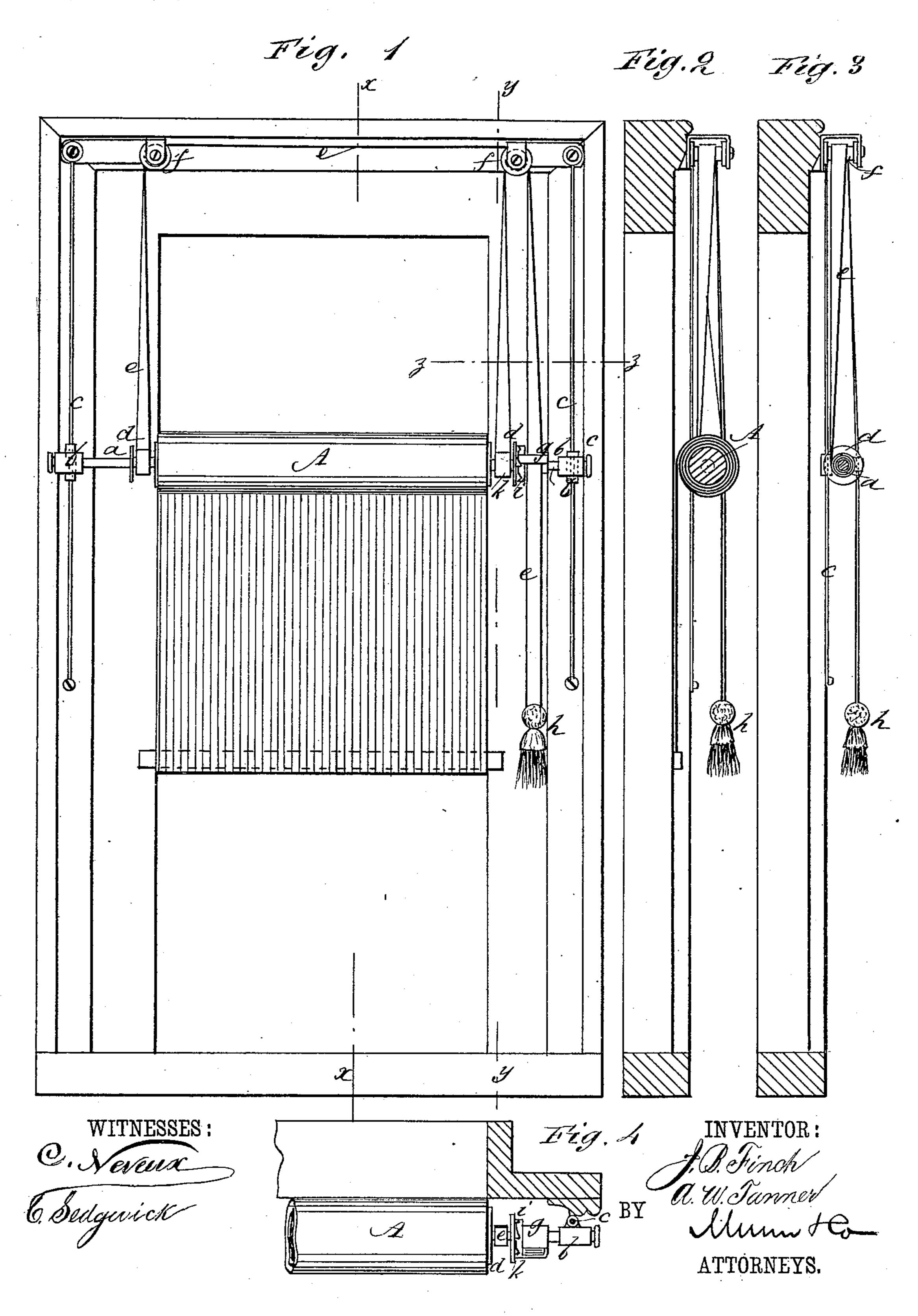
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, James B. Finch and Albert W. Tanner, of Bozeman, in the county of Gallatin and Territory of Montana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Curtain-Fixtures, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of our invention is to provide for the adjustment of rolling curtains or shades to admit light and air at either the top or bottom of the window, or at both, as may be most convenient or desirable.

To that end our invention consists of the combined devices hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of the improved fixture as applied to use. Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical sections of the fixtures respectively on the lines xx and yy of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line zz.

A is the roller, having the ends a a of its axis projecting at the front of the windowframe into tubular boxes on slides b, that are upon rods cc, fixed at the sides of the windowframe. The ends a a of the roller-axis are provided with spools d d, from which tapes e epass upward and over rollers ff, fixed at the top of the window-frame. On one end a is a loose sleeve, g, formed with a guide or loop for the tapes e, and through which loop they pass 35 from the rollers f. At their lower ends the tapes are connected to a weighted tassel, h. The end of sleeve g is formed as a ratchet, i, and on the spool d next the ratchet is a pin, k, for engagement therewith, to retain the roller 40 in position.

In operating the shade the roller is raised toward the top of the window by holding the tapes e and the lower end of the shade at the same time and pulling upon either. By allowing the ratchet to engage the pin k the roller 45 is held at any point. By moving the tapes to the right the ratchet is disengaged and the roller will slide down. The curtain is unrolled by drawing upon it and rolled up by drawing on the tapes while they are held to the right to 50 disconnect the ratchet. The guide-rods e serve to retain the curtain-roller in place against wind, and also insure level movement of the roller in its rising and falling movements.

We are aware that a suspended movable 55 curtain-roll, a wheel carrying a tooth on its side and locked or unlocked in or from a socket in the side of a spool, tubular bearings sliding on vertical rods, and cords weighted to counterbalance the curtain-roll at any desired height 60 are all in themselves old; but

What we claim as new is—
The combination, with the curtain roll A, having axis ends a a, of the spools d d, of which one has a pin or tooth, k, on the outer 65 side, the sleeve g, having side loop and end ratchet, the tapes e, provided with a weighted tassel, h, the tubular bearings sliding on vertical rods e e, and the pul eys f f, all arranged as shown and described, whereby the curtain- 70 roll may be raised, lowered, locked in position, or unlocked without flying out from the frame or at any time losing its horizontal position.

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