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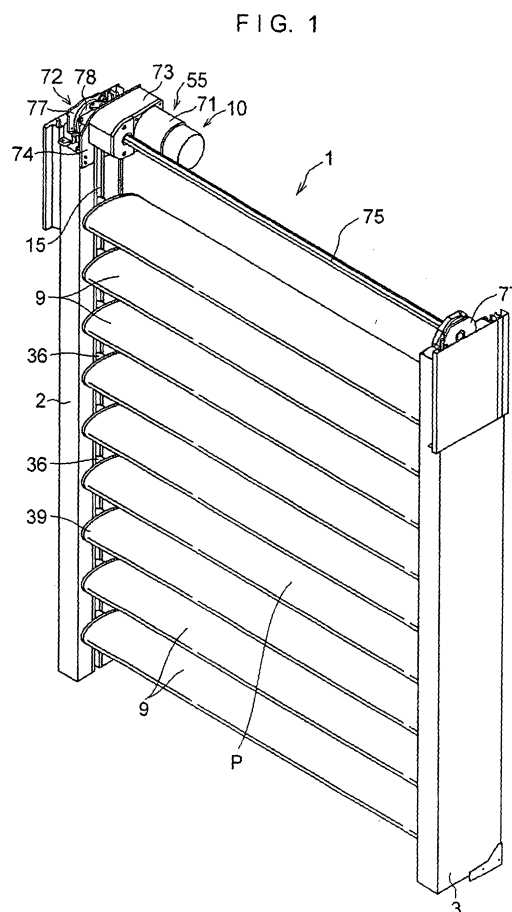
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(54) **Blind apparatus**

(57) A window blind apparatus (1) includes a pair of vertical frames (2,3); one link mechanism (4); another link mechanism (5) juxtaposed to the one link mechanism (4); a plurality of slat supporting mechanisms (8) each having one end portion (6) connected to the one link mechanism (4) and the other end portion (7) connected to the another link mechanism (5); a plurality of slats (9) supported by the respective slat supporting mechanisms (8) and juxtaposed in an opening (P) between the vertical frames (2,3); a raising and lowering mechanism (10) for raising and lowering the slats (9); and a tilting mechanism (11) for tilting the respective slats (9) by causing the link mechanisms (4,5) to undergo relative changes in their vertical positions as the slats (9) are raised or lowered by the raising and lowering mechanism (10).





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