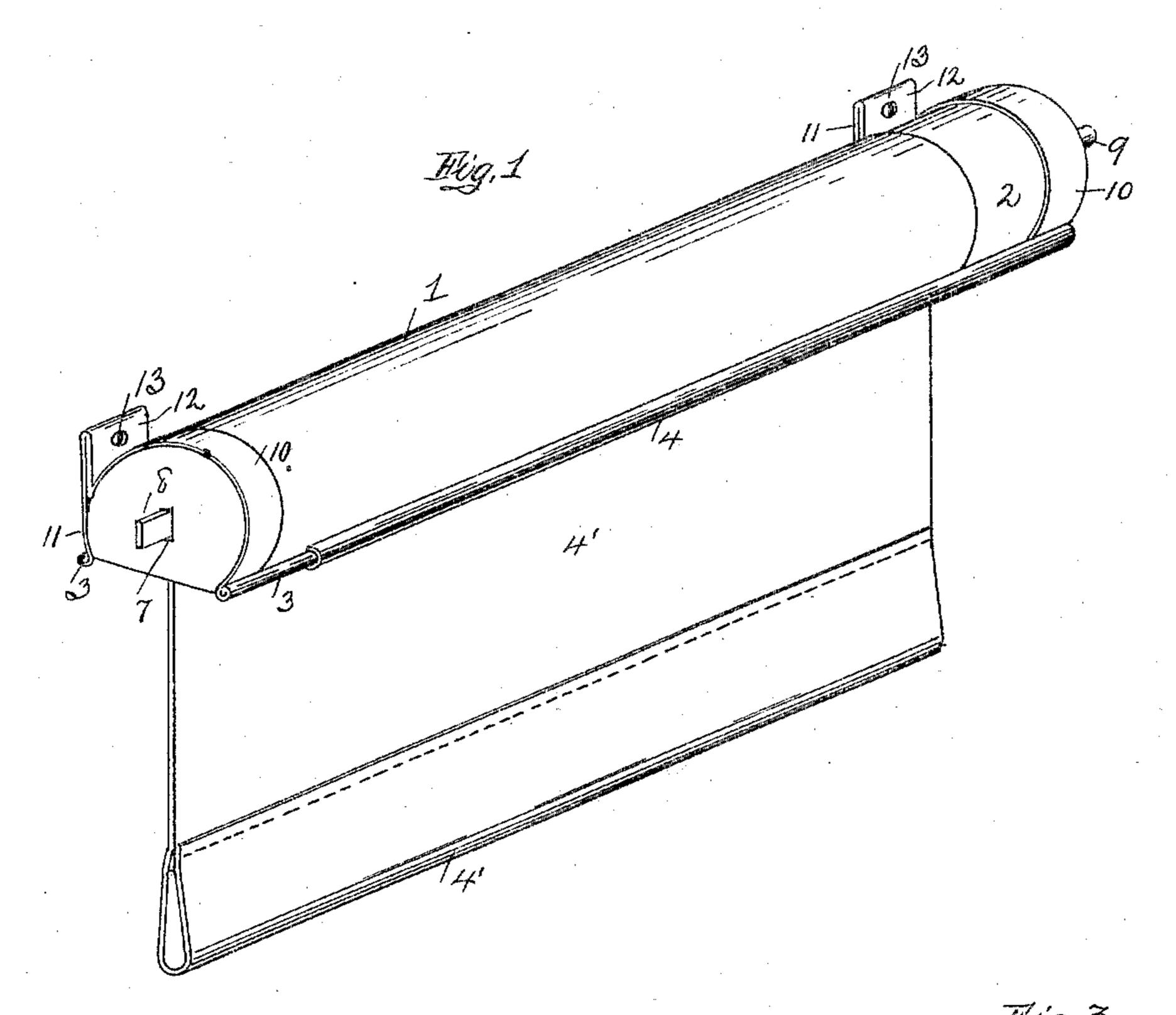
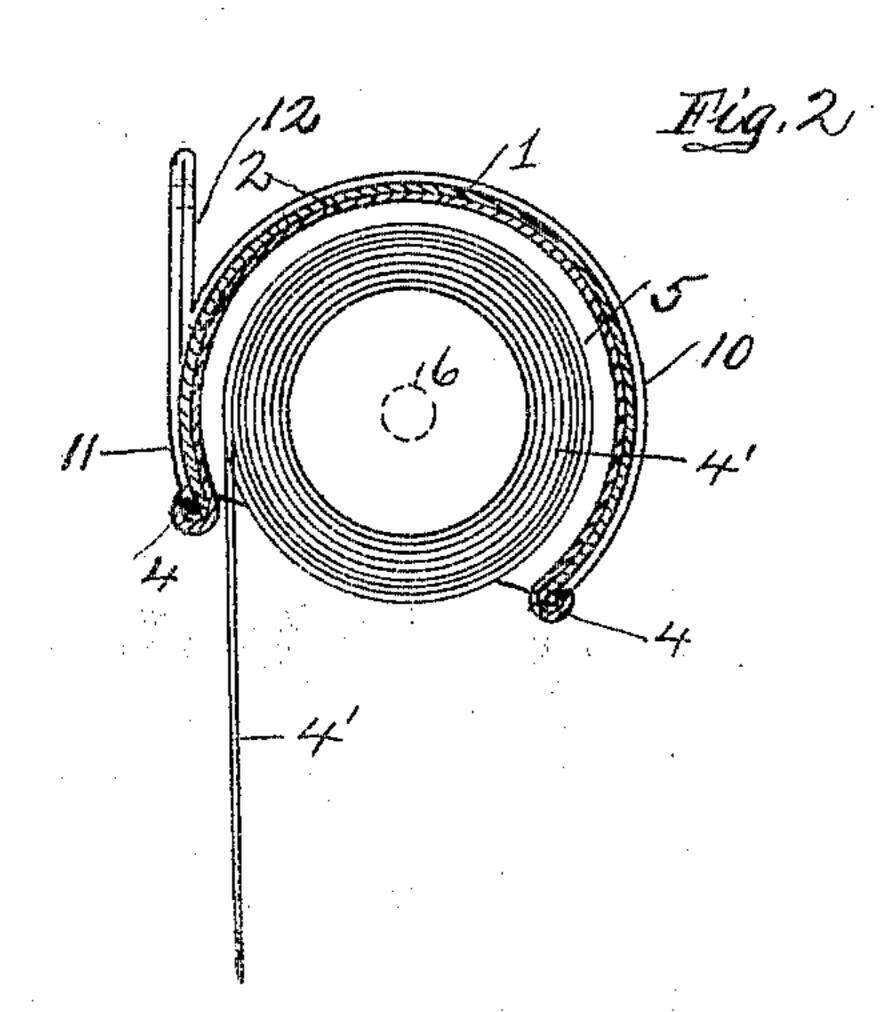
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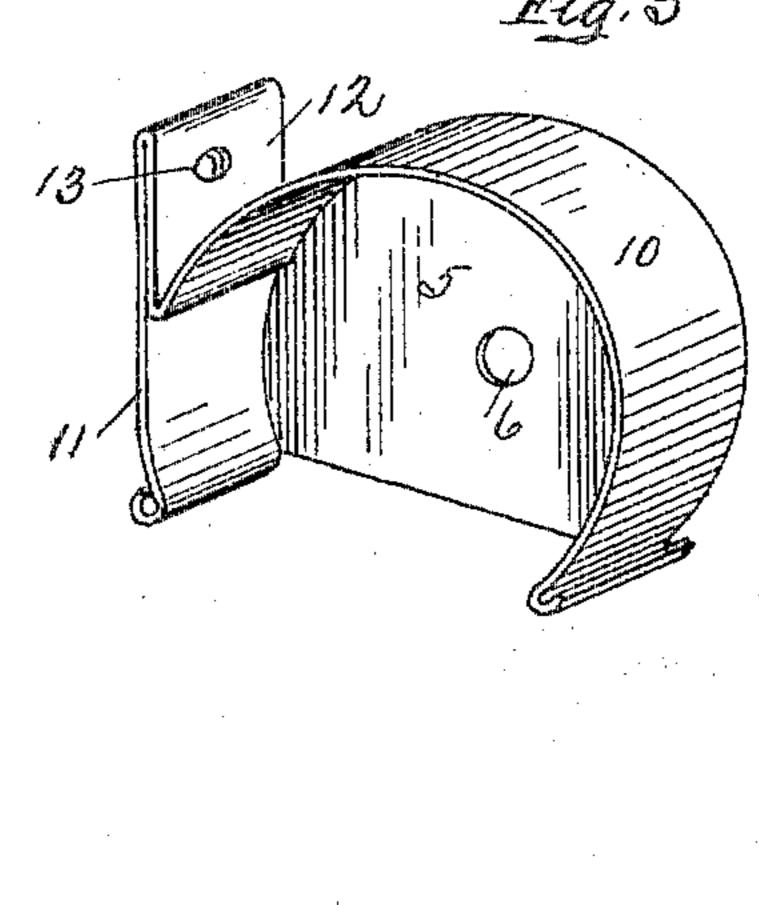
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## DUST-GUARD FOR WINDOW SHADES OR BLINDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Joseph C. Bahme, a citizen of the United States, residing at Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State 5 of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dust-Guards for Window Shades or Blinds, of which improvement the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved dustguard for window-blinds; and it consists in the certain details of construction and combination of parts, as will be fully described here-

mafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a 5 perspective view of my improved dust-guard, the same being constructed and arranged in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an end sectional elevation of the same, the said section taken at or about the middle of the 20 blind. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of

the end pieces or caps of the guard.

To put my invention into practice, and thereby provide a means for protecting windowshades from dust, I form from suitable sheet 25 metal two tubes 1 and 2, the one adapted to telescope within the other, the combined length of which is greater than the width of the blind 4'. Each of these tubes 1 and 2 is open at the bottom, and they are formed, respectively, 3° with telescoping beads 3 and 4 extending the entire length of said tubes, and each tube is fitted at one end with a combined cap and supporting-piece. These caps each consist of an end wall 5, circular in form, having an 35 opening 6 circular in the one piece and oblong 7 in the other, the said openings adapted to receive the end pins 8 and 9 of the blind. These end pieces are fitted with a band 10 extending along the entire front, having an up-4° ward bend 12 at the rear, a reverse downward bend 11, and a perforation 13, through which nails are driven if it is desired to attach the guard permanently to the window-frame. These caps are attached to the ends of the 45 tubes by means of solder.

In operation the tubes 1 and 2 are separated the one from the other, the blind 4' inserted in the one, care being taken to enter the pin 8 in the opening 7. The other section of the guard is inserted and the pin 9 entered in the 50 opening 6 and the two sections adjusted to correspond to the width of the blind.

This device may be used in connection with any of the shade-brackets now in common use, the projecting end supports 8 and 9 being 55 standard and common to all blinds, or the guard may be attached permanently to the

window-frame, as before described.

Various slight modifications and changes may be made in the details of construction 60 without departing from the spirit of the invention. Therefore I do not wish to confine myself to that shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Pat- 65

ent, is—

1. The herein-described dust-guard for window-blinds, consisting of the two telescoping tubes closed at the ends and having an open base, the caps 5 having openings 6 and 7, for 70 connection with the blind and integral portions 11 12, through which perforations 13 are made, by means of which the guard may be attached in position, all arranged and combined, as and for the purpose described.

2. In a dust-guard, constructed substantially as described, the end pieces or caps, consisting of the plates 5, the openings 67, formed therein, the band 10, having an upward bend 12 at the rear and a downwardly-extending part 11, 80 and an opening formed therein for the reception of nails, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JOSEPH C. BAHME.

In presence of— JOHN GROETZINGER, ROBERT R. LOWRY.