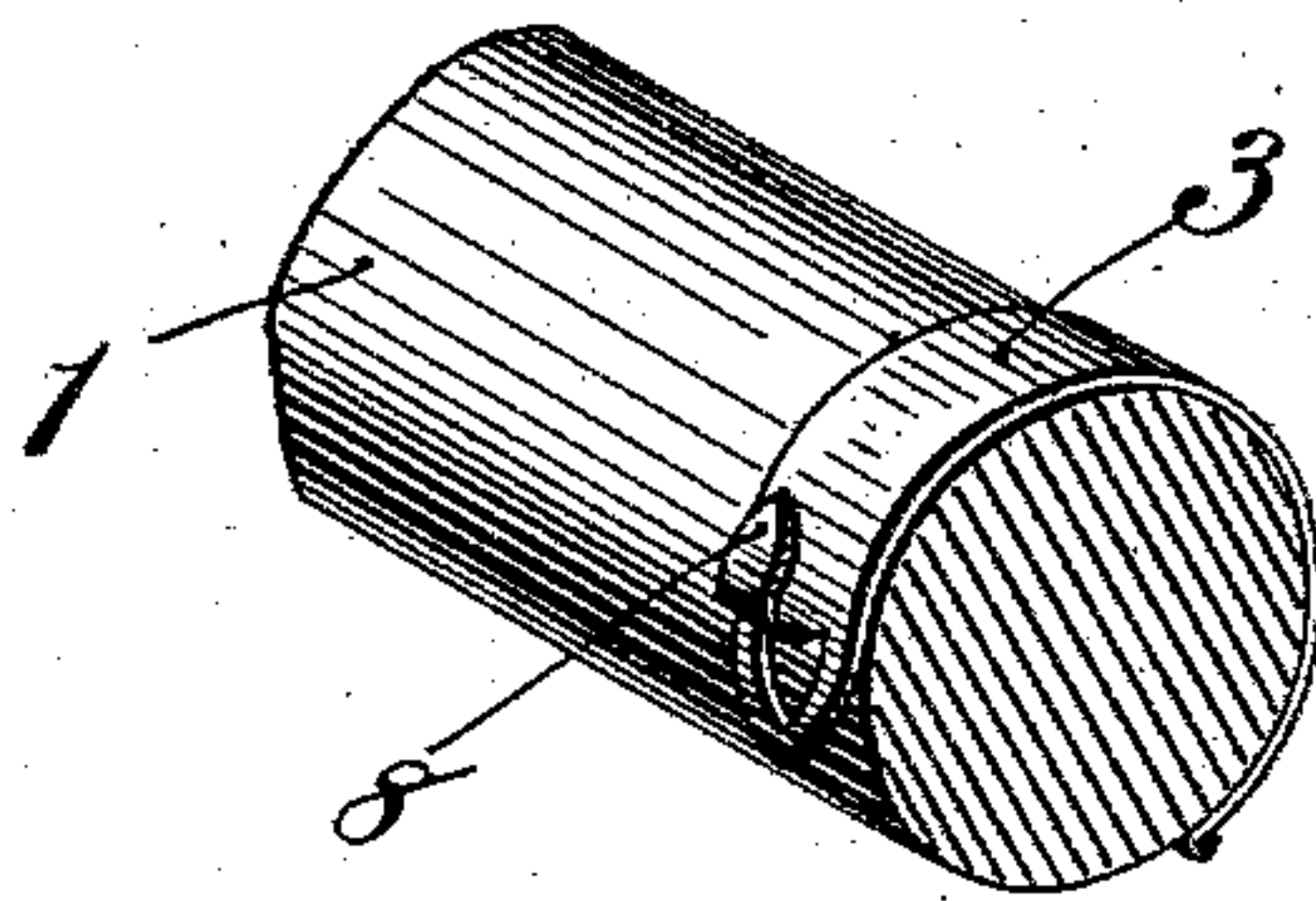


Fig. 3.

