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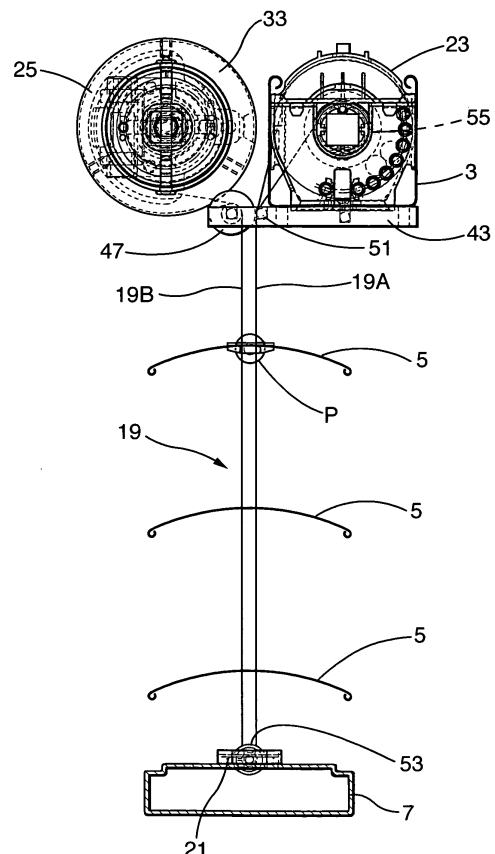
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(54) **Retractable covering for an architectural opening**

(57) A retractable covering device for architectural openings, such as a Venetian blind is adapted for use with escape openings in building structures. The retractable covering device includes a collapsible covering member, a bottom bar, at least one flexible element in engagement with the bottom bar for raising the bottom bar, a primary retraction mechanism for retracting a first end of the at least one flexible element, and a secondary retraction mechanism operatively connected with the bottom bar for selectively also retracting the covering member. The bottom bar is positioned along a first edge of the collapsible covering member and the at least one flexible element is in engagement with the bottom bar. Raising the bottom bar by the at least one flexible element collapses the covering member and defines a retracted position of the covering device. The secondary retraction mechanism is arranged for retracting a second end of the at least one flexible element.

Fig.3.





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