

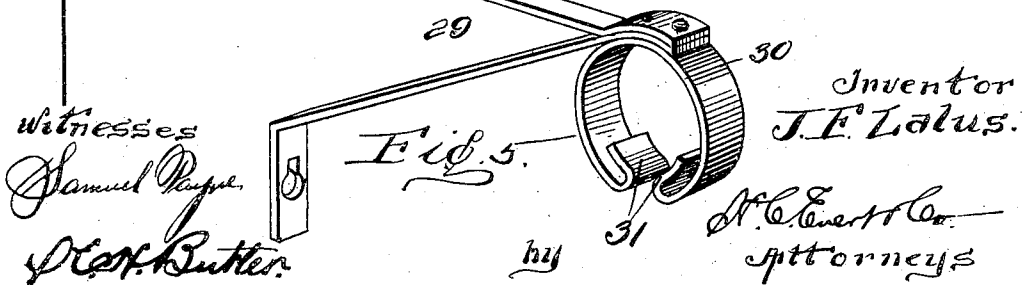
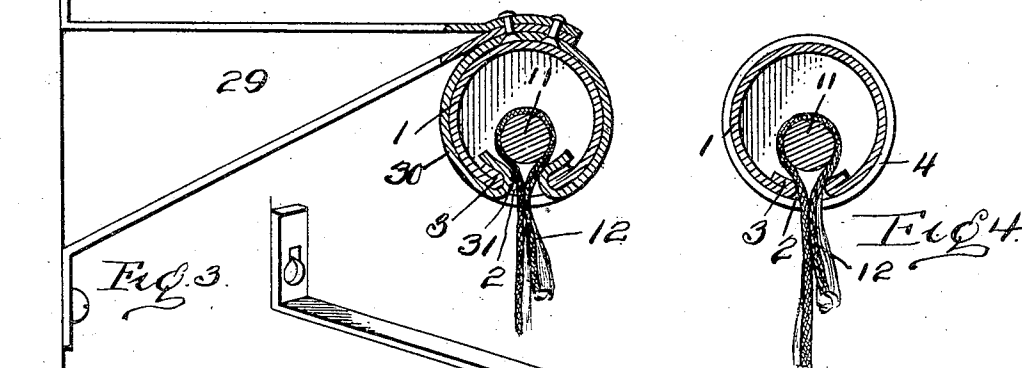
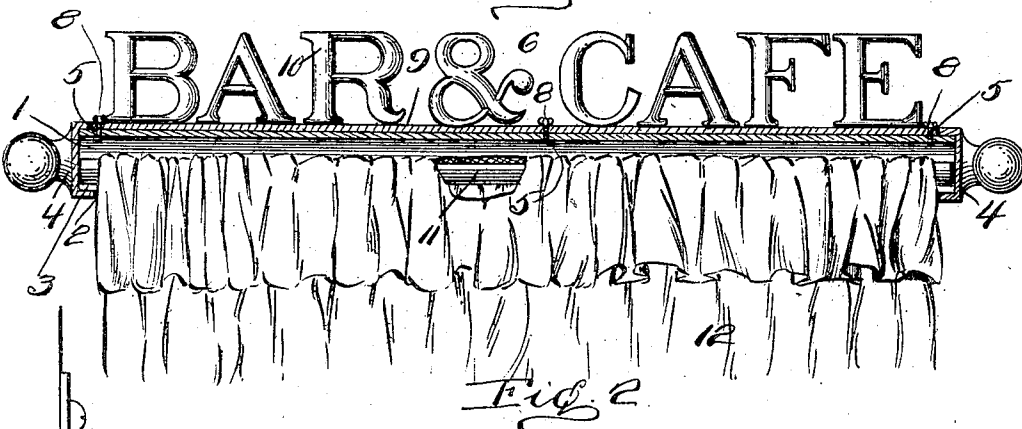