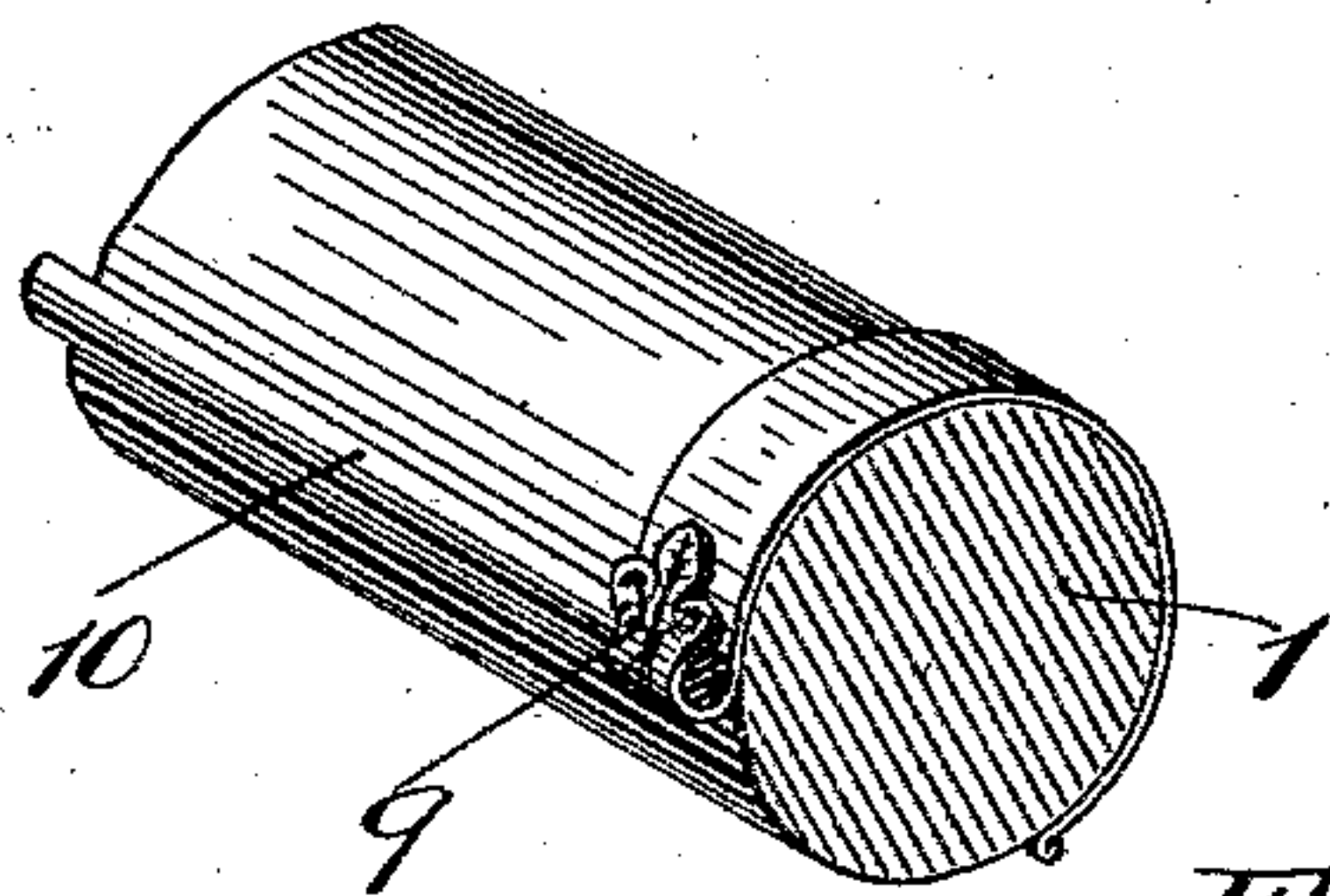


Fig. 4.

