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FIG. 1.

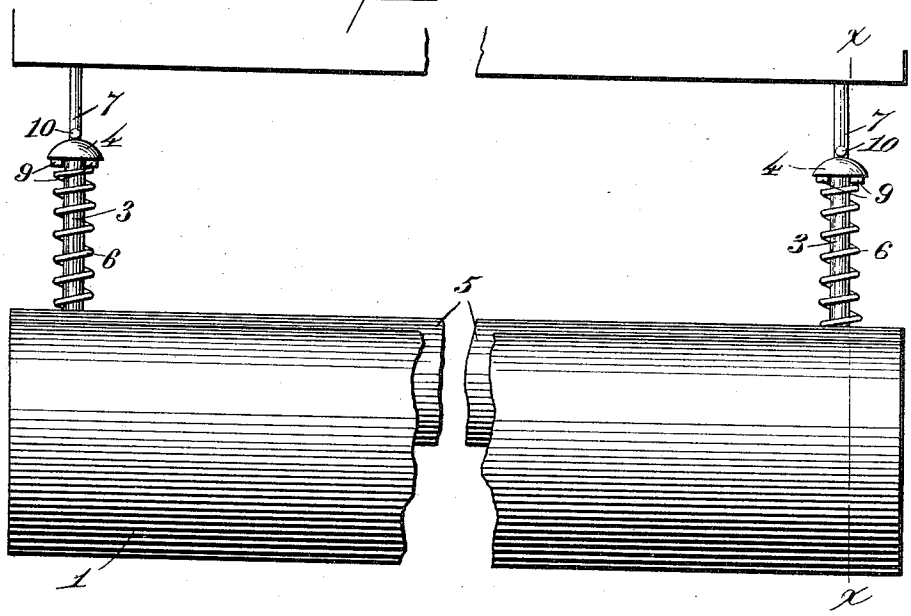
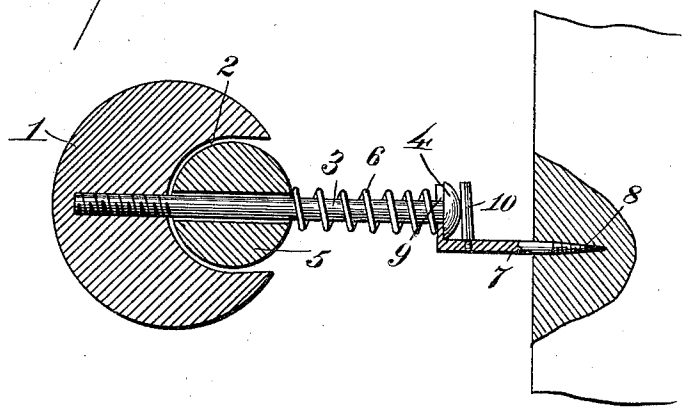


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HARDING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brockwayville, county of Jefferson, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Poles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to curtain poles, and the object of my invention is to provide an improved curtain pole whereby the use of hooks and pins or other like fastenings may be dispensed with.

A further object of my invention is to provide a curtain pole as mentioned which shall have the appearance of the ordinary curtain pole when in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists generally in a curtain pole comprising the pole proper provided with a longitudinal groove or recess in its inner side or face, a pair of rods having one end of each fixed in said pole and projecting through said recess, a longitudinally disposed clamping member slidably mounted on said rod and a spring or springs for yieldingly holding said clamping member within said recess.

My invention further consists in a pole characterized as above stated in which said rods are provided with heads on their outer ends and brackets for engaging said heads for holding or supporting the pole.

My invention further consists in various details of construction and arrangements of parts all as will be fully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claim.

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 plan view of a curtain pole embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line *x*—*x* of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings 1 indicates the pole proper which may be formed of either wood or metal and which is preferably cylindrical in form in order to present the appearance of the ordinary curtain pole, although it is obvious that it may be of any preferred form. The pole 1 is provided along one side, preferably its inner side or face, with a longitudinal groove or recess 2 which extends the full length or substantially the full length of the pole.

Fixed in the pole 1, preferably adjacent the ends, is a pair of rods 3 which project through the groove or recess 2 as shown clearly in Fig. 2, and are provided at their outer ends with heads 4.

Slidably mounted on the rods 3 is a clamping member 5. This extends longitudinally of the pole and is adapted to fit within the recess 2 to clamp the curtain between the same and the pole 1.

6 indicates springs interposed between the member 5 and the heads 4 of the rods 3 and which are adapted to yieldingly hold the clamping member in the recess.

7 indicates brackets for supporting the device on the window casing. These are provided at one end with means for securing the same in position. As illustrated in the drawing the ends of the brackets are threaded as at 8 for this purpose. The outer ends of the brackets are provided with sockets to receive and securely hold the heads 4 of the rods 3. To form the socket, the outer end of the bracket 7 is turned upwardly and bifurcated as at 9 to receive the portion of the rod 3 adjacent the head 4, and an upwardly extending pin or tongue 10 is provided directly behind the bifurcated end to securely clamp the head 4 between said end and said pin or tongue as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

In using the device the brackets 7 are first placed in position on the casing of the window and the heads 4 placed within the sockets of the brackets. The member 5 is then withdrawn from the recess 2 against the tension of the spring 6 and the end of the curtain is placed over the pole 1 or the member 5 as desired and the member 5 released. It is obvious that the curtain will be securely held in position and that without the use of pins, hooks or similar fastening devices.

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

A curtain pole, a pair of rods each having an end fixed in said pole adjacent the respective ends thereof, and projecting at substantially right angles therefrom, said rods

being provided with heads on their outer ends, a longitudinally disposed clamping member slidably mounted on said rods, springs interposed between said heads and said clamping member, and a pair of brackets provided with sockets to receive said heads, 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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