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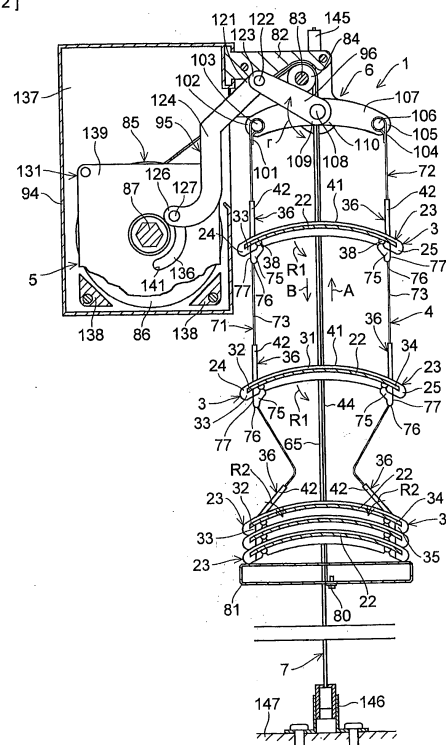
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(54) **Blind device**

(57) A window blind apparatus 1 is arranged to shut out light and hinder sight with respect to a window 2 of a building, and includes a plurality of slats 3 juxtaposed to each other; a link mechanism 4 for linking the plurality of slats 3 to each other; a raising and lowering mechanism 5 for raising the plurality of slats 3 in a direction A, starting with the lowermost slat 3, and lowering them in a direction B, starting with that lowermost slat 3; a tilting mechanism 6 for tilting the plurality of slats 3 in a direction R1 in synchronism with the raising and lowering of the slats 3 in the directions A and B; and a holding means 7 for holding the slats 3 so as to prevent the swinging motion of the slats 3 in a horizontal plane.

[Fig.2]





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