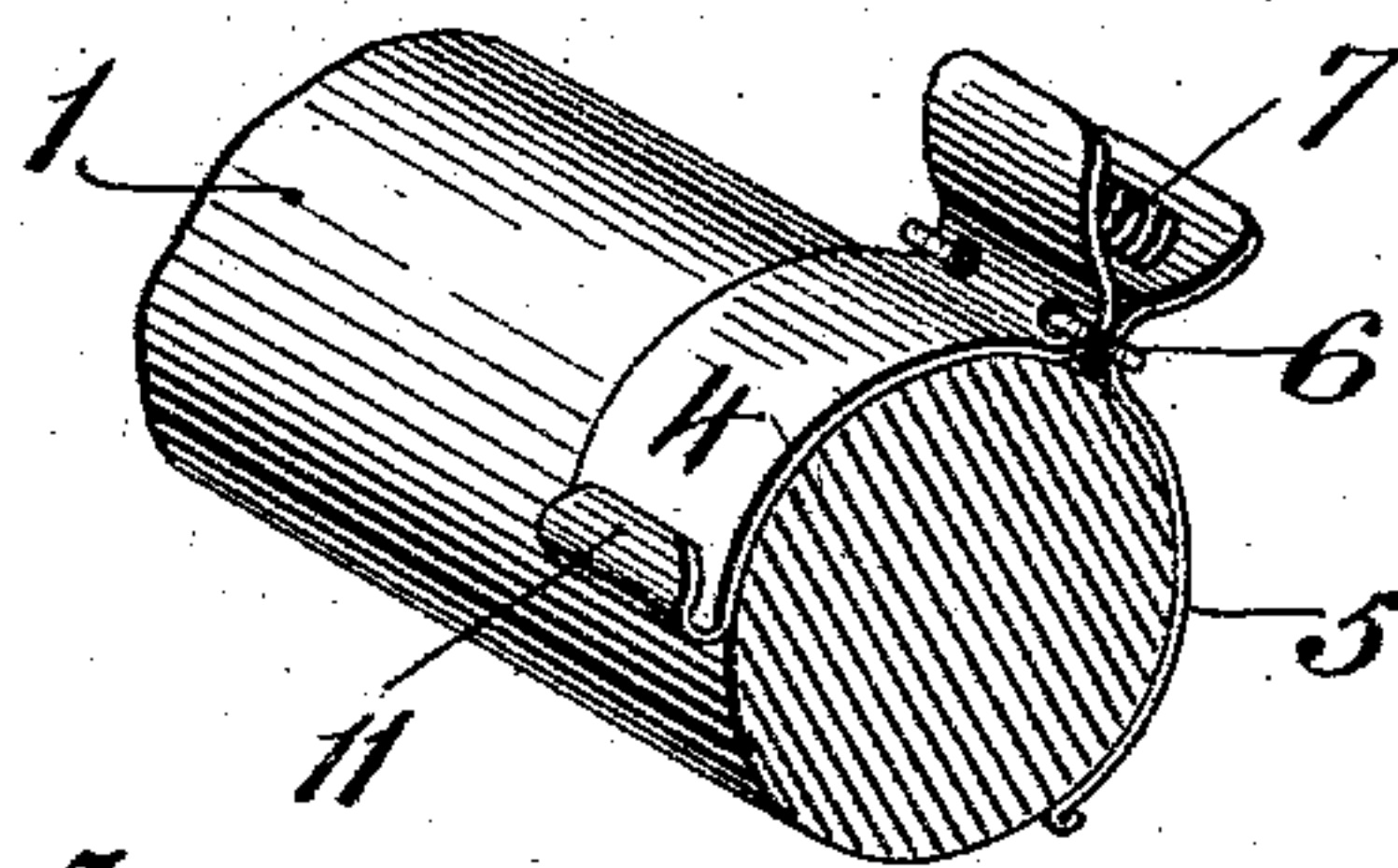
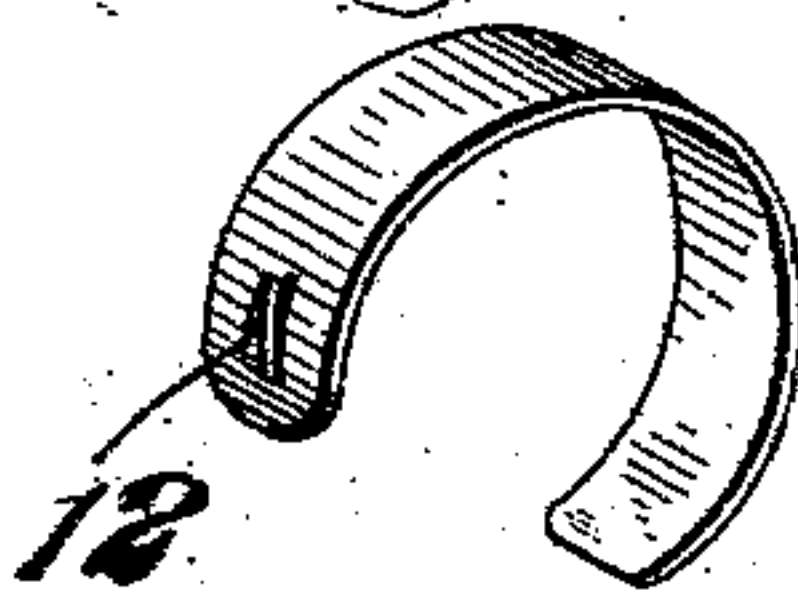


