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(54) **Releasable end stop**

(57) A releasable end stop for an assembly of carriers (11) and spacers (13) that can be moved longitudinally within a head rail (4) of an architectural covering (1), such as a vertical venetian blind, to open and close the covering; the end stop comprising a longitudinally-movable release plate (27) in the head rail (4) that is between an active end cap (6) and a trailing spacer (13B) of a most trailing carrier (11 B) and that is affixed

to a trailing end (14B) of the trailing spacer (13B) of the most trailing carrier (11B) and a longitudinally-extending, flexible resilient tongue (31) that is on the active end cap (6) and is adapted to detachably hold the release plate (27) against movement of the release plate away from the active end cap (6) with longitudinal movement of the spacers (13) and carriers (11) away from the active end cap.

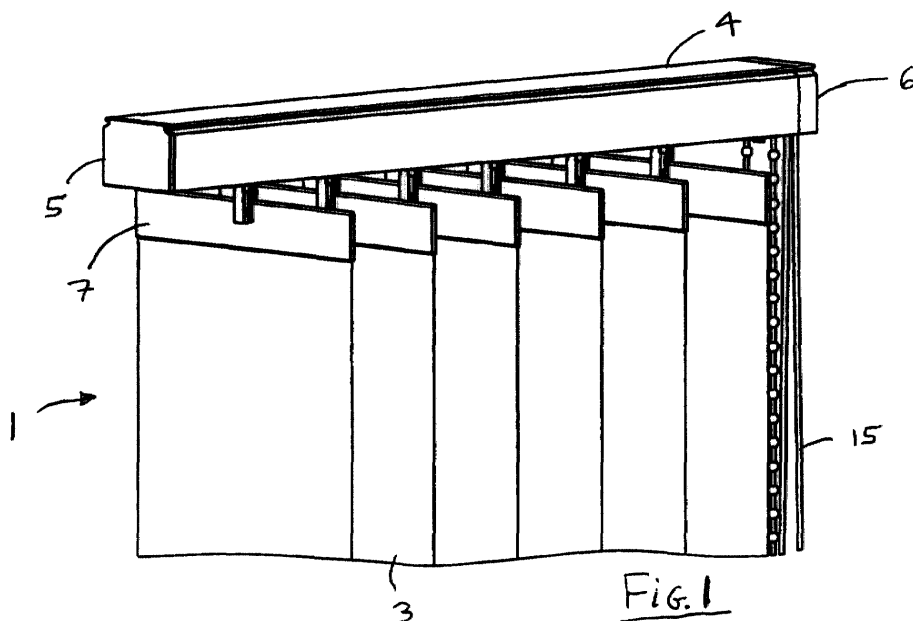


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