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Fig. 1.

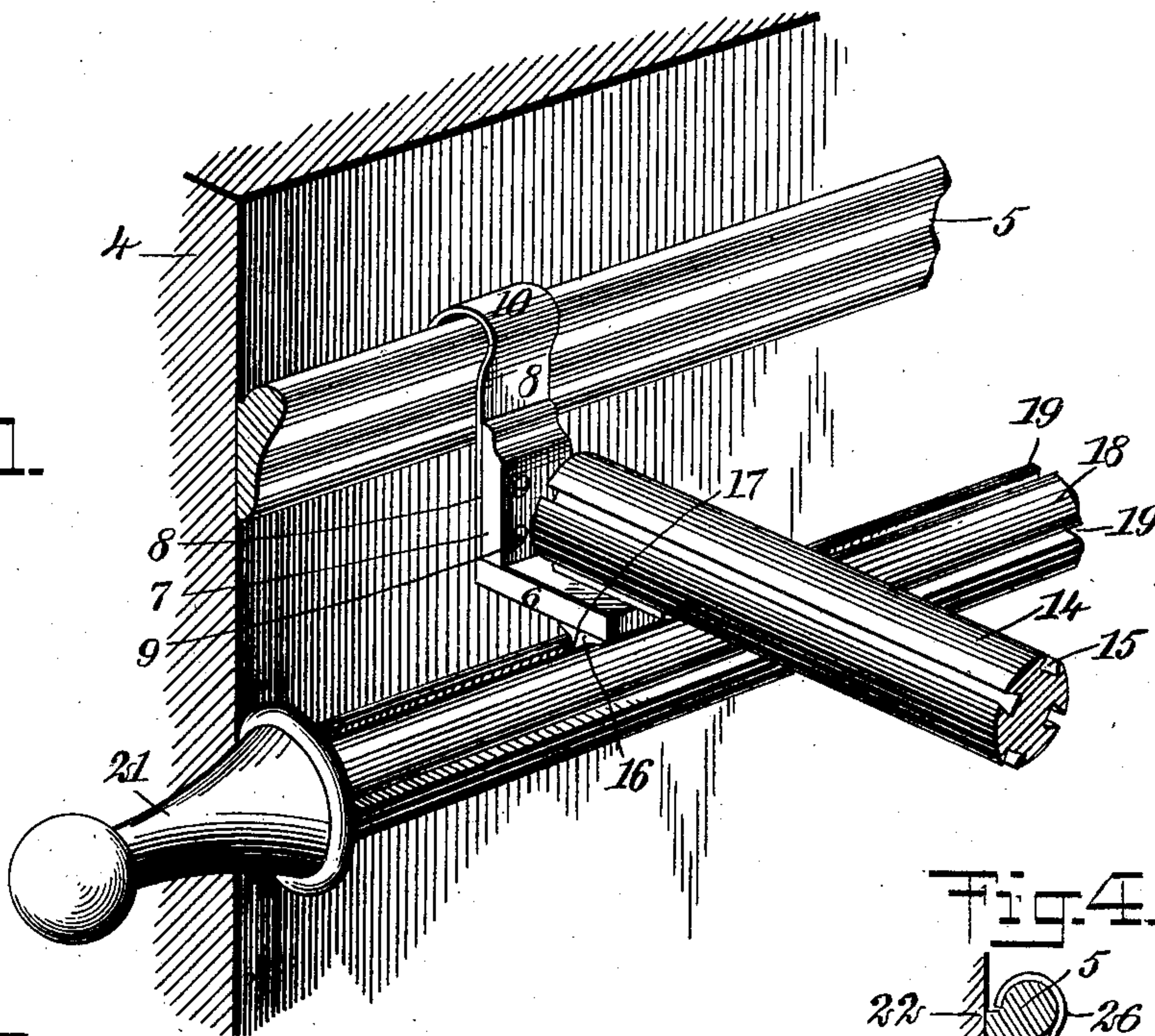


