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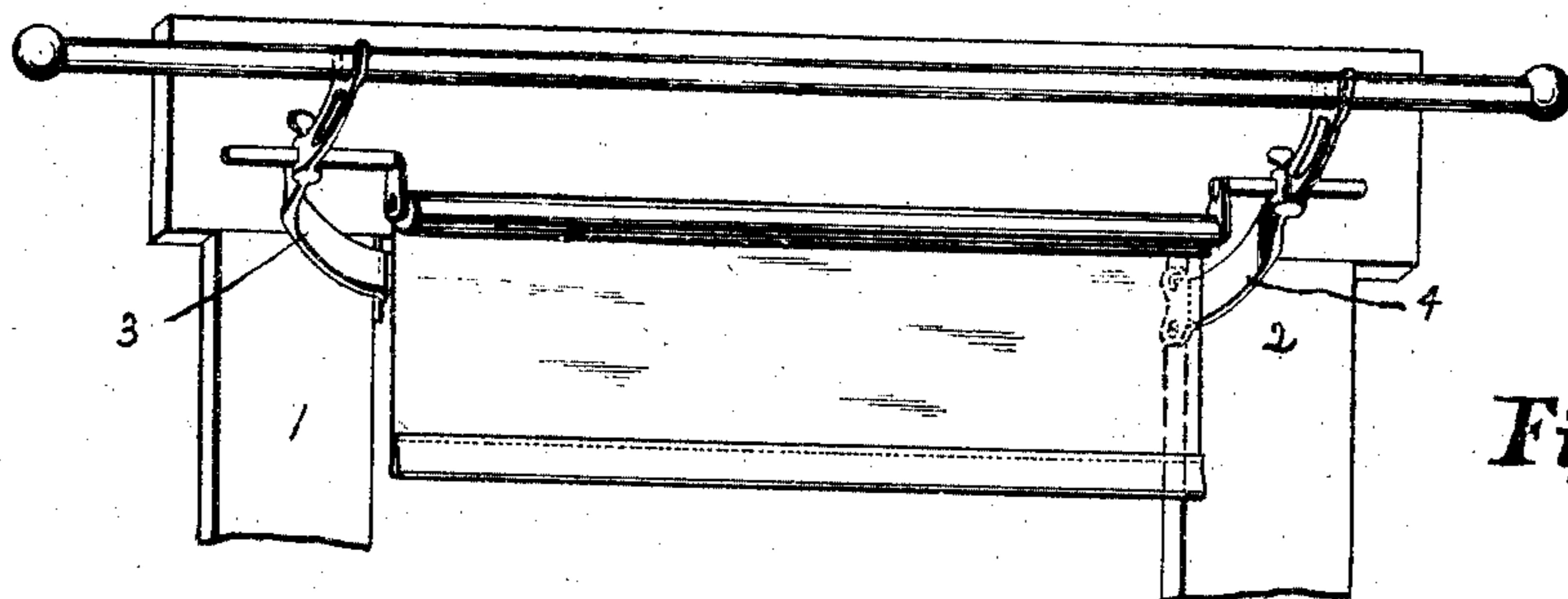