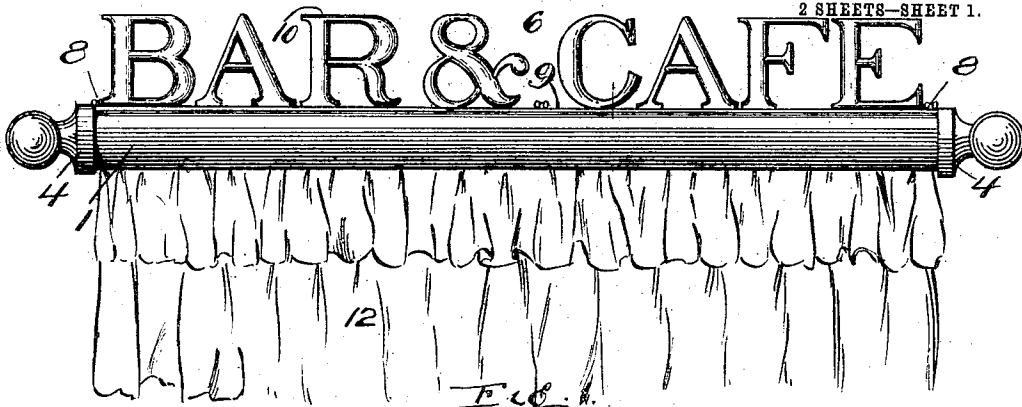
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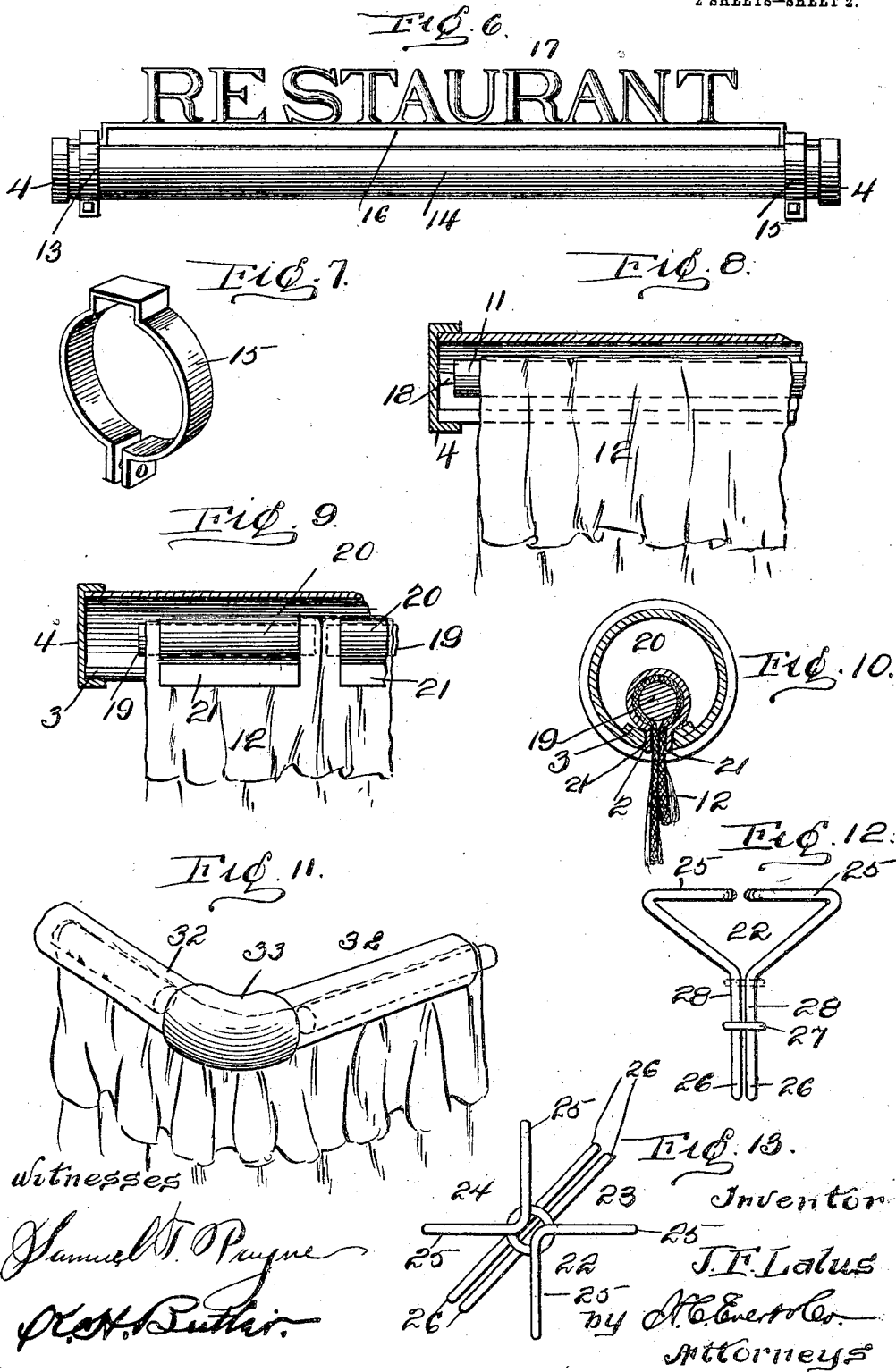


