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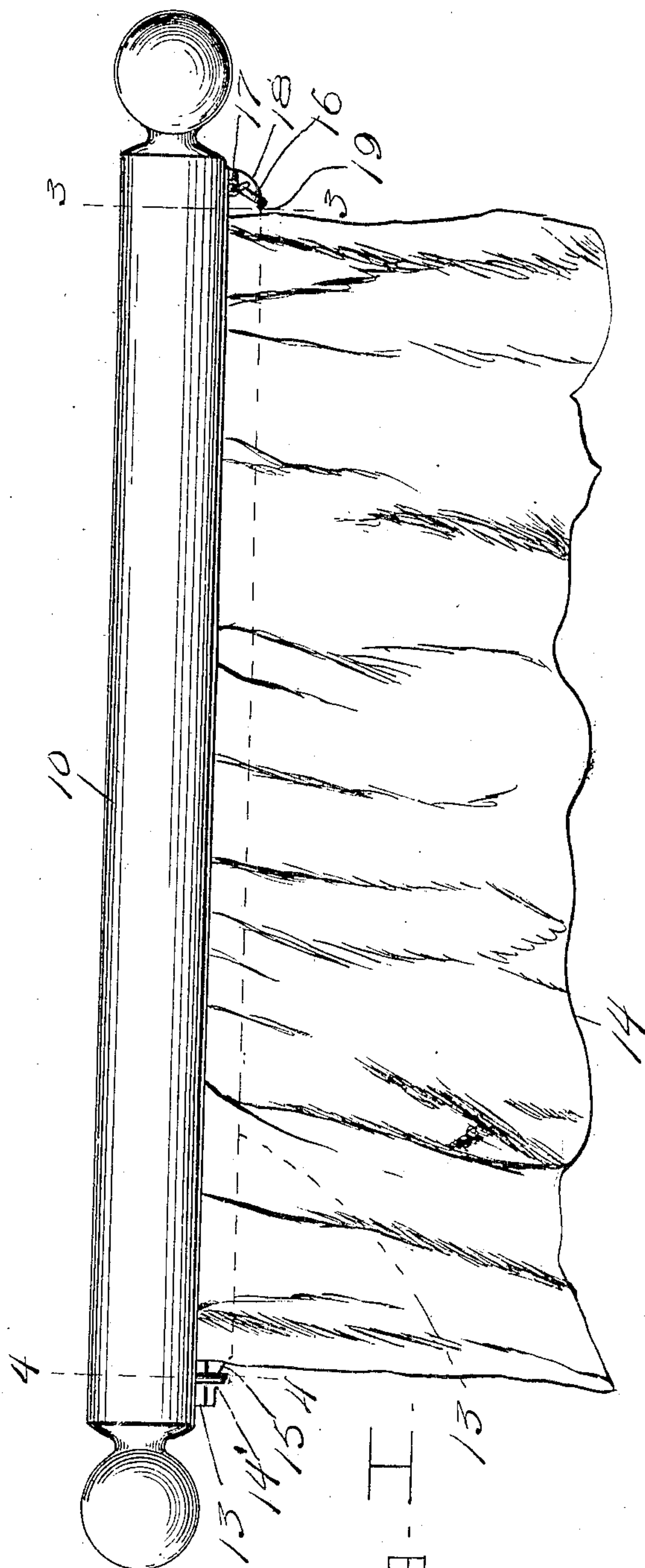
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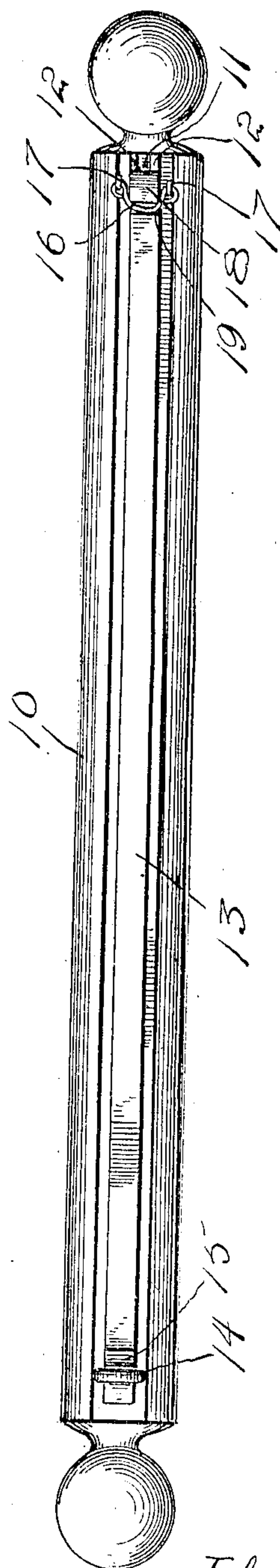
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