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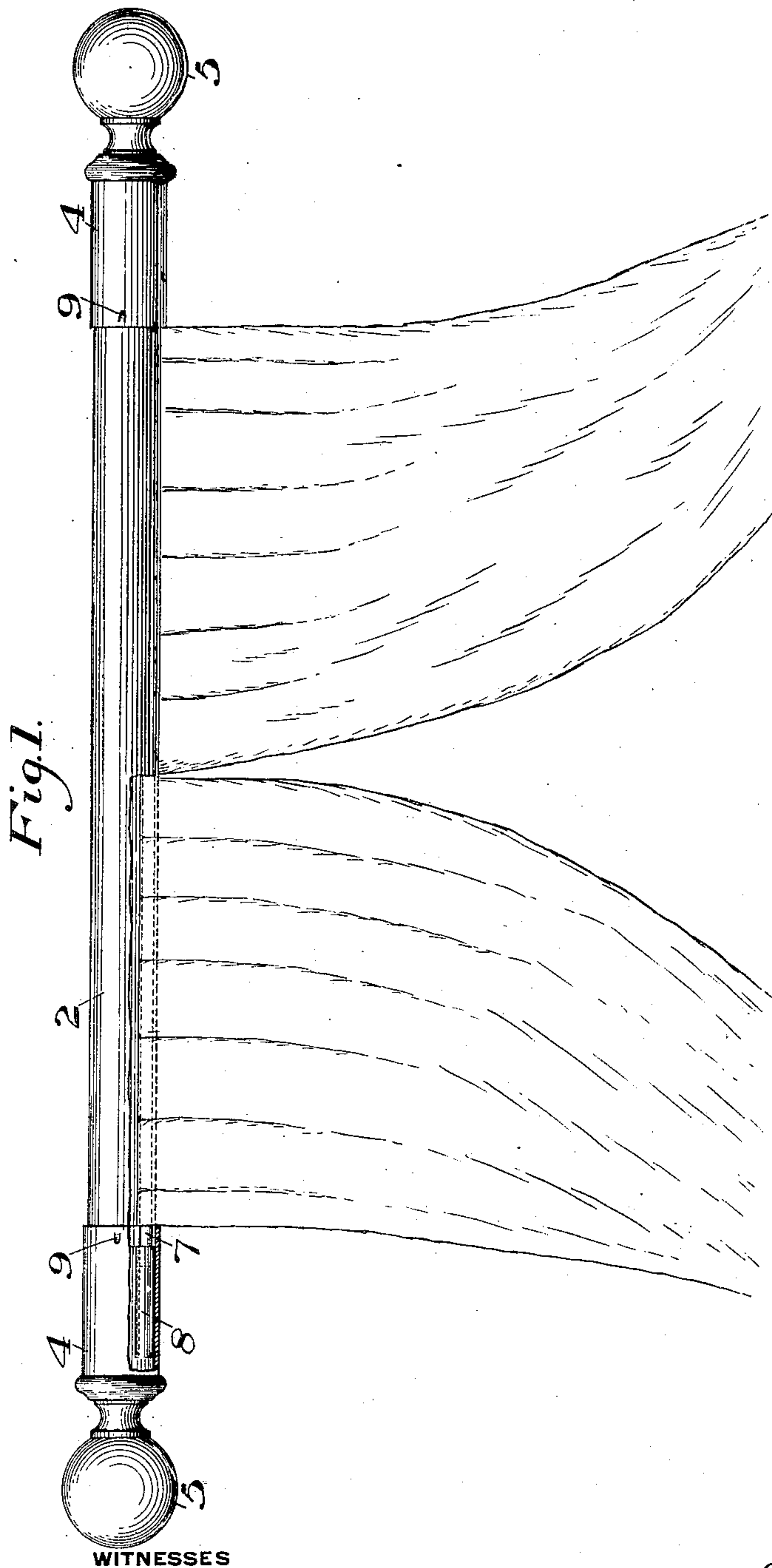


Fig. 1.