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. LALUS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Poles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to curtain-poles particularly designed as an advertising medium, the invention having for its object to provide an artistic and attractive curtain-pole adapted for use in restaurants, saloons, 15 and places where an advertisement is to be displayed over a door, window, alcove, or similar place.

Another object of this invention is to provide a curtain-pole wherein the use of rings 20 and pins is dispensed with for supporting curtains upon a pole; furthermore, to provide a pole to which one or more curtains can be detachably secured and suitably draped and arranged.

25 A still further object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive together with novel means for supporting the same from a window, doorway, or wall.

The invention particularly resides in a 30 pole to which an advertisement can be secured and from which curtains can be adjustably suspended.

With the above and other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the invention 35 is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts to be presently described, illustrated, and claimed.

Referring to the drawings, forming part of 40 this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved pole. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, partly in elevation. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the pole constructed to be used with a bracket, which 45 is shown in elevation. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of the pole as supporting a curtain. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a bracket adapted to support my improved pole. Fig. 6 is a front elevation of a pole 50 supporting an advertisement, in connection with which ordinary curtain-supporting rings may be used. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a pole-bracket for supporting an advertisement. Fig. 8 is a longitudinal sectional view 55 of a portion of a pole, illustrating a modified form of construction. Fig. 9 is a similar view

illustrating still another form of pole. Fig. 10 is a cross-sectional view of the same. Fig. 11 is a fragmentary perspective view of a curtain-pole, illustrating an end extension. Fig. 60 12 is a front elevation of a hanger that can be used in the pole, and Fig. 13 is a plan of the same.

My improved pole is preferably constructed of sheet metal, which is rolled and bent to 65 form a tubular pole 1, having a longitudinally-disposed slot 2 formed therein, said slot extending from one end of the pole to the other and having its edges bent inwardly, as at 3, to prevent the pole from tearing or injuring 70 the curtains mounted therein. The ends of the pole are provided with caps 4 or suitable ornamentations.

The pole is provided with outwardly-extending alining screws 5, to which an advertisement 6 is detachably secured by winged 75 thumb-nuts 8. The advertisement 6 comprises a bar 9, carrying a plurality of vertically-disposed letters 10, said letters having their lower edges suitably fastened to the bar 80 9 and forming a sign or advertisement, as "Bar and Café" or "Restaurant." The letters can be ornamented or attractively decorated or colored to present a neat appearance in harmony with the curtains supported by 85 the pole 1.

To support one or more curtains from my improved pole, I preferably use a rod 11, approximately the same length as the pole, said rod being placed in the pole by removing one 90 of the caps or ornamentations 4. Prior to placing the rod 11 in the pole I place the end of a curtain 12 over the rod and slide said rod into the pole, the curtain passing into the chamber of said pole. I have also devised 95 certain mechanical equivalents for the rod 11, which may be conveniently used. For instance, where it is desired to use an ordinary pole with rings and pins I provide a pole 14 (see Figs. 6 and 7) with brackets 15 at its ends 100 to hold the ends of the bar 16 of the sign or advertisement 17 upon the pole, said bar being elevated above the pole to permit of rings (not shown) sliding upon the pole 14. This construction permits of the sign 17 being 105 used upon an ordinary pole; but my preferable construction is illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive. Now instead of the rod 11 being supported by the inwardly-bent edges 3 of the pole the rod 11 can be held centrally of 110 the pole by center pins 18, carried by the caps 4, (see Fig. 8,) or in lieu of said rod certain

devices illustrated in Figs. 9, 10, 12, and 13 can be used.

The device illustrated in Figs. 9 and 10 consists of a plurality of short rods 19 and metallic clamps 20, said clamps having depending sides 21 extending downwardly through the slot 2 of the pole. The clamps are adapted to hold the curtain upon the rods 19 and permit of the curtain being easily and quickly adjusted in the pole.

A still further modification is illustrated in Figs. 12 and 13, wherein I have provided a novel form of curtain-clamp 22, that can be used in lieu of rod 11 or rods 19. The clamp consists of two wire members 23 and 24, said members being identical in construction and arranged to confront one another. Each member consists of two outwardly-extending arms 25, formed at right angles to one another. Each member also carries a depending clamping portion 26, and the members are joined together by a link or ring 27, which rides upon the shank portion 28 of each member. The edge of a curtain is clamped between the portions 26 of a plurality of clamps, the clamps being equally spaced along the top edge of the curtain, whereby it will be firmly supported throughout the entire length of the pole. The curtain is clamped between the members 23 and 24 by forcing the link or ring 27 downwardly upon the shank portion 28 of said members.

In order that my improved pole can be conveniently supported from a frame or wall, I use brackets 29, one of which is shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings. The bracket 29 carries a depending clamp 30, adapted to embrace the pole, and having its ends bent inwardly, as at 31, to protrude through the slot 2 of the pole and engage the inwardly-bent edges thereof.

My improved pole can also be provided with right-angular extensions 32 at its ends, these extensions being similar in construction to the pole 1, but shorter in length than said poles. The extensions are secured to the pole by elbows 33, as clearly shown in Fig. 11 of the drawings.

From the foregoing it will be observed that I have devised a novel curtain-pole for use in connection with a sign or advertisement, and I desire it to be understood that such changes in size and minor details of construction as are permissible by the appended claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hollow curtain-pole slotted throughout its length and having its marginal edges folded inwardly upon itself, in combination with a curtain-rod received in said pole, and a supporting-bracket carrying a clamp having inwardly-folded ends projecting through the slot of the pole and holding the latter against rotation in the clamp and upon which the curtain-pole rests.

2. A hollow curtain-pole slotted throughout its length and having its marginal edges folded inwardly upon itself, in combination with supporting means receiving the pole and projecting into the slot thereof and holding the pole against rotation in the supporting means, and a curtain-rod received in said pole.

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

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