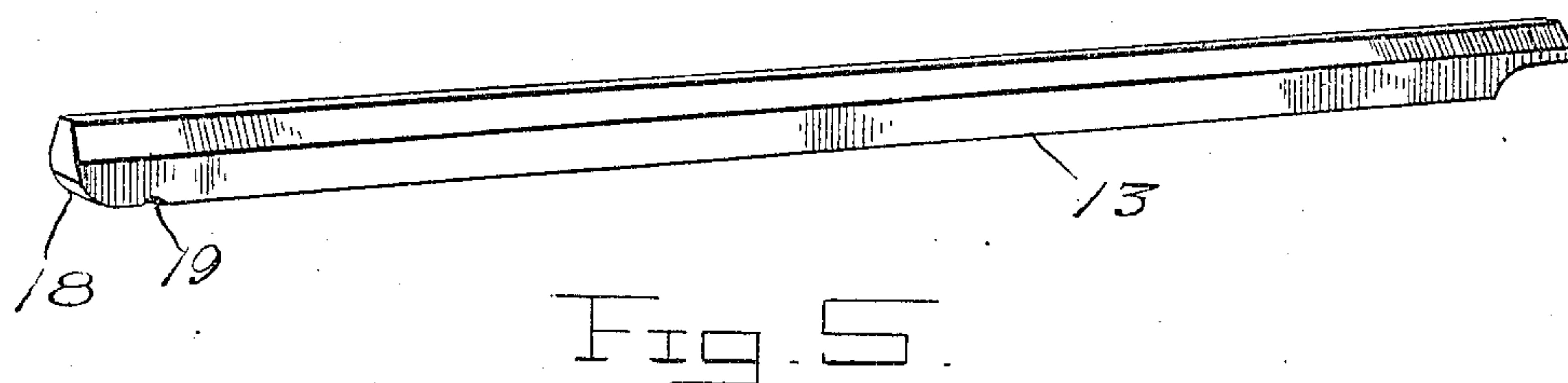
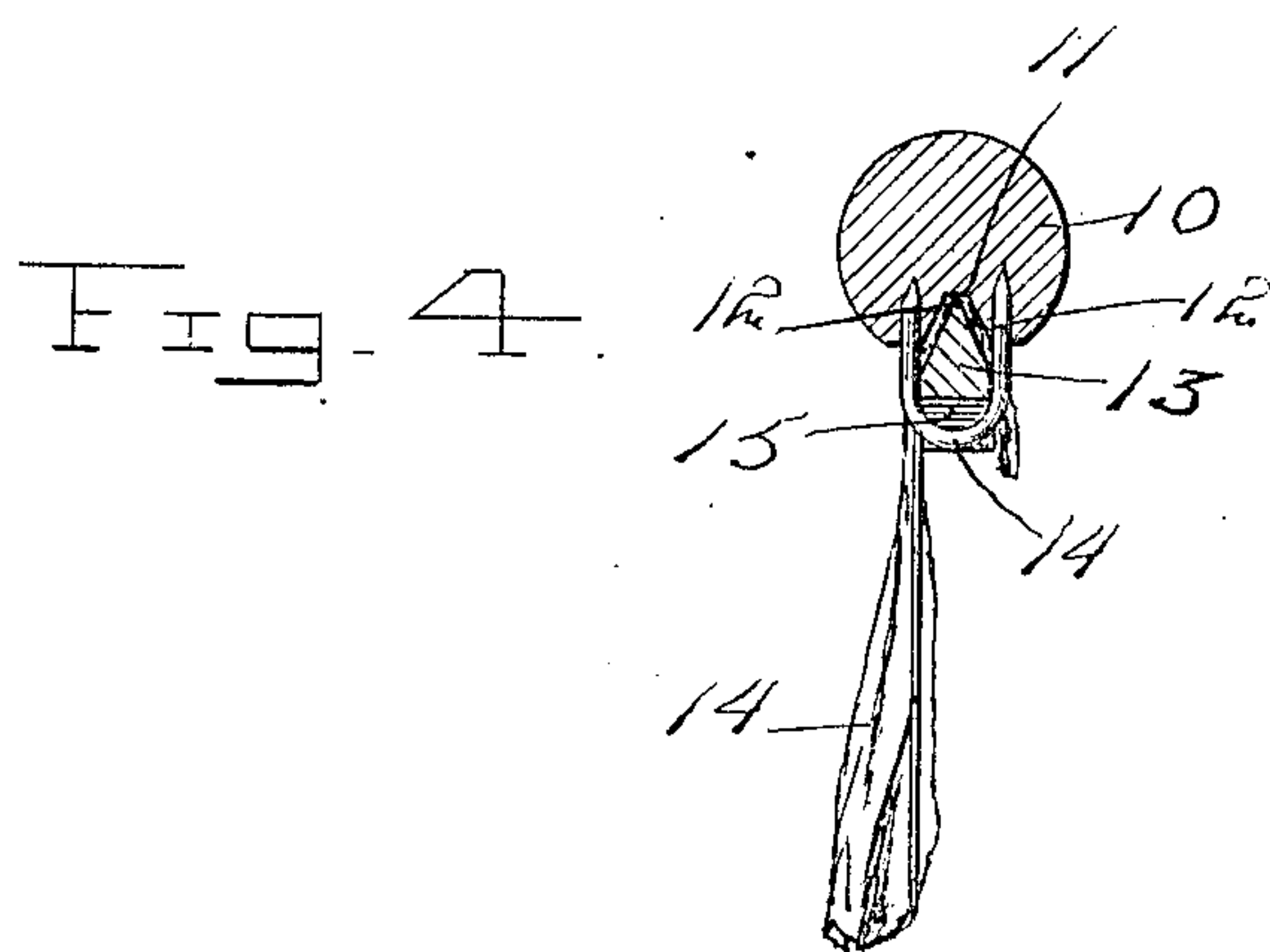
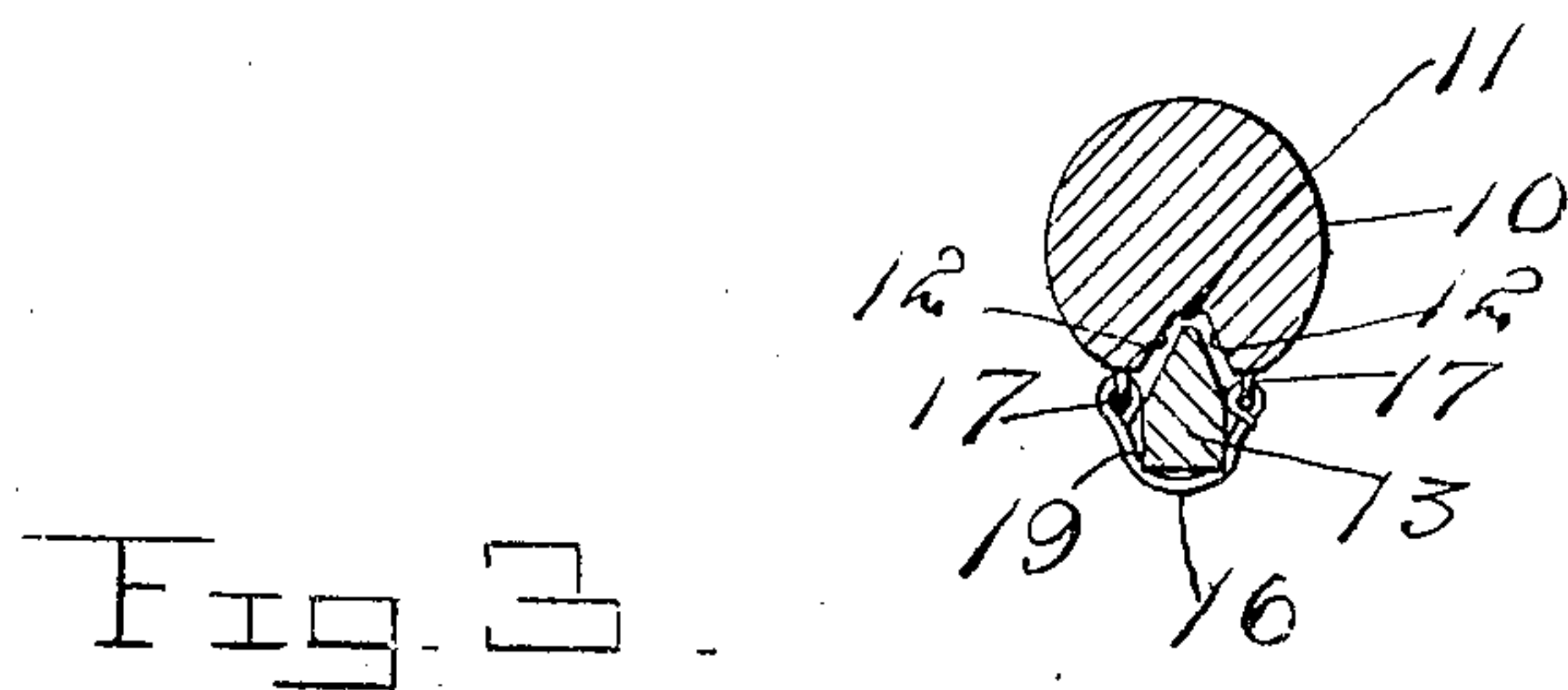
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WILLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norman, in the county of Cleveland, Territory of Oklahoma, 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 more particularly to that class of curtain-poles which are designed to avoid the use of rings and pins.

