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(54) **Ratchet-type holder for a vertical blind vane**

(57) An adjustable length holder (15, 115, 215, 315, 415, 515, 615, 715) that can support a vane (3) from a carrier (13) of a vertical venetian blind assembly (1). The vane holder has a length adjustable mounting (25, 125, 225) with a first end portion (48, 148, 248) connectable to the carrier (13) and a second end portion (54, 154, 254) connectable to a hook member (17) for suspending the vane (3). The holder comprises a first part (27, 127, 227) extending downwardly in relation to the first end portion (48, 148, 248) and having a first engagement portion (60, 160, 260) projecting substantially horizontally and a second part (29, 129, 229) extending upwardly in relation to the second end portion (54, 154, 254) and having a second engagement portion (61, 161, 261) projecting substantially horizontally. The first and second parts are operably engaged by the first and second engagement portions in a manner to allow displacement of the parts upwardly or downwardly relative to each other, by which the second end portion (54, 154, 254) can be moved into a plurality of adjusted vertical positions relative to the first end portion (48, 148, 248). The first part (27, 127, 227) comprises at least one first arm (44, 46, 144, 146, 244) extending downwardly from the first end portion (48, 148, 248) and a plurality of first engagement portions (60, 62, 63, 160, 162, 163, 260, 262, 263) are on the at least one first arm. The second part (27, 127, 227) comprises at least one second arm (50, 52, 150, 152, 250) extending in upwardly from the second end portion (54, 154, 254) and a plurality of second engagement portions (61, 64, 65, 161, 164, 165, 261, 263, 264)

are on are the at least one second arm. In any adjusted vertical positions, more than one of the plurality of the first engagement portions are opposite, and in operative engagement with, more than one of the plurality of the second engagement portions.

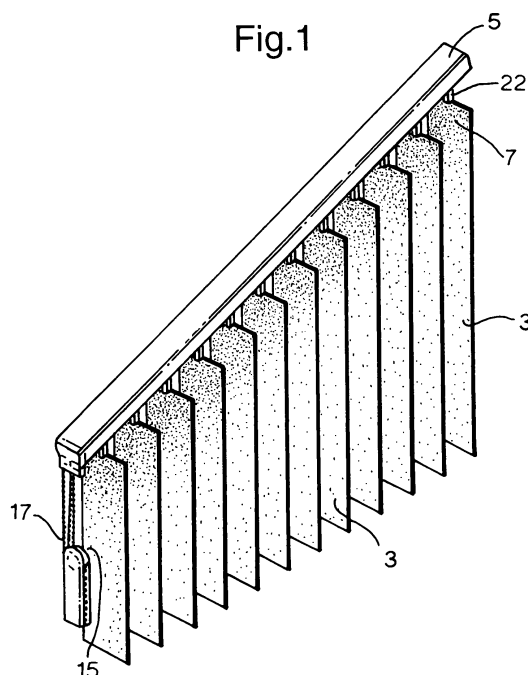
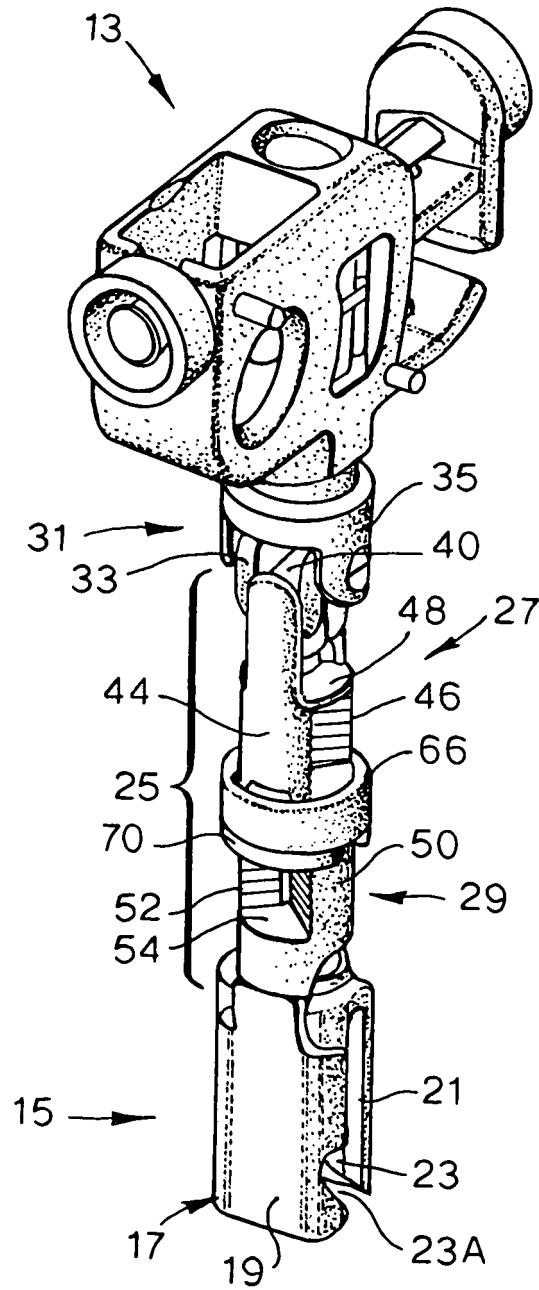


Fig.2A.





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