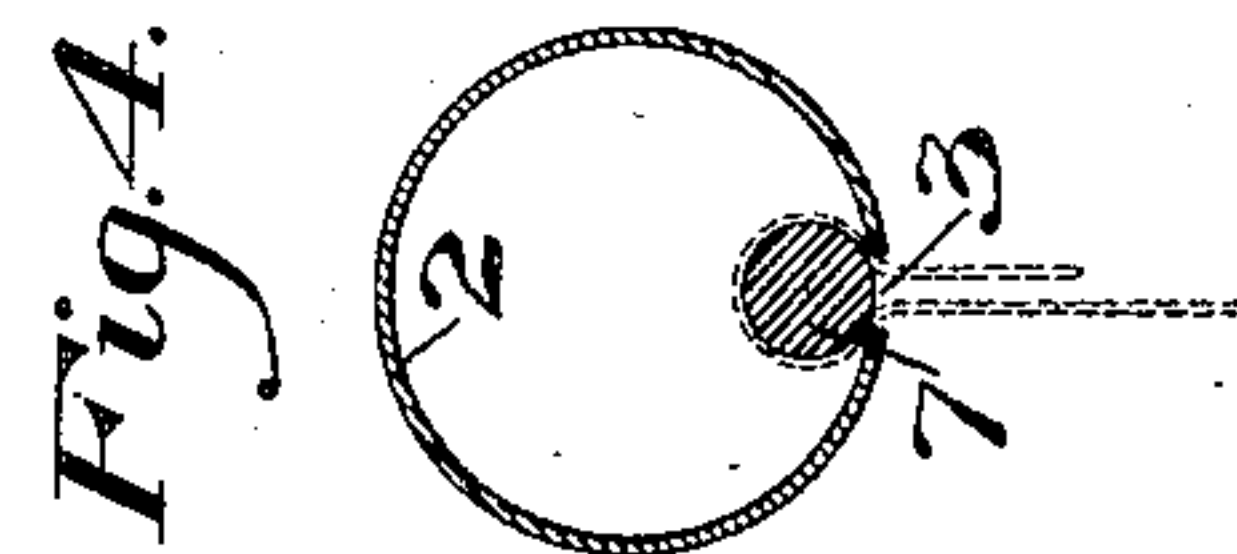


Fig. 4.

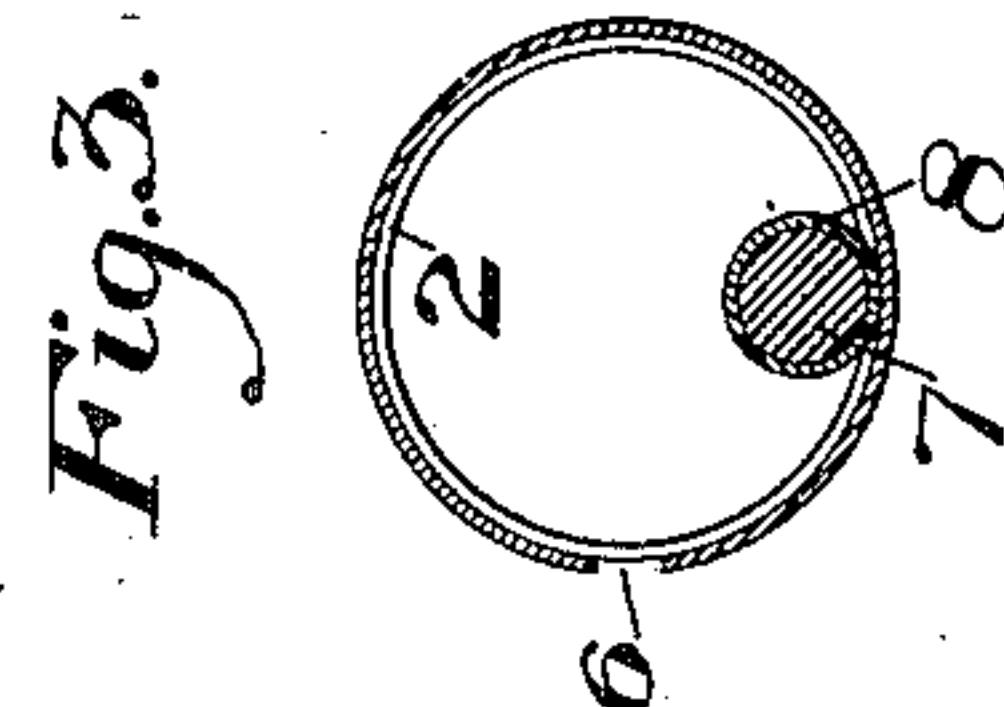


Fig. 3.