Fig. 1

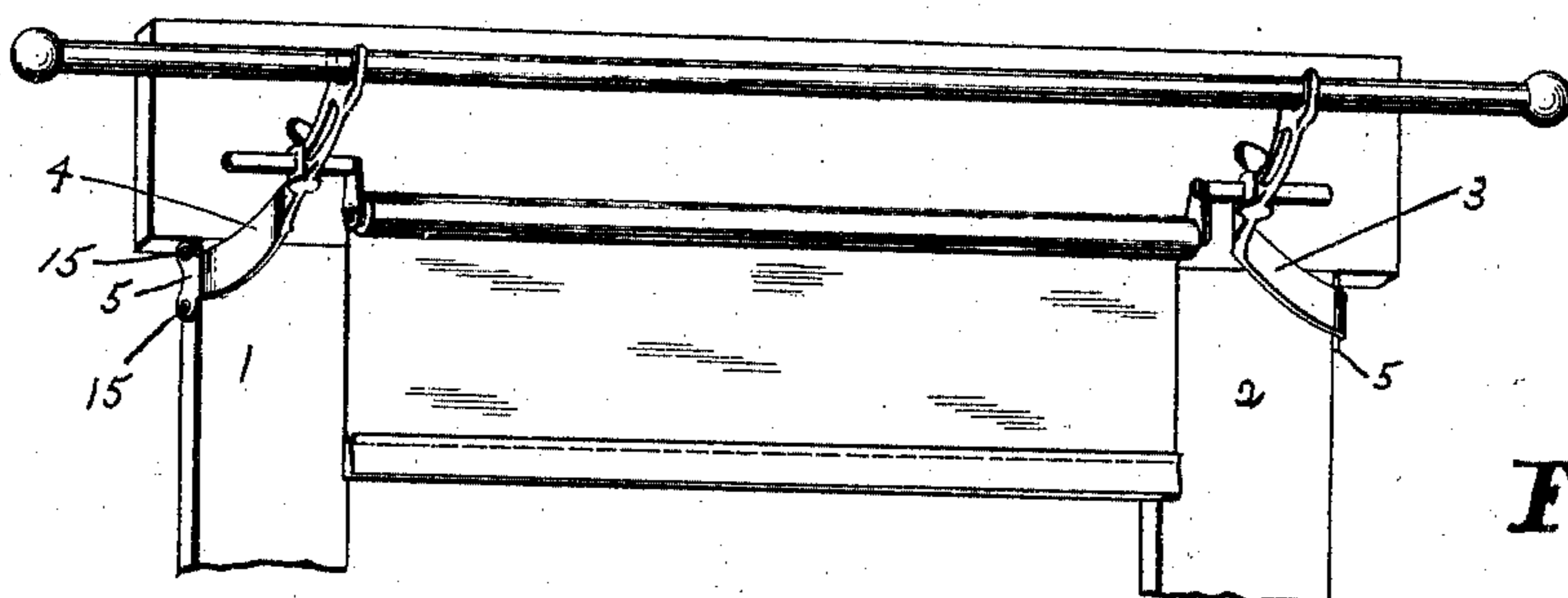


Fig. 2

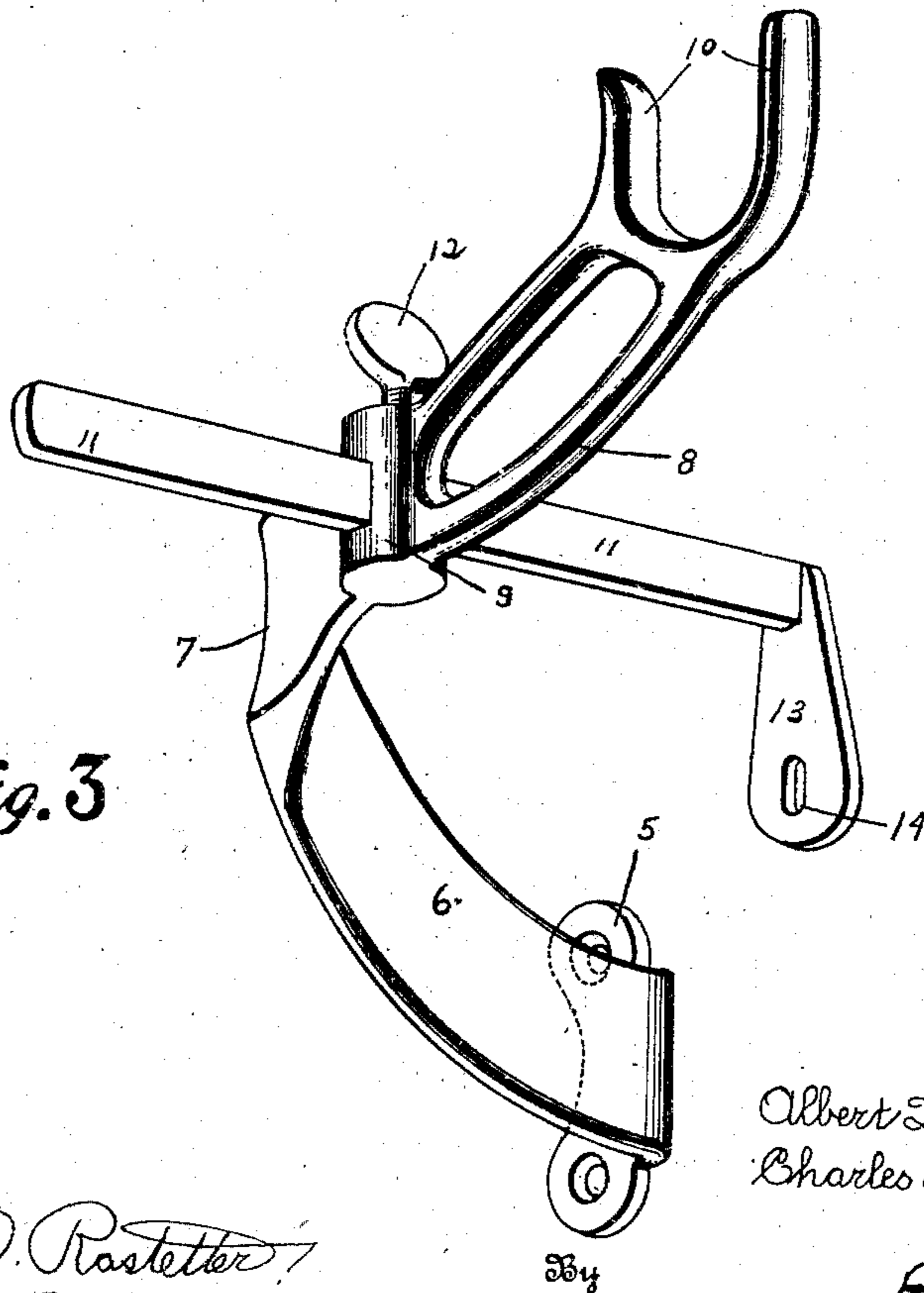


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALBERT L. RENZENBRINK and CHARLES L. RENZENBRINK, both citizens of the United States, both residing at Canton, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Adjustable Shade and Curtain-Pole Bracket, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in devices for supporting a window shade roller and a curtain pole at the top of a window.

Heretofore it has commonly been the custom to support the shade roller upon light and unsubstantial brackets and the fastening means for such brackets, such as screws, have been commonly driven into the face of the casing. These brackets have proved insufficient, or have become loose, or have been removed upon the departure of the tenant using the same, and upon such removal an ugly scar and in some cases rough indentations and holes have been left in the surface of the said casing. This injury to the woodwork has often been very noticeable and the use of such devices as have commonly been employed in the past is conducive to the injury and ill appearance of the house itself. Much of the above statement may also be applied to the fixtures which have commonly been employed to support the curtain poles and the use of two brackets on each side of the window, one for the shade roller and one for the curtain pole, has multiplied the damage done to the woodwork.

The objects of our improvement are to provide a shade roller and curtain pole bracket which will be strong and substantial and adjustable to the different lengths of window shades and curtain poles and to provide means for attaching and supporting the said combined adjustable brackets without in the least disfiguring or marring the surface of the window casing. From the following description it will be seen that we fully attain these objects, together with other objects, by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the top portion of a window including the casing showing two of said improved brackets in use supporting a curtain pole and shade roller. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a similar window and casing with the brackets differently arranged with reference to the casing. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective

view of one of the brackets showing its various parts and general construction.

Throughout the several views similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts.

The numerals 1 and 2 indicate the two casings of a window, one of said casings upon each side. The bracket 3 and the bracket 4 differ from each other in being "rights" and "lefts" and being adapted by reason thereof to be attached in different ways to the window casing as illustrated in the drawing and hereinafter more fully described. The construction of the brackets 3 and 4 being the same, except for the "right" and "left" differentiation mentioned, a description of one bracket alone will be given.

