

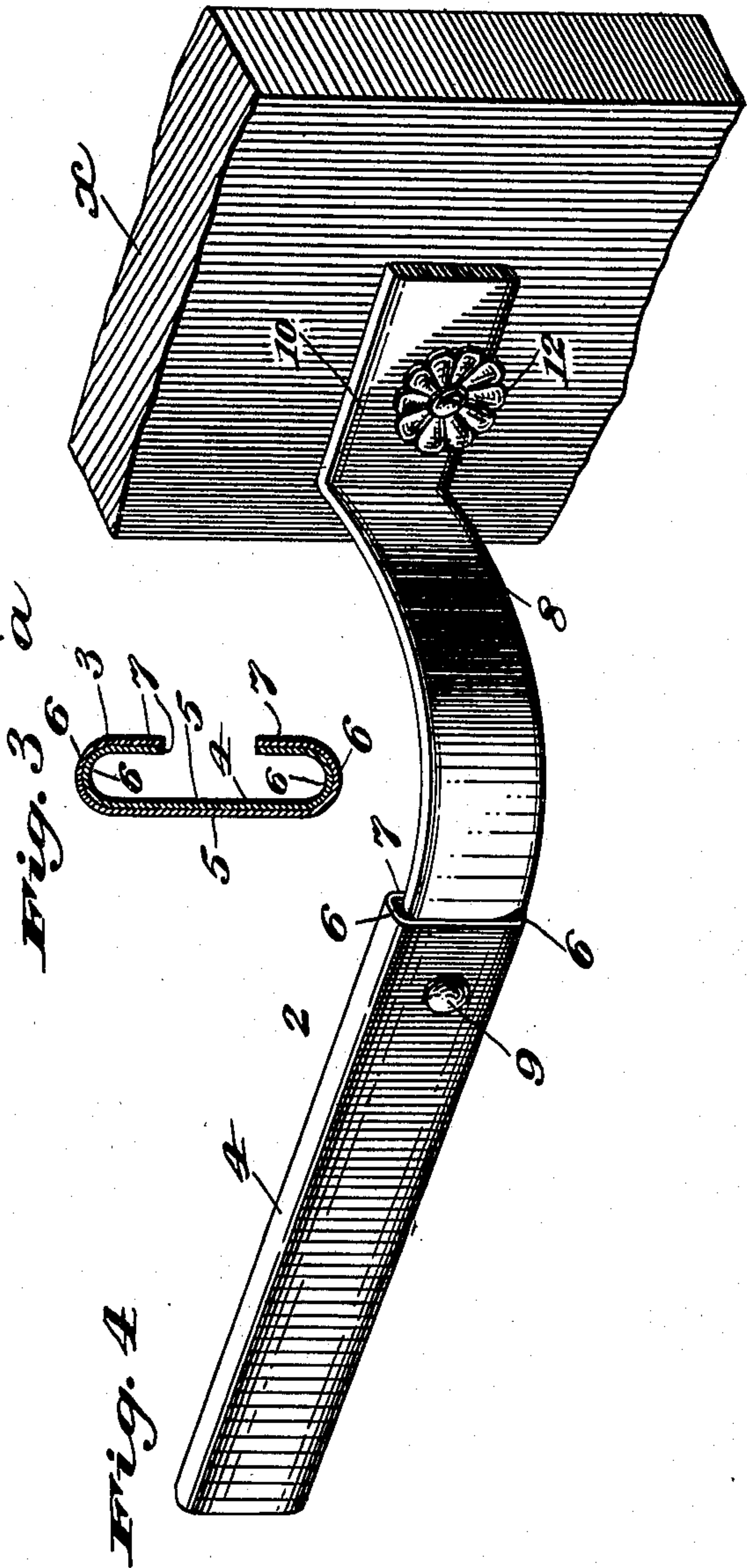
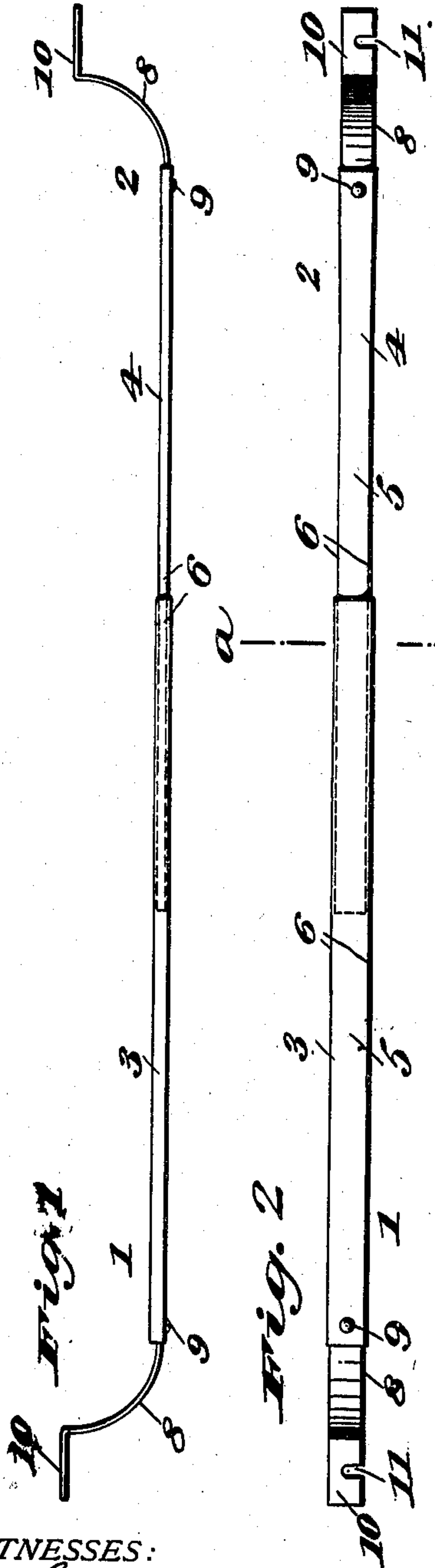
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LE ROY C. LAZEAR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Curtain-Rods, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in curtain supporting rods such as are especially designed for the support of curtains, portières and the like at windows, doorways, etc., and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this character of a simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and of a light, strong and durable construction, which shall be adjustable in length to permit of convenient use in different situations and which shall be adapted for the support of the curtains, portières and the like without liability of sagging at its central part.

