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AWNING ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1.

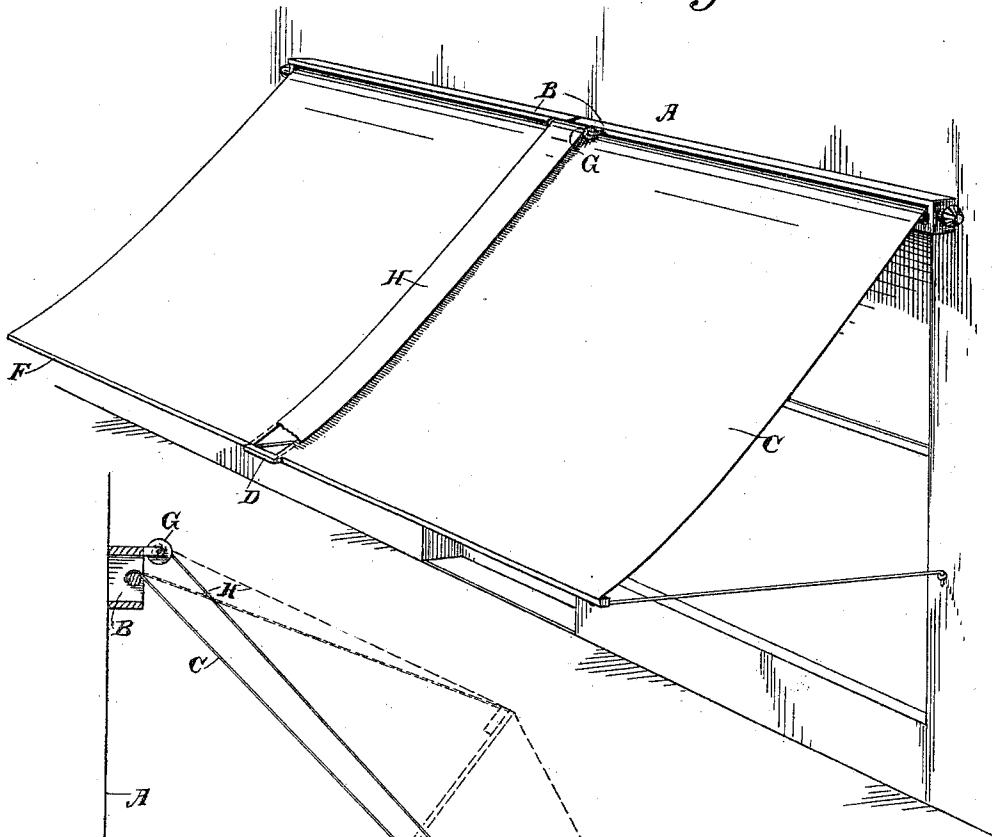
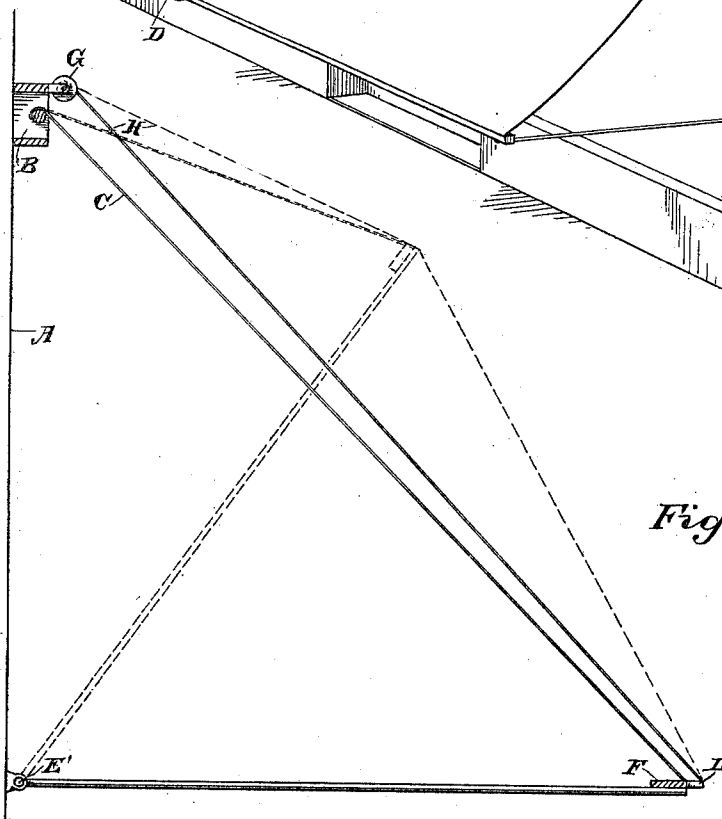