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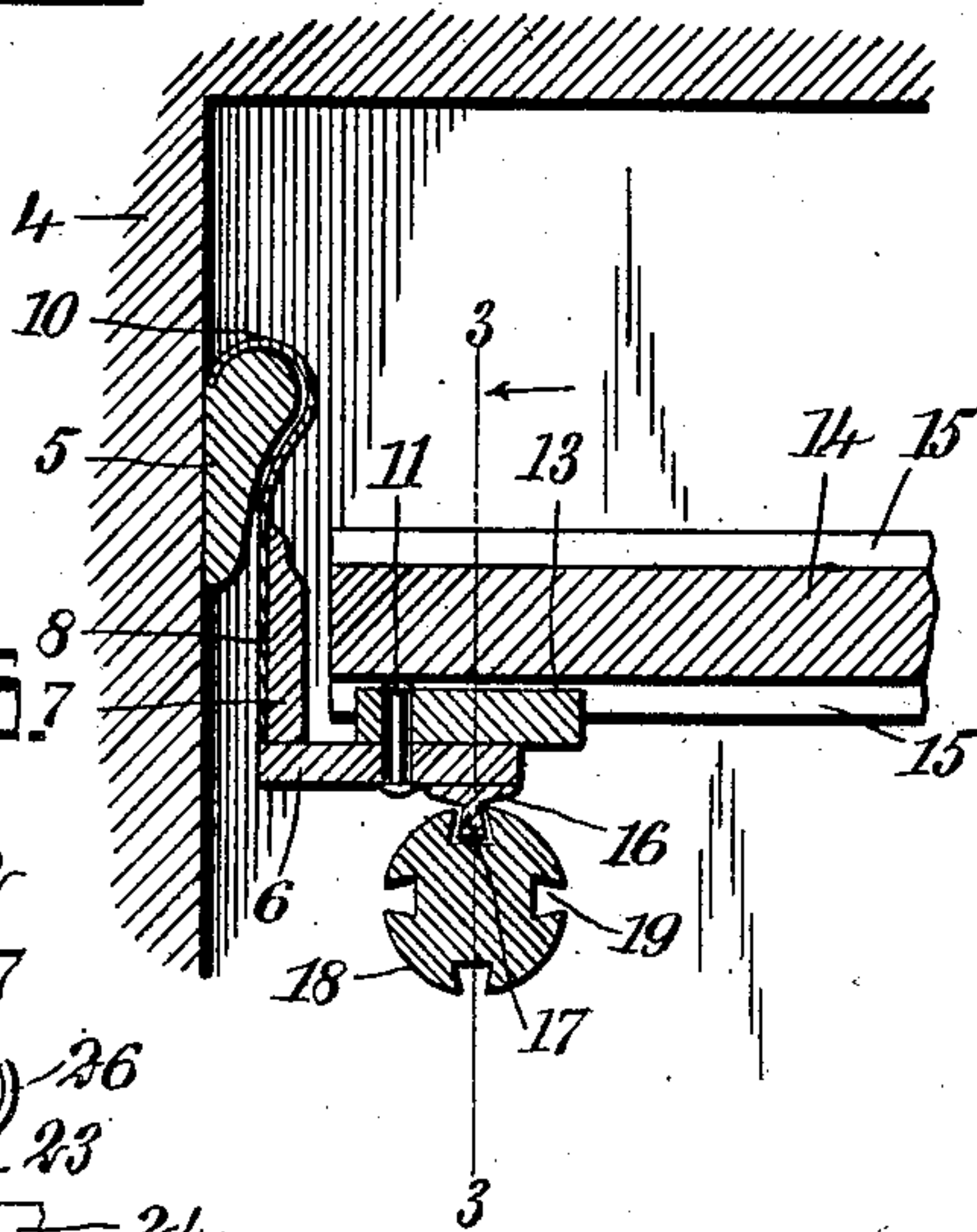