The invention consists in certain novel features of the construction, and combinations and arrangements of the several parts of the improved curtain rod, whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is rendered simpler, cheaper and otherwise better adapted and more convenient for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which serve to illustrate the invention—Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved curtain rod; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device; Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken through the device in the plane indicated by the line *a, a* in Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing one end portion of the curtain rod upon an enlarged scale for illustrating certain features of construction to be hereinafter described.

As shown in these views, the improved curtain rod comprises two members or sections 1 and 2 of similar formation, each being produced, as to its body portion, of a length or piece of stiff metal, of C-shape in cross-section, the body portions of said members or sections, shown at 3, 4 on the drawings being adapted to slide telescopically one within the other in order to afford the required adjustment of the length of the device for accommodating use at windows or doorways of different widths. It is not usually necessary to form said members or sections

in different sizes, since the metal from which they are produced will usually be sufficiently thin and resilient to permit the end of one member or section to be compressed in the hand and thereby to be slid within the open end of the body portion 3 of the other member or section.

The cross-sectional conformation of the C-shaped body portions 3 and 4 of the members or sections is such that each body portion has a flattened central part 5, extended lengthwise along it and usually exposed at the front surface of the improved curtain rod, there being rearwardly curved or semi-circular portions 6, 6, integrally produced along the upper and lower edge portions of the parts 5, and the rear edge portions 7, 7, of said semi-circular curved parts 6, 6, being extended toward each other at the rear side of the device in planes substantially parallel with the flattened front or central part 5.

At the outer end of each of said C-shaped body portions 3 and 4 is arranged a rearwardly directed arm 7, formed as herein shown from a strip of plate metal one end of which is inserted at the open end of the corresponding body portion 3 or 4, and is securely held thereto by means of a rivet 9, while its opposite end is rearwardly curved or directed as shown at 8, so as to permit of being carried adjacent to the surface of the window or other casing upon which the device is to be supported, (seen at *x* in Fig. 4, and is formed with an integral outwardly extended straight and flattened part 10, the lower edge of which is provided with a notched opening 11, extended upwardly toward its central part and adapted to be engaged over the shank of a screw 12 or other supporting device set in said casing 10, as indicated in Fig. 4, whereby the curtain rod, after its end portions shall have been engaged with said screws will be effectively and securely supported in position with its central part, comprising the lapped body portions 3 and 4, extended transversely across the window or door-way. By this construction, the rod is permitted to be made sufficiently stiff to resist sagging at its central part due to the weight of the curtains or portières, the straight central portions 5 in connection with the semi-circular upper and lower parts of the members serving to add materially to the stiffness of the rod without undue increase in thickness of the material from which it is



formed, and the peculiar construction of the ends of the device affords great strength and at the same time insures secure support of the same upon the screws 12 or other devices 5 with which its end portions are engaged.

From the above description it will be seen that the improved curtain rod is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and is particularly well adapted 10 for use by reason of its stiffness and lightness, and it will also be obvious from the above description that the device is susceptible of some modification without material departure from the principles and spirit of the invention and for this reason I do not desire to 15 be understood as limiting myself to the precise formation and arrangement of the parts herein set forth.

Having thus described my invention, what 20 I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A curtain rod having telescoping members straight from end to end and C-shaped

in cross section, and metallic strips secured within the ends of said members and projecting laterally therefrom and having extremities adapted for engagement with supporting devices upon a window casing to hold said straight telescoping members spaced in front of the said casing. 25 30

2. A curtain rod having telescoping members made C-shaped in cross section, and curved strips secured at opposite ends of the members and directed laterally therefrom and having at their extremities means for 35 engagement with supporting devices upon a window casing to hold the telescoping members spaced apart from the said casing.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 12th day of August 1907, in 40 the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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