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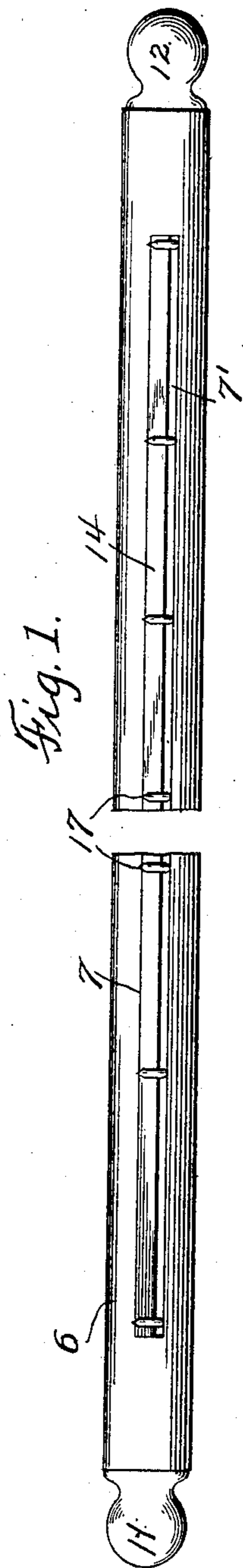


Fig. 4.

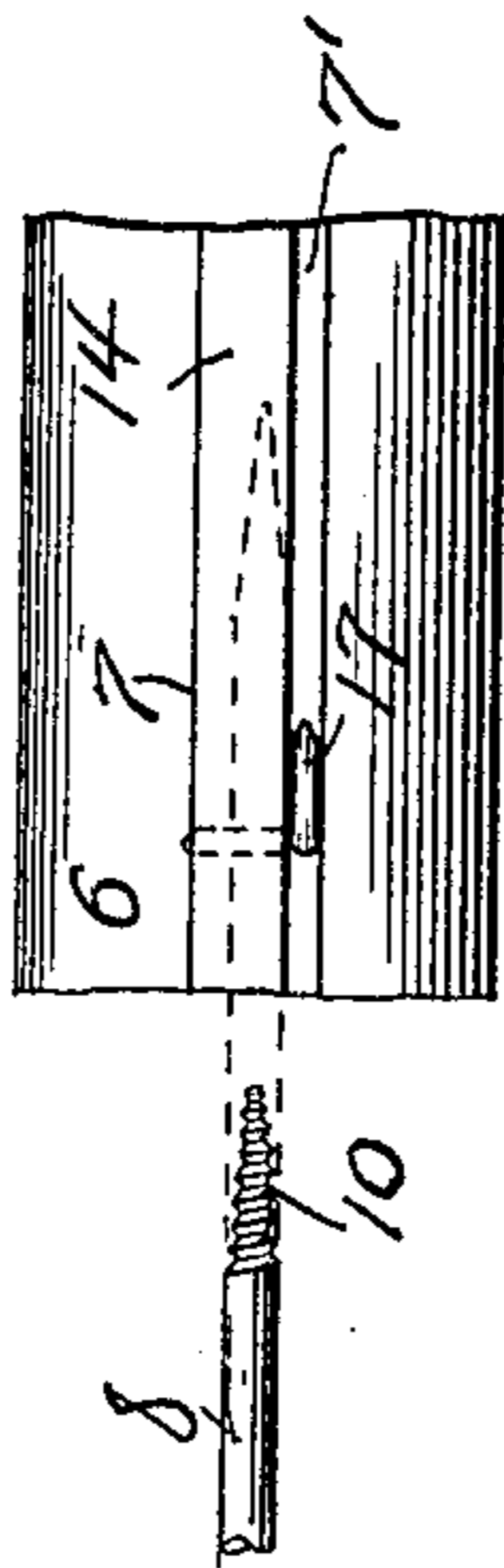


Fig. 5.



Fig. 2.