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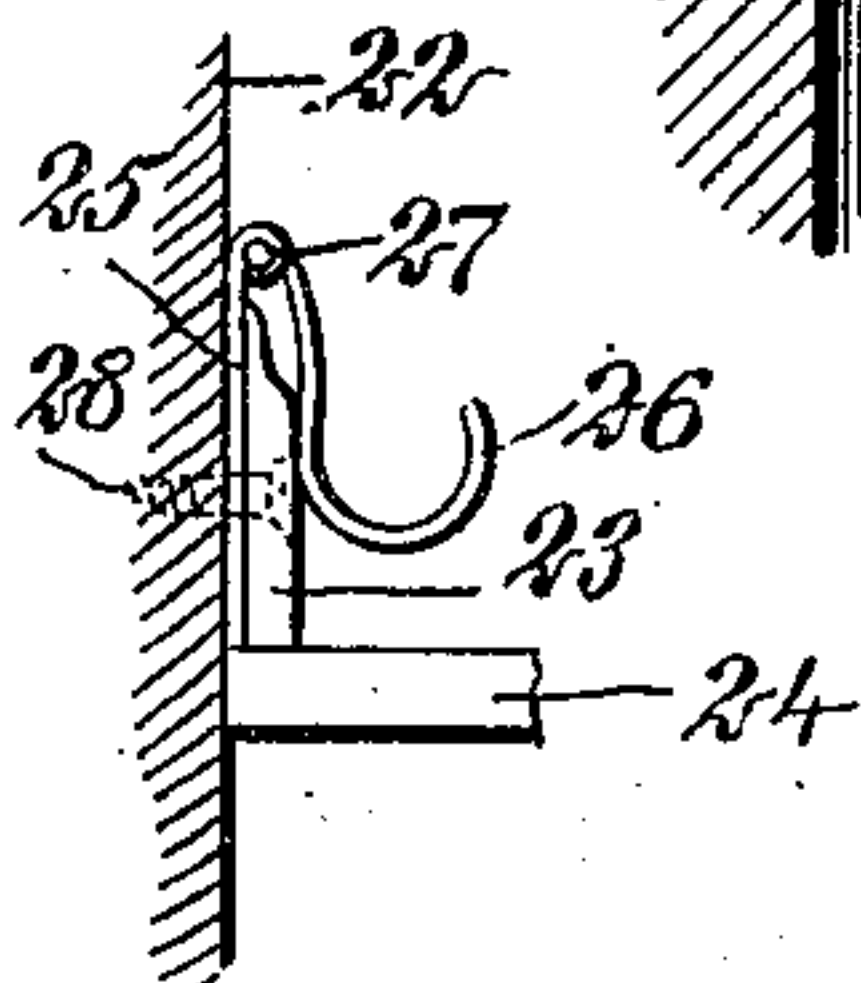