5 is a base portion provided with screw holes adapted for the reception of screws to be driven into the edge of the casing as hereafter more fully disclosed. Formed integrally with the said base portion 5, and in a plane at right angles to the plane of said base portion, is the offset portion 6. This portion is adapted to lie flat against the face of the casing and to extend across it practically one-half its width and upwardly, in order to bring the shade roller and curtain pole to the proper elevation. The offset portion 6 terminates at the point 7 where the integral, extended portion 8 arises. The portion 8 lies in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the offset portion 6 and is provided with the socket portion 9, and with the terminal, bifurcated portion 10. The bifurcated portion 10 is preferably above the socket portion 9 in order to elevate the curtain pole above the level of the shade roller as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The socket portion 9 is provided with a transverse opening adapted for the reception of the arm 11 of the shade roller support. The arm 11 is adapted to slide longitudinally within the transverse opening in the portion 9 and may be held in fixed adjustment with reference to said socket portion by means of a thumb screw 12 adapted to be screwed into the portion 9 and against the top edge of the arm 11. At one end of the arm 11 is a right angled roller holder, 13, provided with a round aperture, or elongated slot, 14, as the one or the other is needed for the different ends of the shade roller, one of the brackets on each window being provided with a roller holder having the slot and the other with the roller holder having the rounded aperture.

It should be noted that the arm 11 may be inserted in the transverse opening in the socket portion 9 so as to extend the roller holder 13 in the direction of the base 5 as shown in Fig. 1 or it may be so inserted as to extend said portion as shown in Fig. 2, or in other words, in a direction away from the base 5. In either case the longitudinal adjustment of the arm 11 within the socket portion 9 will readily permit the proper attachment of a shade roller even though varying somewhat in length from that of the appropriate size of shade roller for use on the particular window in question. It will appear quite evident that this adjustability will be found convenient by tenants who rent dwelling houses and find it necessary to make the window shades used in one house fit the windows of the next house into which they move.

In attaching the brackets to the window casing the base portion 5 should be located as high on the casings 1 and 2 as the construction of said casings with reference to the window cap will permit. In the drawing the base portions are shown located immediately under the said cap and such is the preferable location. If it is found inconvenient or undesirable to locate the brackets on the casing as shown in Fig. 1 they may be exchanged, side for side, and attached as in Fig. 2 upon the outside edge of the casing. In either instance the screws 15 used in attaching the said brackets will not injure the face of the woodwork and if the brackets are entirely removed the screw holes remaining in the casing will be unnoticeable because of their location. The offset portion 6, although extending across the face of the casing and lying flat against it, has no other point of attachment to said casing than at its base 5, and by means of the screws 15 arranged through said base portion.

From an examination of the drawing in connection with the above description it will be seen that the objects of our invention are fully attained by means of the construction disclosed and it will be obvious that rented houses supplied with such brackets upon their windows will be enhanced in value because of

the ease and convenience with which shades of varying widths and curtain poles may be erected thereon and when so erected will be held in a firm and substantial manner.

We claim:

1. The herein described adjustable shade and curtain pole bracket comprising a base portion adapted to engage and to lie against the edge of a window casing, said base portion provided with screw holes, an integral offset portion adapted to lie flat against the face of the casing, the plane of said offset portion being perpendicular to the plane of the said base portion, an integral extended portion lying in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the offset portion, said extended portion provided with a slotted socket portion and a bifurcated portion, said bifurcated portion adapted to support a curtain pole, a shade roller support comprising an arm and an integral right angled roller holder, said arm adapted for sliding adjustment within the slot in said socket portion and means for holding said arm in fixed adjustment within said slot.

2. In an adjustable shade and curtain pole bracket, the combination of a base portion adapted to be fastened to the edge of a window casing, an integral offset portion extending from said base portion across the face of said casing, an integral extended portion lying in a plane perpendicular to said offset portion, said extended portion comprising curtain supporting means and a socket portion provided with a set screw, a shade roller support comprising an arm and a right angled roller holder, the arm of said shade roller support being adapted for longitudinal adjustment within said slotted socket portion and the said arm so arranged within said slot that it may be held in fixed adjustment by means of said set screw.

In testimony that we claim the above, we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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