The invention resides in the provision of a longitudinally-grooved pole, a strip arranged to fit in the groove in the pole to hold a curtain therein, and a novel means for holding the strip in the groove.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a pole constructed in accordance with the invention in use. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar view on the line 4 4 of the same figure, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the curtain-retaining strip.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 10 denotes a pole, which is provided longitudinally with a groove 11, the side walls 12 of which are diverged downwardly, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

The numeral 13 designates a curtain-retaining strip, which is designed to support a curtain 14 from the pole 10. The said strip is beveled upon its opposite sides at one of its longitudinal edges to seat in the groove 11 in the pole, it being understood that a portion of the curtain is engaged between the said pole and the strip 13 and is held tightly therein by reason of the wedging action of the beveled edge of the strip and the converging walls of the groove 11. In order that the strip may be securely held in the said groove and yet be readily detachable therefrom, I provide adjacent one end of the groove 11 a U-shaped keeper 14', with which is engaged one end of the strip 13, the strip at one end having its unbeveled edge sloped

downwardly and slightly concaved, as at 15. A keeper 16, similar in construction to the one above described, is hingedly mounted by means of eye members 17, adjacent the opposite end of the groove, and is so constructed that when it is moved to lie against the pole its bight portion will register with the said end of the groove, thus permitting placing of the strip in its proper position before the keeper is swung into engagement with the end thereof. The strip 13 has its unbeveled edge at its last-named end also inclined slightly downwardly and rounded at its extremity, as at 18, thereby permitting ready engagement of the keeper 16 thereover and insuring a clamping action as it rides upon the inclined portion. Formed in the said unbeveled edge of the strip is a notch 19, into which the said bight portion of the keeper 16 is adapted to seat to prevent its accidental disengagement from the ends of the strip.

What is claimed is—

1. A device of the class described comprising a pole, fixed and movable keepers carried by the pole, and a curtain-retaining strip engaged at one of its ends with said fixed keepers and having one of its edges at its opposite end beveled and notched for the clamping engagement of the movable keeper therewith.

2. A device of the class described comprising a pole, a fixed yoke-keeper carried by the pole, a curtain-retaining strip engaged at one of its ends with said keeper, and a pivoted yoke-keeper arranged for engagement with the other end of said strip.

3. A device of the class described comprising a pole, a fixed keeper carried by the pole adjacent one of its ends, a yoke-keeper loosely connected with the pole adjacent its opposite end and a retaining-strip having one of its ends beveled for wedging engagement with the fixed keeper and having its opposite end beveled and notched for engagement by the removable keeper.

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

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