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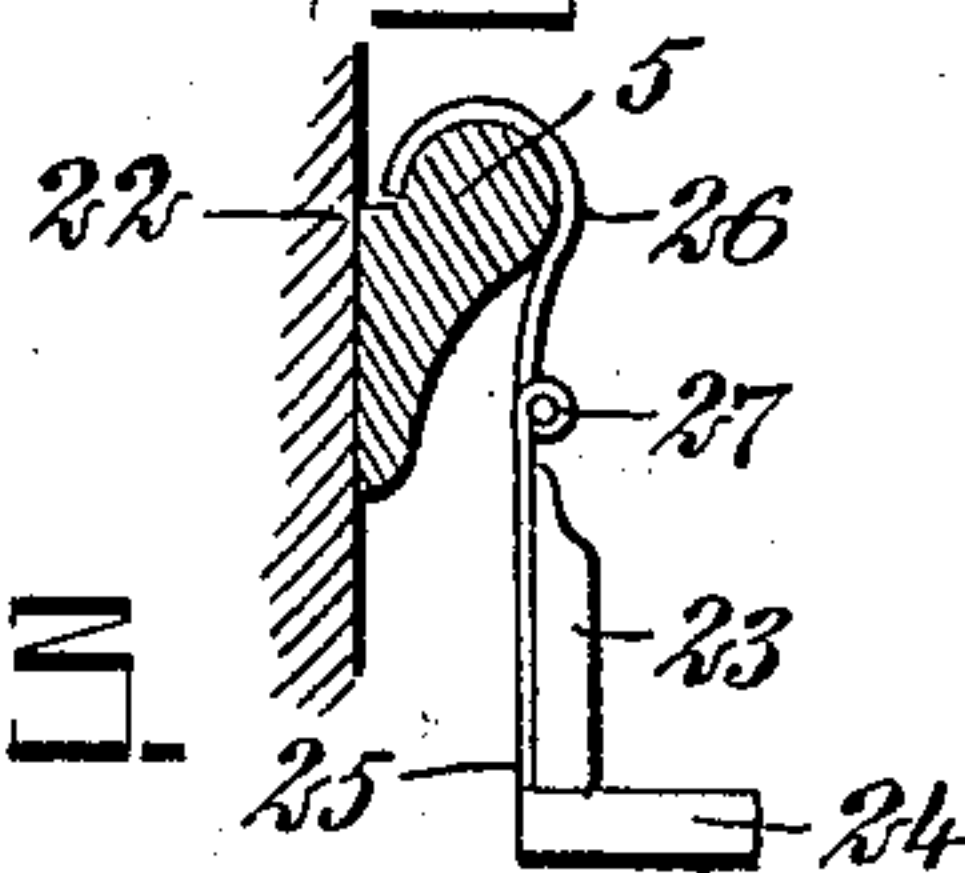
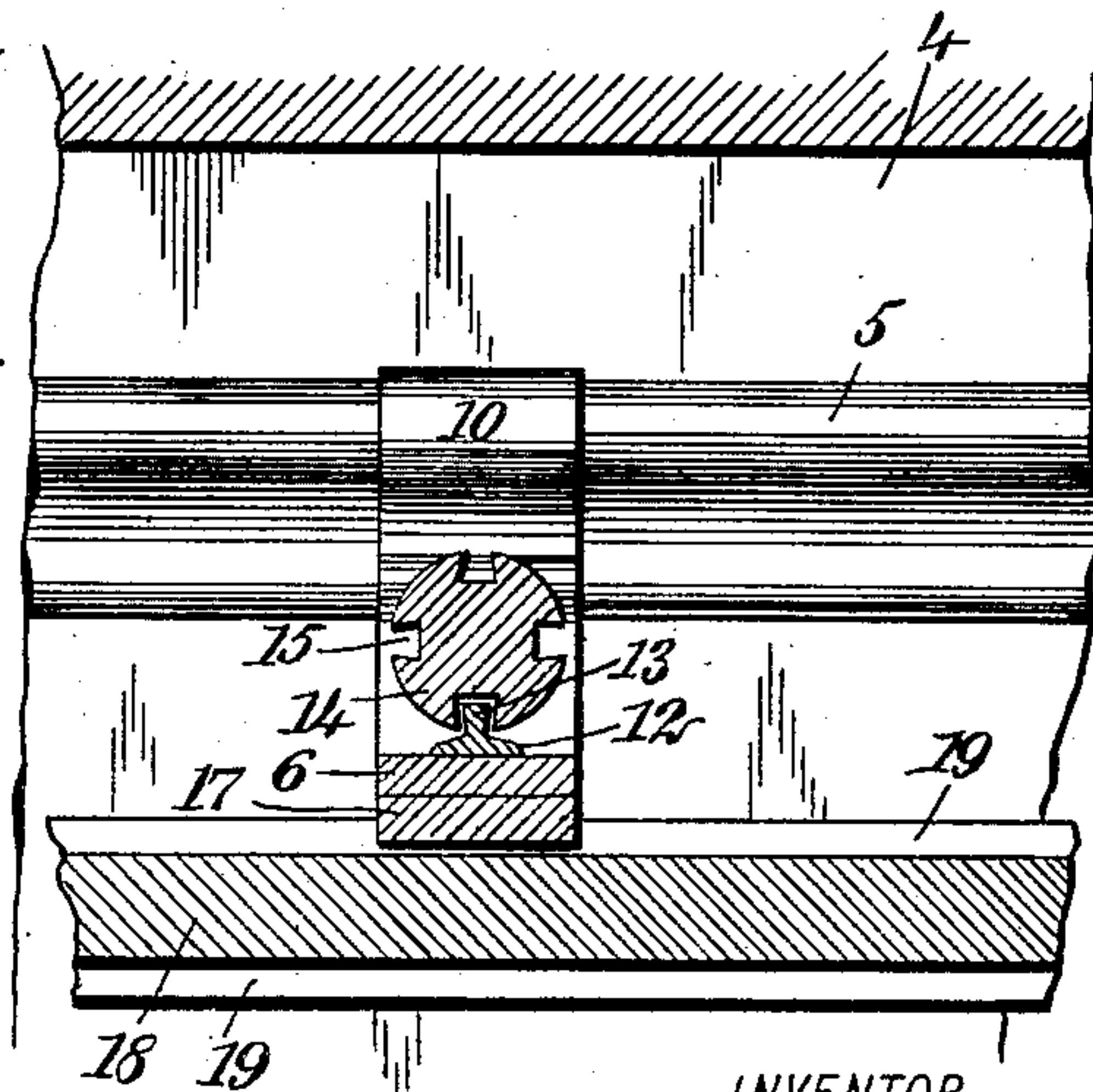


