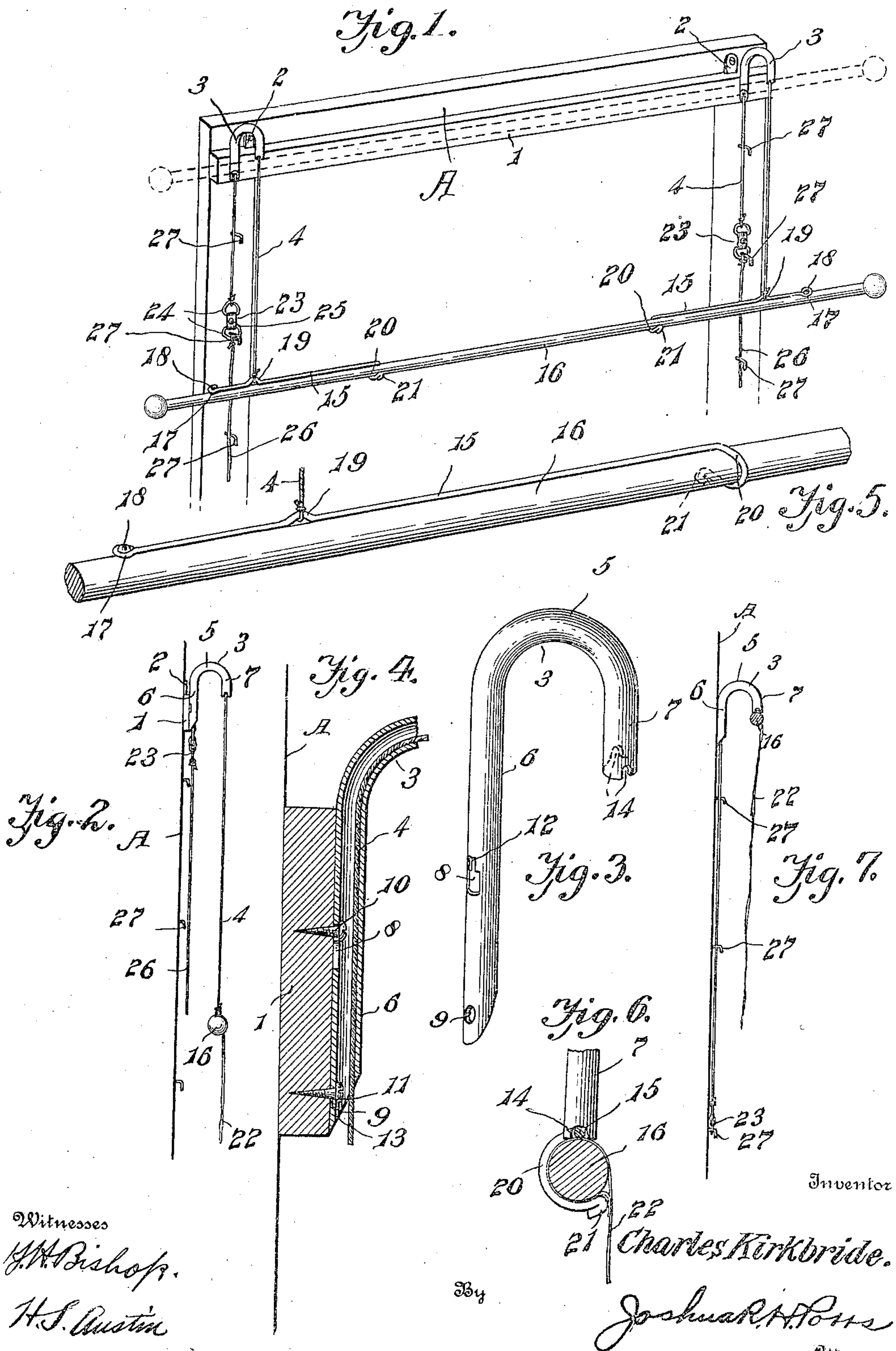


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES KIRKBRIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glouster, county of Athens, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Curtain-Pole Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to curtain poles, and particularly to curtain pole adjusting devices.

The object of my invention is to provide a curtain pole with means for adjustably supporting the same whereby the curtain pole may be adjusted to any desired height or may be lowered for the purpose of removing the curtain, and again raised into position for use by a person standing upon the floor.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device by means of which a curtain may be readily attached to a curtain pole without the use of the usual pins or a heading to receive the pole, and as readily detached therefrom.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists generally in a curtain pole in combination with a pair of U-shaped bracket members adapted to be secured in position on a window frame and flexible members passing through said U-shaped members and having one end of each secured to the curtain pole. The curtain pole is provided with means for detachably securing the curtain or curtains thereto and in such case the flexible members are preferably secured to said means. The curtain attaching means comprise wire clamps arranged longitudinally of the pole and upon the upper face thereof and the outer ends of the U-shaped members are preferably provided with notches or recesses to receive the adjacent portions of said members when the pole is raised into position to assist in firmly holding the pole against movement. The U-shaped members are preferably tubular and the flexible members are provided with loops or eyes of greater diameter than the bore of said tubular members for a purpose hereinafter described, and suitable means are provided for engaging said eyes to hold the curtain pole in the desired position.

