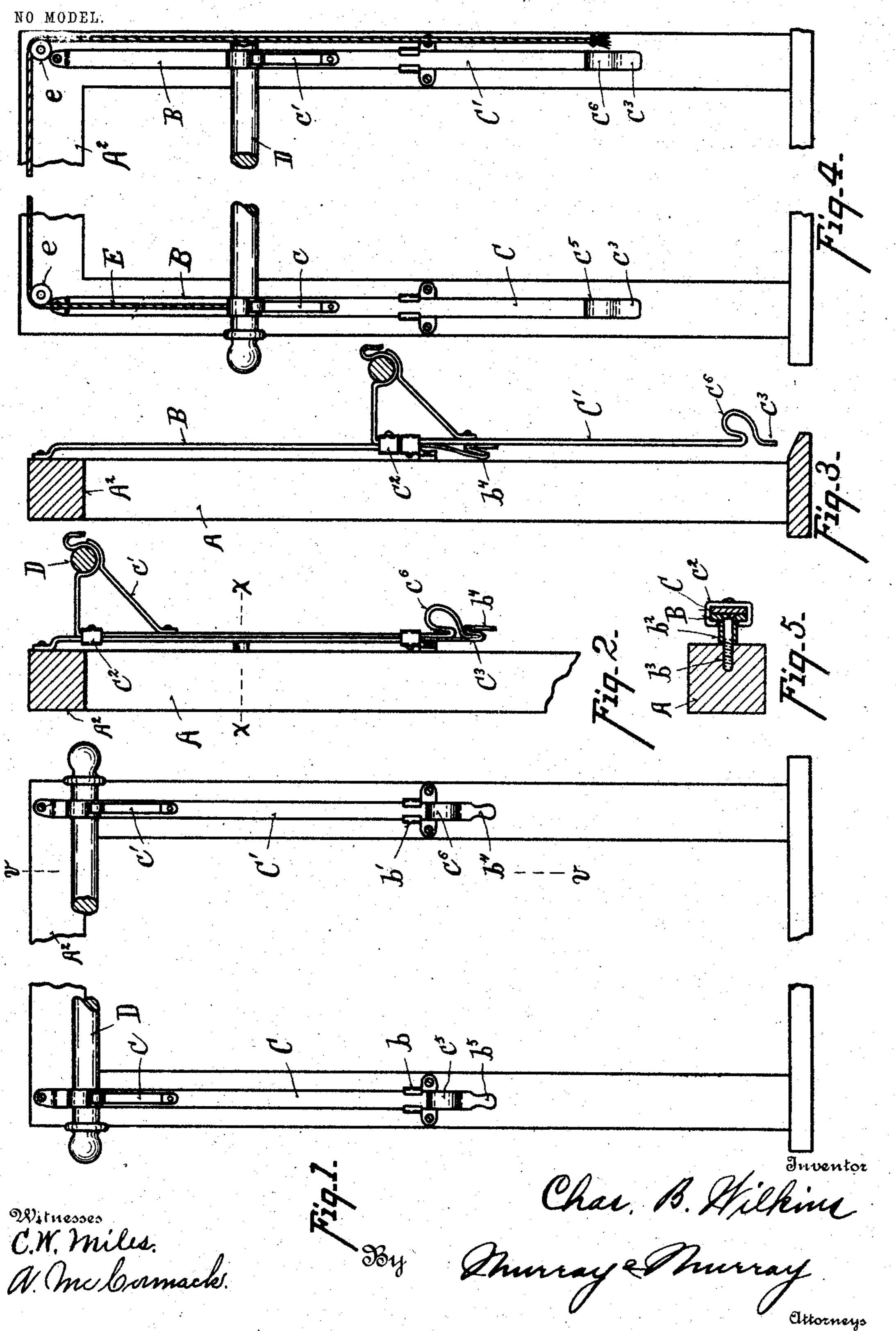
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## CURTAIN-POLE FIXTURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. WILKINS, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, 5 State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Pole Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a support for curtain-poles of the class that may 10 be lowered for convenience in adjusting the curtain upon the pole in which the bracket supporting the pole is lowered and raised again and secured in place readily. This object is attained by the means described in the 15 specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which-

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a window supplied with the curtain-pole fixture embodying my invention, the central part of the window and the pole being broken off and the parts being brought together to economize space. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of Fig. 1, taken upon line v v, the lower end of the frame being broken off. Fig. 3 is a view <sup>25</sup> similar to Fig. 2, but showing the sliding rod and bracket supporting the pole in their lowered position. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing the attachment used in connection with broad windows. Fig. 5 is a sec-3° tional detail view taken upon line xx of Fig. 2.