Fig. 5.



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## POLE-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, REBECCA HICKEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, (borough of Manhattan,) in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pole-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to pole supporters, my more particular object being to provide a support for a plurality of poles, in such manner that the poles may be removed independently of each other, and further to enable one of the poles to be turned to different angles relatively to the other.

My invention further relates to means for enabling one or more poles to be supported from a picture molding or the like, without the necessity for defacing the walls of the apartment.

While my invention has peculiar reference to curtain poles, I do not limit myself to any particular use to which the invention may be applied.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective showing the improved pole supporter as suspended from a picture molding and employed for the purpose of supporting two curtain poles crossing each other at an angle; Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the pole supporter and poles, this view showing the swivel joint whereby the upper pole may be turned to any desired angle relatively to the lower pole and to the walls of the apartment; Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrow and showing more particularly how the upper pole is detachably connected with the swivel plate forming a part of the pole supporter; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary section showing another form of the invention, in which the metallic strip is made in two separate parts pivoted together, the L-shaped member in this instance merely hanging below a molding, as in Fig. 1, but adapted to be secured rigidly to a wall if desired; Fig. 5 is a fragmentary section showing the upper or hook part of the metal strip, as thrown back, the L-shaped member being secured rigidly to the wall or casing, by aid of a screw instead

of being supported from the molding, as in the other figures.

The wall of an apartment is shown at 4, and mounted upon this wall is a molding 5 which may, if desired, extend continuously for some distance, as is usual, for the purpose of mounting pictures. A plate 6 is connected with a plate 7 so as to form an L-shaped member (see Figs. 1 and 2) and a metallic strip 8 is secured firmly to the plate 7 by aid of screws 9. A portion 10 of the strip 8 is curved, as indicated in Fig. 2, for the purpose of fitting the molding. The strip 8 and L-shaped member are rigid in relation to each other. Mounted upon the plate 6 and swiveled in relation thereto by aid of a pin 11, is a plate 12. The pin 11 is preferably secured to the plate 6 and loose relatively to the plate 12. The plate 12 is thus pivoted upon the pin 11 and consequently is free to assume any desired angle relatively to surrounding parts. The plate 12 is provided with a substantially T-shaped head 13. An upper pole is shown at 14 and is provided with a plurality of slots 15 each having the form of an undercut groove, as will be understood from Fig. 1. The T-shaped head 13 fits loosely into any one of the grooves 15, according to the position in which the pole 14 is turned.