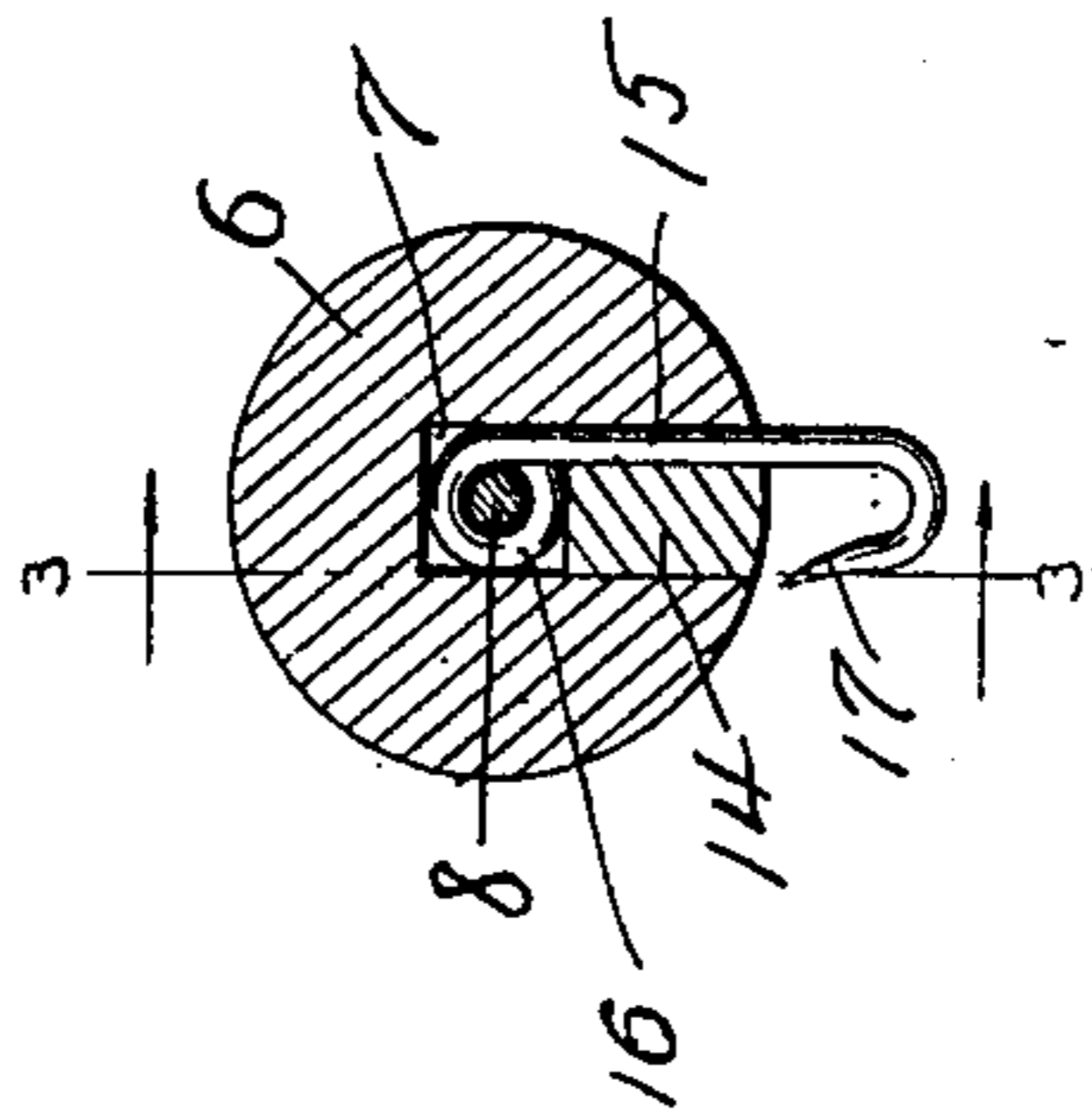
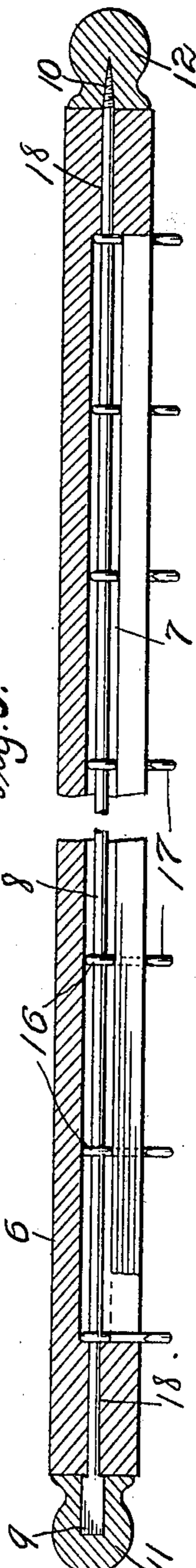


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK WUKMANIC, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Poles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in curtain poles and the invention has for its primary object the provision of novel means whereby a curtain may be supported from a curtain pole without the aid or the use of the ordinary rings and pins, and at the same time may be draped as desired.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a curtain pole so constructed that the supporting elements for the curtain may be readily secured in the pole or removed therefrom as required.