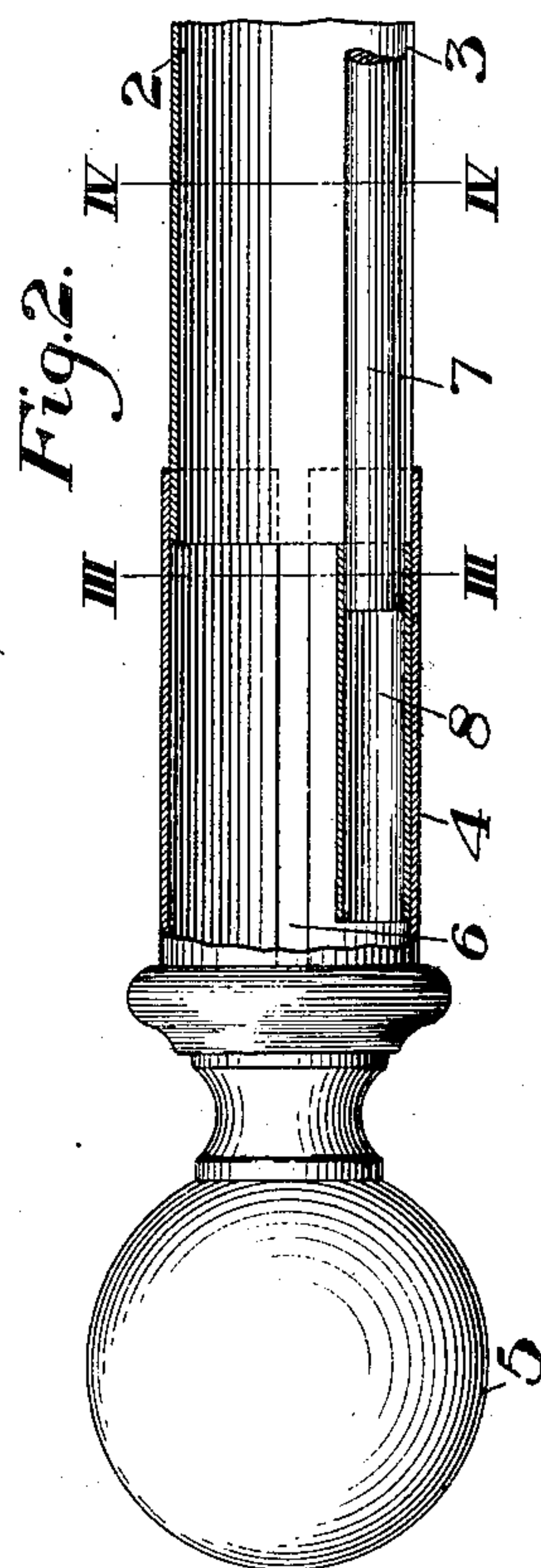


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. FOULKS, of Allegheny, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Pole, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a curtain pole embodying my invention, and showing the curtains attached thereto; Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of one end portion of the pole, and Figs. 3 and 4 are sections on the lines III—III and IV—IV respectively of Fig. 2.

The object of my invention is to provide a curtain pole of simple and inexpensive construction, which will present a neat appearance in use; which will hold the curtains without danger of tearing or injuring them; and which can be readily adjusted to suit windows or window frames of different widths.

In the accompanying drawings, the numeral 2 designates a cylindrical tube of sheet metal having a narrow longitudinal slot or opening 3 at its lower side. This tube is made shorter than the total length of the pole, and its length is extended by means of the tubular sleeves 4, which telescopically engage each end portion thereof, and which carry the knobs 5, or other suitable ornamental terminations. These sleeve extensions are each formed with a slot 6 at one side corresponding to the slot 3, and designed to form extensions thereof.

7 is a weight rod, which is loosely inserted in the pole for the purpose of holding the upper edges of the curtains. This rod is of greater diameter than the width of the slots 3 and 6. The upper edges of the curtains are folded loosely around this rod, and the latter is then inserted in the tube, acting by its weight to pinch the curtains against the edges of the slots and thereby hold them, as shown in Fig. 4. This rod is also preferably provided with sleeve extensions 8 at its ends, so that its length may be adjusted to correspond to the adjusted length of the pole.

In practice, the sleeve extensions 4 are made sufficiently long to provide for a considerable extension in the length of the pole, the slots in the sleeves permitting the curtain to pass into and through the same. When

the width of the window or window frame is not sufficient to make it necessary to carry the curtain into this extension, the slots therein may be hidden by slightly turning the extensions to bring the slots to the rear side, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. A small lip 9 may be struck out of the middle of each of these sleeve extensions to frictionally engage the tube 2 to hold the extensions in the adjustments which they are set. The slot in the tube 2 may also be concealed from view by turning the pole slightly in the supporting brackets, which may be of any usual or suitable character.

The advantages of my invention result from the construction by which the length of the pole can be quickly and easily adjusted; in the facility with which the curtain may be attached thereto, and held without injury, and in the simplicity and inexpensiveness of the construction as a whole. The tubes 2 may be of ordinary sheet metal with the slots 3 formed therein by slitting or cutting and separating the edges of the slit or cut, no turning or other finishing of these edges being required, it being preferred to leave them in their normal positions to bite the fabric of the curtains which is pressed against them by the weight rod.

What I claim is:—

1. A curtain pole, consisting of a longitudinally slotted tube formed in one piece, sleeve extensions telescopically and rotatably fitting the ends of the tubes and having corresponding slots, said extensions carrying knobs at their outer ends and means for securing the upper edges of a curtain within the tube; substantially as described.

2. A curtain pole, comprising a longitudinally slotted tube, longitudinally slotted sleeve extensions engaging the ends of the tube, and carrying knobs at their outer ends and a weight rod resting loosely in the tube and also having extension sleeves at its ends which extend within the sleeve extensions of the tube; substantially as described.

3. A curtain pole comprising a longitudinally slotted metal tube, elongated sleeve extensions rotatably telescoped with the ends of said tube, said sleeve extensions carrying knobs, and having slots corresponding to the slot in the tube, and means for securing a curtain within the pole; substantially as described.

4. A curtain pole comprising a slotted
metal tube formed in one piece, sleeve exten-
sions telescopically and rotatably fitting the
ends of the tube, and having each a longitu-
5 dinal slot therein corresponding to the slot in
the tube, said extensions having knobs at
their outer ends, and a weight rod lying
within the tube and having means to adjust
its length to correspond to the adjustment of

the sleeve extensions, substantially as de- 10
scribed.

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my hand.

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