

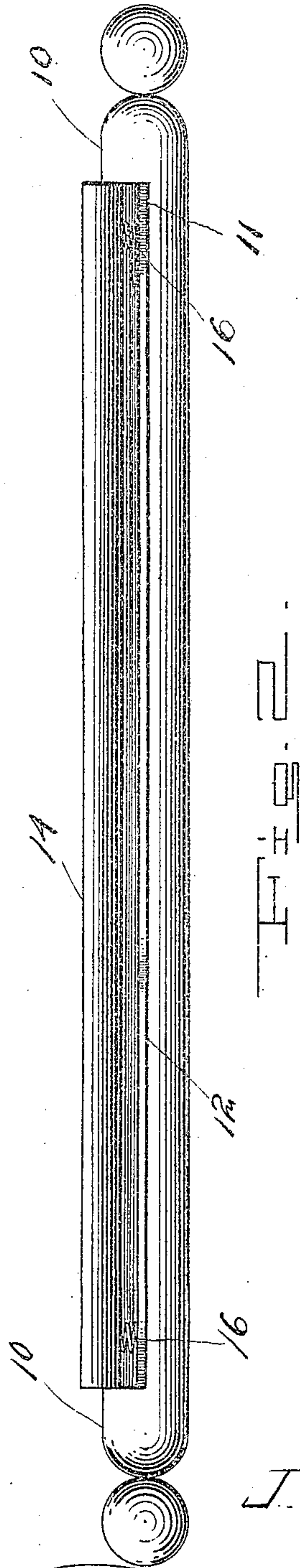
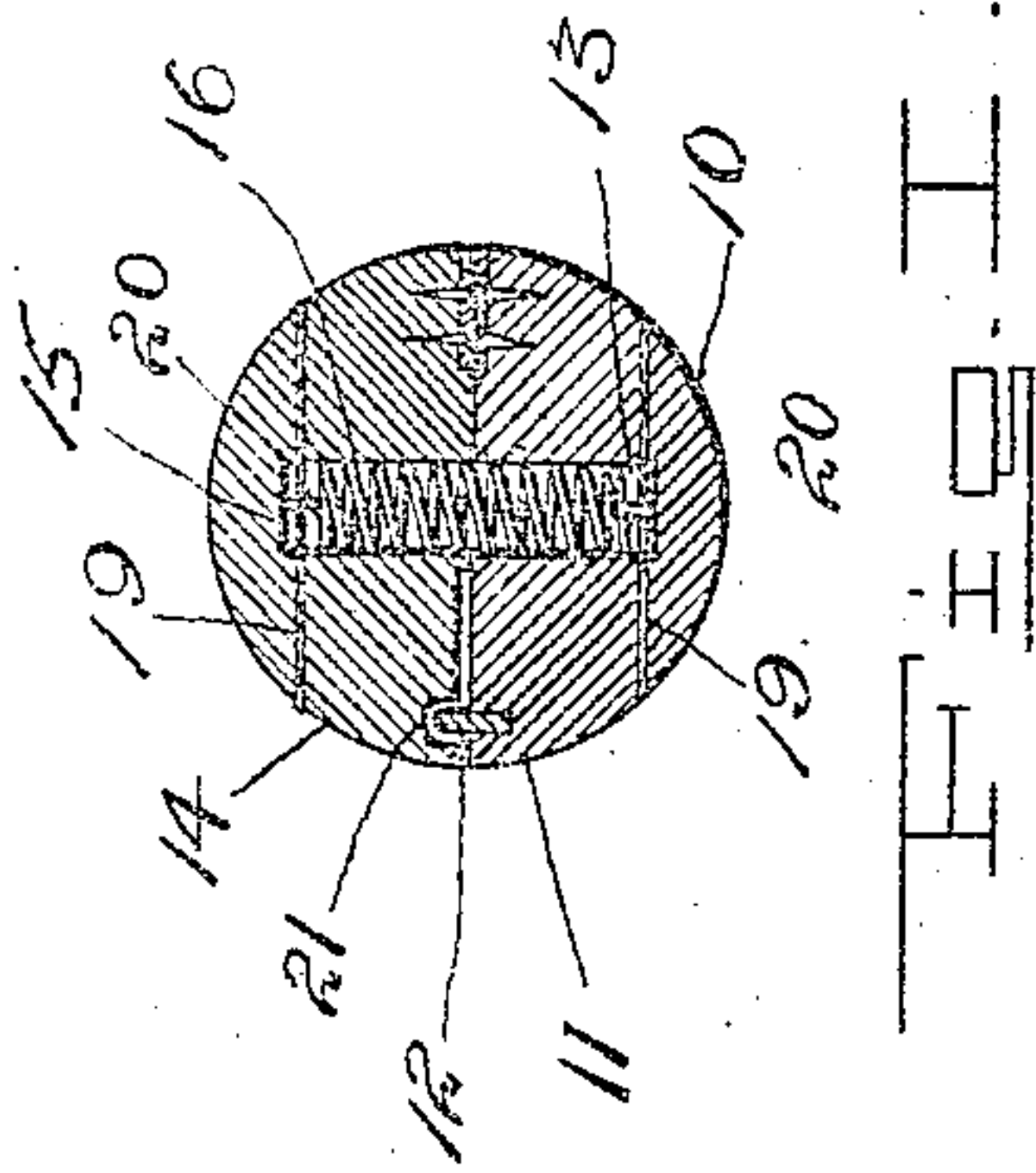
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. EZZELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Piedmont, in the county of Calhoun, State of Alabama, 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 an improved construction of pole wherein the curtain will be securely held without the use of rings or pins or other attaching means tending to injure the curtains or to mar the appearance of the hanging.

