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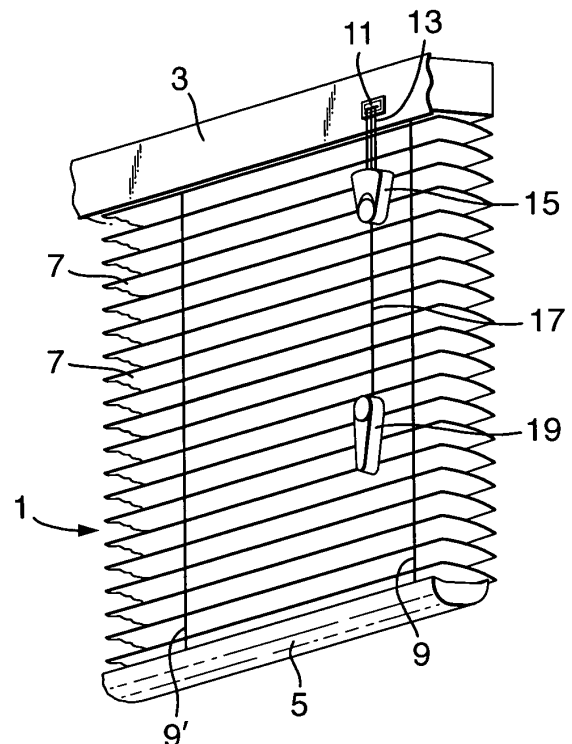
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(54) **Safety cord connector**

(57) A cord connector (15) for releasably connecting the lower free ends of a plurality of vertically-extending operating cords (13) of an architectural covering (1), such as a window covering, wherein the connector includes a pair of vertically-extending members (23, 25) and one or more connections (35,36, 39, 41,43,45) between the members which can be connected and disconnected to respectively close and open the connector; the free end of each operating cord (13) is connected to the connector and is removably attached to a retainer (21); and when the connections are connected and the connector is closed, the members (23,25) form an interior space (27), between them, suitable for retaining therein the free ends of the operating cords and the retainer; whereby when at least one of the connections is disconnected, the connector is open, so that the retainer (21) is released from the interior space (27) and the free ends of the operating cords can become detached from the retainer.

**Fig. 1.**



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