My invention further consists in various details of construction and arrangements of parts all as will be fully described herein-

after and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which:

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a curtain pole and supporting device embodying my invention in its preferred form, Fig. 2, is a side elevation of the same showing the curtain pole in its lowered position, Fig. 3, is a perspective view of one of the U-shaped tubular members, Fig. 4, is a longitudinal section through a portion of the same, Fig. 5, is a perspective view of a section of the curtain pole showing my improved means for attaching the curtain thereto, Fig. 6, is a fragmentary view of one of the tubular members showing the recesses in the end thereof for receiving the curtain attaching means, Fig. 7, is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the curtain pole in raised position and illustrating the U-shaped members secured directly to the window frame or casing.

In carrying out my invention the tubular members hereinbefore mentioned may be attached either directly to the window frame or to a horizontal strip, which in turn is secured to or above the frame.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates a strip, preferably of wood and adapted to be attached to the window casing or frame, and to this end it is provided with the perforated ears 2 to receive the screws or nails by which it is secured in position. Near each end of the strip 1 is a member 3 through which is run a flexible member 4. The member 3 is an inverted U-shaped tubular member comprising the upper curved portion 5 and the depending vertical arms 6 and 7. The rear arm 6 which is adapted to be attached to the strip 1 is preferably longer than the arm 7, and is provided with the apertures 8 and 9, adapted to receive headed members 10 and 11 respectively which project from the strip 1 or the window frame A as the case may be. The aperture 8 is of sufficient size to permit free passage of the head of the member 10 and is provided with an upwardly extending narrow extension or slot 12. The longer extremity of the arm 6 is cut at an angle as at 13, directly in front of the opening 9 to give access thereto. By this construction the member 3 is easily and

quickly attached to the strip 1, or directly to the window casing as preferred. The lower extremity of the forwardly extending or shorter arm 7, contains two oppositely
 5 positioned notches 14 forming a transverse recess to receive the curtain holding device 15, to be hereinafter described, when the curtain pole 16 is in its raised position.

The curtain holding device comprises a
 10 metallic rod 15 having an eye 17 formed at one end thereof. By means of a screw 18 the rod 15 is pivoted near one extremity of the curtain pole 16, upon the top thereof. Intermediate the ends of said rod is formed
 15 an upwardly bent portion or loop 19, to which the flexible member 4 is secured, preventing longitudinal displacement. The other extremity of said rod is bent at right angles and formed into a downwardly de-
 20 pending hook member 20, which is adapted to partially surround the pole the end 21 thereof being inclined slightly upwardly forming a spring clasp. By this means, when it is desired to put a curtain upon the
 25 pole, the upper edge of the curtain 22 is laid upon the pole between the pivots 18 and the rod 15 pressed against the pole causing the hook member 20 to securely clamp the curtain in place.

30 Near the free ends of the flexible members 4 are suitable means 23 for holding the curtain pole at any desired height. This consists preferably of a pair of rings 24, joined together by an interposed strip 25. The
 35 rings are of greater diameter than the bore of the tubular members 3, to serve as a stop to prevent the flexible members 4 from passing entirely from the members 3 in case the flexible members should accidentally slip
 40 from the hands and also when placing the curtain on the pole, so as to permit free use of both hands. Below the rings 24 is an extension 26 of the member 4 which remains within easy reach of the operator when the
 45 rings are in engagement with the ends 13 of the members 3.

27 indicates hooks on the window frame adapted to engage the rings 24 to hold the pole in desired position.

50 Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A curtain pole and means for support-
 55 tially U-shaped members, in combination

with flexible members running through said U-shaped members, curtain fastening devices comprising wire clamping members secured to said pole and arranged longitudinally
 60 thereof, said members being formed with loops intermediate their ends, and the ends of said flexible members being secured to said loops, substantially as described.

2. A curtain pole and means for support-
 65 ing the same comprising a pair of inverted U-shaped tubular members in combination with curtain fastening devices on said pole, said devices comprising wire clamps extend-
 70 ing longitudinally upon the upper face of the pole, flexible members running through said U-shaped members and secured at one end to said fastening devices, said clamps
 75 being formed with loops to receive the ends of said flexible members and the outer end of each of said U-shaped members being notched to receive said wire clamps when the pole is raised into position, substantially as described.

3. A curtain pole in combination with means for securing a curtain thereto, said
 80 means comprising a pair of wire members arranged longitudinally thereof and together of less length than the pole, each secured at its outer end to the pole adjacent the ends thereof, said members being provided with
 85 an eye at one end and a screw passing through said eye into the pole and the inner ends of said members being provided with a spring clasp for detachably engaging the pole, substantially as described. 90

4. In a device of the class described, a bracket member comprising a tube bent to form an inverted U-shaped member having a pair of depending arms, one of said arms
 95 being longer than the other and provided on its outer face with a pair of apertures arranged one above the other, the top aperture being provided with an upwardly extending narrowed extension and the lower end of
 100 said arm being cut off at an angle to give access to the lower aperture, substantially as described.

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

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