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. PRICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at San José, county of Santa Clara, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Awning Attachments; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to improvements in adjustable awnings such as are used to cover store and window fronts and other places and which are adapted to be unrolled for the purpose or rolled up in a box situated above the door or window when not in use.

My invention consists in certain details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of awnings, showing my attachment. Fig. 2 is a sectional end view of the same.

A represents any front to which the awnings are to be applied.

B are boxes having roller-shafts suitably journaled horizontally within them adapted to receive the awnings C, which are rolled or unrolled upon these shafts.

Any suitable well-known mechanism is employed to operate the rollers from a convenient standpoint, so as to extend the awnings when they are to be used or to roll them up into the protecting-box when out of use. As these awnings are frequently long and are also arranged in line with each other on different store-fronts, it has hitherto been necessary to form an opening between the adjacent awnings sufficient for the free passage of one without interfering with the other, and this opening allows the sun and rain to pass through. The object of my invention is to prevent this and to make a continuous covering over this opening. In order to properly do this, I employ an extension D, which is fixed to the end of one of the adjacent awnings, so that it projects over the other one, and attach to it a strip of awning material, which extends up to a roller above the awnings, as will be hereinafter described.

The extension D, being fixed to the outer end of one of the awnings or the rod, as may be found desirable, projects a short distance in each direction, one of the ends reaching

out and overlapping the edge of the next adjacent awning C and out of contact with it. Upon the awning-box and in line with the extension D is a roller G, suitably journaled and actuated either by a spring or weight, so as to be automatically turned to coil up the strip or banner H, the upper end of which is fixed to this roller. The lower end of the banner is fixed to the extension D, and when the awning carrying the extension is let down it will unroll the banner, the tension device yielding to allow the banner to unroll in unison with the unrolling of the awning. The other awning adjacent to it can then be operated independently of the first one, since the part of the extension D which projects over this awning is always at a sufficient distance from the bar F to allow the latter to move freely without contact with it.

If the awning carrying the banner be down and the other one either up or down, when it is desired to move this second awning to either let it down or roll it up its bar F will describe an arc of a circle about the inner hinge-point E', and as the banner will be held straight and parallel with the awning which carries it when the second awning is moved the banner will yield by reason of the spring-actuated roller, so as to allow the end of the bar F to sweep up or down beneath the banner and temporarily push it out of the way to allow of the movement, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2. The banner immediately returns to its position by reason of the tension of the spring which actuates its roller, and when the two awnings are down the banner covers the space between them, so as to entirely protect the space below from the sun or elements.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with independent adjacent awnings of an intermediate strip or banner having an independent roller upon which it coils, with a tension device actuating the roller, an extension fixed to the end of one of the lower awning-bars projecting over the adjacent awning and serving as an attachment for the lower end of the banner.

2. The combination with two adjacent awnings of an extension-piece attached to the

lower bar of one of the awning-frames having one end extending over the bar of the adjacent awning and out of contact therewith, an independent strip or banner having its
5 lower edge fixed to the extension adapted to overlap and cover the open space intermediate between the awnings and having the upper end secured to an independently-journaled roller with a tension device whereby
10 the banner is coiled and uncoiled in unison

with the movements of the awning to which it is attached and is capable of yielding when extended to allow the adjacent awning to be moved up or down.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand. 15

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