The invention resides in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, whereby the above described objects are obtained, and whereby other objects sought by the invention as will be hereinafter more fully pointed out are obtained.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, and wherein like numerals of reference will be employed to designate like members throughout the several views and in which;

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of a curtain pole constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being shown partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the pole partly broken away taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of a part of the pole and an elevation of a part of the supporting rod, showing in dotted lines the position of the rod with respect to the slot in the pole, and also showing in full and in dotted lines the manner in which the curtain supporting elements are inserted in the pole, and, Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of one of the curtain supporting elements.

To put my invention into practice, I provide a pole 6 preferably of wood and of the desired dimensions, and in one face of the pole I provide the same with a slot 7. This slot 7 is cut into the pole a distance slightly

greater than one-half the diameter of the pole, and extends only part way through the length of the pole, that is, the slot terminates short of each end of the pole so as to provide end supports 4 for a central rod 8 which is of a length to extend beyond each end of the pole as clearly shown in Fig. 3. One end of the rod is or may be provided with a squared or suitably shaped enlarged portion 9, while the other end of the rod is provided with threads 10 forming a screw. The enlarged end 9 and the screw end 10 of the pole receive the pole knobs 11 and 12 respectively, the former being held on the rod 8 and constituting a means for withdrawing the rod from the pole, whereas the knob 12 unscrews from the rod 8 in order to permit the withdrawal of such rod from the pole. After forming the slot 7 in the pole 6, I partially close up this slot by means of a filler strip 14 which is, however, of less depth than the slot 7 so as to leave that portion of the slot that is approximately centrally of the pole unfilled except for that portion thereof occupied by the rod 8. This filler strip is also of less width than the width of the slot 7, so as to leave a narrow slot 7' as clearly seen in Figs. 1 and 4 for the reception of the shanks of the curtain supporting hooks.

One of the curtain supporting hooks is shown in detail in Fig. 5 of the drawings, and it will be observed that each of these books comprises a straight shank 15 terminating at one end in an eye 16 and at the other end in a hook 17. The eye 16 and the hook 17 are both on the same side of the shank, and the said eye 16 lies wholly to one side of said shank and is of a diameter as clearly seen in Fig. 2 so that it will contact at four points with the walls of the slot 7, the straight shank 15 contacting with the straight wall of the slot and with the adjacent straight wall of the strip 14. To insert the supporting hooks in the pole, the same are first placed in the narrow slot 7 in the manner as seen in full lines in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and are then given a one-quarter turn so as to bring them into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and in this position the eye of the hook has been accurately positioned in the slot 7 as seen in Fig. 2, the opening of the eye being brought into perfect registry with the rod openings 18 in the ends of the pole, so that irrespective of the number of curtain

hooks which are inserted in the bolt, the rod may be passed or threaded through the same without requiring any manipulation thereof whatever in order to pass it through all of the hooks and through the rod opening at the opposite end of the pole, after which the knob 12 is screwed onto the rod and the curtains (not shown) are then hung onto the hooks 17.

10 I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide a curtain pole having a central rod from which the curtain supporting elements or hooks are suspended, and I do not claim this broadly, but so far as I am aware I  
15 am the first to provide an enlarged inner portion to the hook-receiving slot and employing hooks in which the eye fits the walls of such enlarged portion so that the supporting rod may be passed from under the pole  
20 through any number of hooks, the latter being positioned by reason of being held in the slot, so that no difficulty is encountered in inserting the rod through one end of the

pole, through the hooks and through the other end of the pole.

Having fully described my invention what I claim is:

A curtain pole provided with a slot terminating short of the ends of the pole, a filler strip inserted in the slot being of less depth than the slot and also of less width than the slot, a supporting rod extending through the pole, and a plurality of supporting members having a hook on one end and an eye on the other end, the diameter of the eye being equal to the width of the slot in said pole, the said eye and the hook lying on the same side of the shank of said member whereby the shank lies against the straight wall of said slot when in position.

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

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