A further object of the invention is to provide a construction which will permit of quick and easy application and removal of the curtains.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in both views, Figure 1 is a section taken transversely through a pole embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the pole with the parts swung apart to receive the curtain therebetween.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a curtain-pole comprising a major member, which may be cylindrical in cross-section, as illustrated, at its end portions and the intermediate portion of which is cut away, so as to leave a semicylindrical portion 11, connecting the end portions 10. Upon the flat face of the portion 11, adjacent to one edge thereof, is a bead 12, and in the flat face between the bead 12 and the remote longitudinal edge of the portion 11 are recesses 13, adjacent to the end portions 10. The portion 11 forms a clamping-jaw, and cooperating therewith is a second semicylindrical clamping-jaw 14, which is hinged at one longitudinal edge to the portion 11, so that it may be swung into and out of position to lie between the end portions 10 and flush therewith. In the flat face of the member 14 are recesses 15, which when the jaws are in clamping positions register with the re-

cesses 13, respectively, and in each pair of recesses are disposed the ends of a helical spring 16, which are held against withdrawal from the recesses by means of pins 19, passed transversely through the members, so as to intersect the recesses and to engage the end portions of the springs, which latter are provided with terminal eyes 20 to receive the pins. In the flat face of the member 14 is formed a longitudinal groove 21, which when the jaws are in clamping relations receives the rib 12.

When a curtain is to be attached to the pole, the jaws are swung apart and the edges of the curtain are disposed between the jaws, after which the latter are released, and under the influence of the helical springs they are tightly clamped upon the curtain. To aid in holding the curtain from withdrawal from between the jaws, the bead 12 may be of rubber let into the jaw or member 11, so as to give ample friction between the bead and the curtain. In the use of a rubber bead it, furthermore, will yield to an extent sufficient to compensate for inequalities in the thickness of the curtain where it may be folded, thus insuring proper holding of the curtain.

By means of the particular fastening for the springs described the springs may be readily disengaged from the jaws when occasion may require.

What is claimed is—

A curtain-pole comprising longitudinal clamping members hinged together at one edge and having respectively a longitudinal groove and a longitudinal rib arranged for mutual engagement, said members having registering recesses in their mutually adjacent faces, helical springs having their ends disposed in corresponding recesses, said springs being provided with terminal eyes, and pins engaged with the clamping members and passing through the eyes of the springs to hold the latter in the recesses.

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

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