Referring to the parts, to the stiles A A' of the window-frame are secured guide bars or ways B, upon which are mounted sliding rods CC'. Rods CC' have at their upper ends 35 brackets c c', in which pole D is held. Bars B have at their lower ends outwardly-projecting flanges b b', through which the sliding rods C C' pass, and at their upper ends the sliding rods have clips  $c^2$ , which embrace the guide-bars B. Each of the guide-bars B is supported at its center by a cylindrical collar b<sup>2</sup>, through which a screw b<sup>3</sup> passes into frame A. Guide-bars Bhave secured to their lower ends spring-catches  $b^4$   $b^5$ , and sliding rods C C' 45 at their lower ends are bent into fingers  $c^3$   $c^4$ , which enter catches  $b^4$   $b^5$  when the fixture has been raised to its upper position to support it.

When it is desired to lower the curtain-pole for removing a curtain or for convenience in 5° draping one, a person simply has to press

downward on the spring-catches  $b^4$   $b^5$  to release fingers  $c^3 c^4$  therefrom, and the weight of the curtain and pole will cause the sliding rods C C' to slide down upon their guide bars or ways B. After the curtain has been ar- 55 ranged as desired the support is raised to its position by grasping the handles  $c^5$   $c^6$  of the sliding rods and exerting an upward pull on the same until the curtain-rod has been brought to its proper position, when the fin- 60 gers  $c^3 c^4$  will spring into engagement with the catches  $b^4 b^5$ .

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated a modification to be used upon windows where the stiles are at a distance apart such that a person cannot 65 grasp the two handles  $c^5 c^6$  at one time for convenience in lowering and raising the curtain-fixture. In such a case I have secured to one of the sliding rods, C, a cord E, which passes upward over a pulley e, secured to the 70 upper member A<sup>2</sup> of the window-frame, passing thence over a second pulley e', secured upon the opposite side of the window-frame. When it is desired to lower or raise the curtain-fixture, a person has simply to grasp 75 this cord E and sliding rod C' after having disengaged fingers  $c^3$   $c^4$  from the catches  $b^4$   $b^5$ , when the fixture may be lowered or raised, as desired.

What I claim is—

1. In a curtain-pole fixture the combination of vertical guides consisting of flat strips secured to the opposite side stiles of the window-frames by means of feet at the opposite ends adapted to hold the ends of said guides 85 away from the stiles, rods adapted to slide vertically on side of the guides, brackets projecting forward from the upper ends of the rods and adapted to support the opposite ends of the curtain-pole, clips at the upper ends of 90 the rods embracing the guides, and clips at the lower ends of the guides embracing the rods and means for locking the rods in the raised position, and the pole.

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2. A curtain-pole fixture consisting of ver- 95 tical guides secured to the side stiles of the window-frames, formed from flat strips having feet at the upper and lower ends for holding guide outward from the stiles, sliding members consisting of flat strips upon the 10

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guides, clips for coupling the ends and the sliding members together, brackets projecting forward from the upper ends of the sliding members for supporting a curtain-rod, the 5 rod, and means for locking the sliding mem-

bers in the raised position.

3. In a curtain-pole fixture, guides secured to the opposite side stiles of the windowframe, rods adapted to slide vertically on said 10 guides, brackets carried by said rods, adapted to support the opposite ends of the curtainpole, the curtain-pole, clips secured to the upper ends of the rods embracing the guides, clips secured to the power ends of the guides 15 embracing the rods, and spring-catches attached to the lower ends of the guides adapted

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to engage the lower ends of the rods when raised to lock the rods and pole in the raised position.

4. In a curtain-pole fixture the combination 20 of flat strips secured to the side stiles of a window-frame, sliding members thereon consisting of flat strips, the lower ends of which are curved to form spring-latches, catches secured at the lower ends of the guides for en- 25 gaging the latches, brackets secured at the upper ends of the sliding members for supporting the curtain-pole, the curtain-pole. CHARLES B. WILKINS.

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