Mounted upon the under side of the plate 6 is a smaller plate 16 provided with a head 17. The lower pole is shown at 18 and is provided with grooves 19 extending throughout the entire length of the pole and having the form of undercut channels, as indicated in Fig. 2. The plate 16 is rigid in relation to the plate 6. A pole end 21, of any approved design, may be employed in connection with the pole 18.

My device is used as follows: The L-shaped member, consisting of plates 6, 7, is mounted in position by hooking the curved portion 10 of the strip 8 over the molding 5. The plate 6, as indicated, appears as a very small shelf extending horizontally from the wall and supporting the plate 16 and the swivel plate 12. The pole 18 is now mounted in position by sliding it along endwise in such manner that the portion 17 enters one of the slots 19. The pole 18 then simply hangs from the plate 16, as will be understood from Fig. 2. The pole 14 is next moved endwise in relation to the plate 12 in such manner



that the head 13 enters one of the slots 15. The pole 14 is at the same time turned to any desired angle relatively to the pole 18, the swivel connection between the plates 12 and 5 6 enabling this to be done. For instance, in a cozy corner it may be desirable to have the poles 14 and 18 cross each other, say at an angle of forty-five degrees. When the poles are used for other purposes, as, for instance, 10 for suspended portières, so as to divide a room, the poles may occupy any other desired angle relatively to each other.

To remove either pole, it is simply moved longitudinally so that the head 13 or the 15 head 17, as the case may be, clears the slot of the pole which it occupies. It will be noted further that the pole 18 need not be moved in order to move the pole 14. For instance, the pole supporter can be slidably carried 20 along the molding 5 without in any manner disturbing the pole 18, yet allowing the pole 14 to assume different angles relatively to the pole 18 and to the wall.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 25 4 and 5 the wall or casing is shown at 22 and the plates 23 and 24 of wood are connected together, so as to form an L-shaped member. Connected rigidly with the wooden plate 23 is a metallic plate 25, and secured to the 30 upper end of the same, by a pivot 27, is a hook 26 of metal. This hook may be thrown back out of the way, as indicated in Fig. 5, or it may be supported directly from the bracket 5, as shown in Fig. 4. When it is 35 desirable to throw the hook back, as indicated in Fig. 5, the L-shaped member is secured to the wall or casement 22 by one or more screws 28. The idea is that if a molding 5 is handy it may be employed, but if no 40 molding is in position, the pole supporter may nevertheless be mounted directly upon the wall or other analogous rigid part.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 45 Patent:

1. A pole supporter, comprising a stationary L-shaped supporting member provided with means whereby it may be suspended, a

plate connected with said supporting member and movable in relation thereto, said 50 plate being provided with a head, and a pole provided with a slot for receiving said head.

2. A pole supporter, comprising a supporting member, a plate mounted upon said supporting member and provided with a substantially T-shaped head, a pole provided 55 with a slot for receiving said head, another plate mounted upon said supporting member and provided with a head, and a second pole provided with a slot for receiving said 60 last-mentioned head.

3. A pole supporter, comprising a substantially L-shaped supporting member provided with a curved portion for engaging a molding, a plate mounted upon said supporting member and pivoted relatively thereto, 65 said plate being provided with a head, a pole provided with a slot for receiving said head, a second plate mounted upon said supporting member and provided with a head, and a 70 pole provided with a slot for receiving said last-mentioned head.

4. The combination of a platform, means for connecting to the bottom thereof a curtain pole to be supported, a plate mounted 75 upon said platform and movable angularly in relation thereto, and means for connecting a second pole to said last-mentioned plate.

5. The combination of a substantially L-shaped supporting member, a hook connected 80 therewith and movable relatively thereto for the purpose of supporting said L-shaped member from a molding or the like, means for connecting said L-shaped member to a wall independently of said hook and said 85 molding, and mechanism for connecting to said L-shaped member a pole to be supported thereby.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 90 two subscribing witnesses.

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