Fig. 5.



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CURTAIN-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. NEEDHAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Curtain-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in curtain-supports, and has for its object to provide a spring-actuated clasp for clamping the curtain around its pole.

A further object is to provide a clasp of the above character with an auxiliary curtain-supporting device—such, for instance, as a hook—which hook may be stamped from the body of the metal which forms the clasp.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a curtain, its pole, and a number of clasps for clamping the curtain around the pole, a portion of the curtain being engaged with one of the auxiliary supporting devices with which the clasps are provided. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of a portion of a curtain-pole with one form of my improved spring-actuated clasp engaged therewith. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing another form of clasp suitable for supporting an auxiliary curtain-rod. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing a third form of clasp, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the clasps with another form of hook stamped from the body of the same.

The curtain-pole is denoted by 1, and the curtain herein represented is denoted by 2 and is shown as being hung over the top of the pole.

A plurality of spring-actuated clasps 3 are fitted to snugly clamp the curtain 2 around the pole 1. These clasps may be made of the required size and of different forms to suit different requirements. In the present instance I have shown the clasps as being formed of spring sheet metal, the ends of the clasps having a normal tendency to snugly clamp the curtain around the pole.

In the form shown in Fig. 4 the clasp is composed of two members 4 and 5, hinged together at 6 and provided with a spring 7, arranged to force the arms of the clasp into snug engagement with its pole.

The auxiliary curtain-supporting devices with which the clasps are provided may be formed in different ways. In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 a hook 8 is formed by stamping the metal from one end of the clasp and bending it into the required shape. In this form the hook is preferably made sufficiently large to permit the curtain to be draped over the same without catching into the material of the curtain. In Fig. 3 I have shown the auxiliary curtain-supporting device as formed by bending the end of the clasp itself up into the form of a hook 9, which may be used both as a support for an auxiliary curtain-rod and for looping the curtain over the same.

In Fig. 4 I have shown one of the members of the clasp bent up to form a hook 11. In Fig. 5 I have shown a small hook 12, pressed out from the body of the metal near one end of the clasp, which hook may be made sufficiently small to be substantially hidden by the material of the curtain.

By providing spring-clasps for clamping the curtain around the pole and providing these clasps with auxiliary curtain-supporting devices I am enabled to drape the curtain in many different ways to produce artistic effects without the use of additional devices.

It is evident that changes might be resorted to in the form, shape, and size of the clasp without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the structure herein set forth; but

What I claim is—

1. A curtain-clasp arranged to clamp the curtain around its pole and provided with an outwardly-projected hook serving as an auxiliary curtain-supporting device.

2. A curtain-clasp arranged to clamp the curtain around its pole and provided with a hook formed from the body of the clasp serving as an auxiliary curtain-supporting device.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 21st day of January, 1903.

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