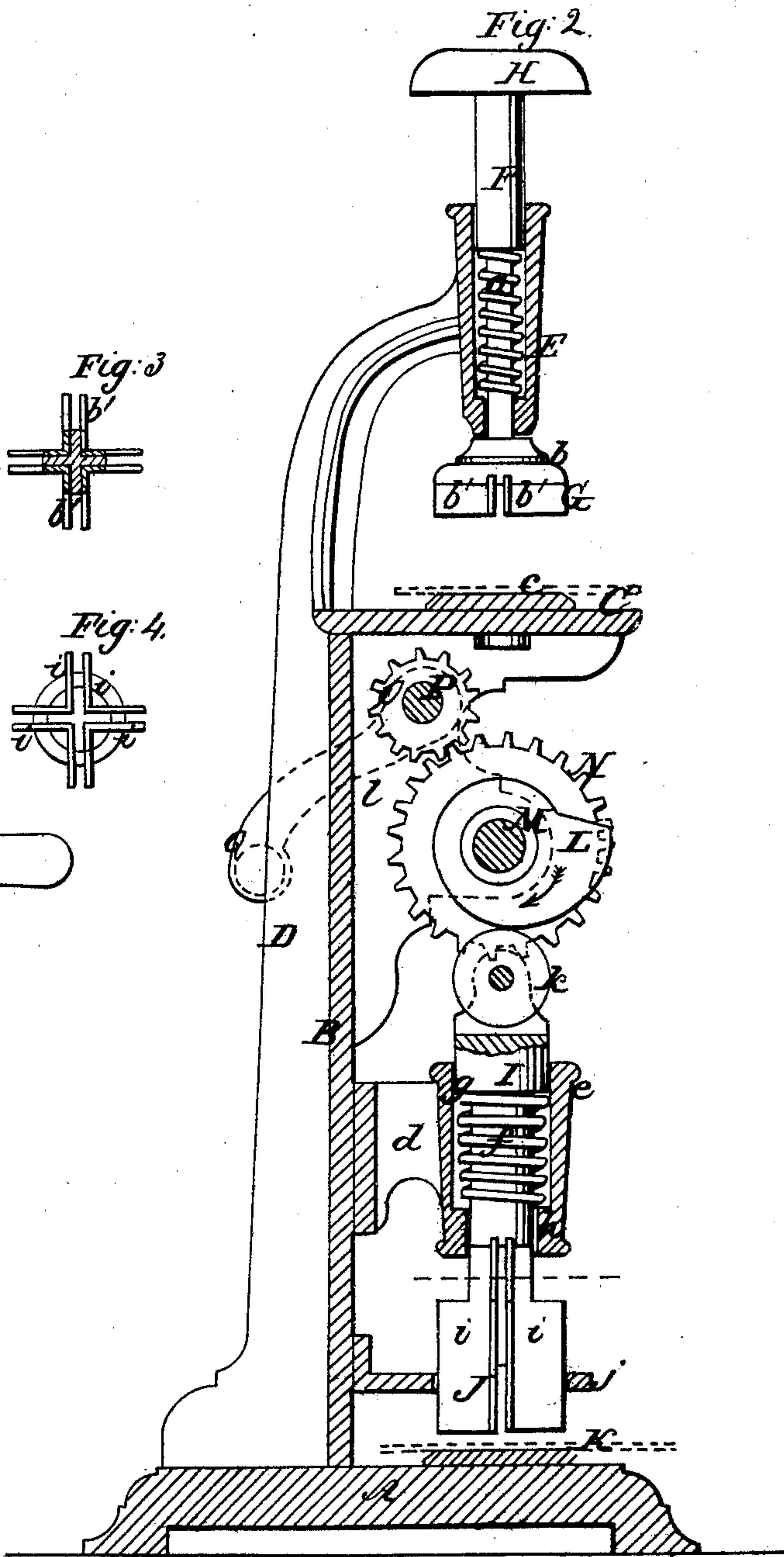
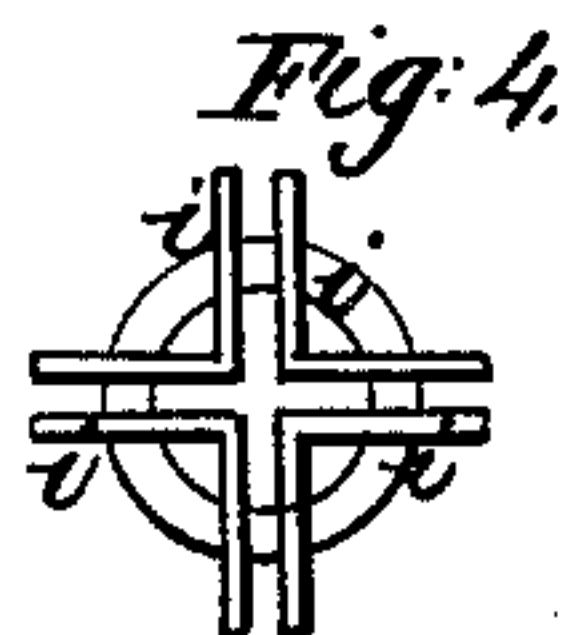
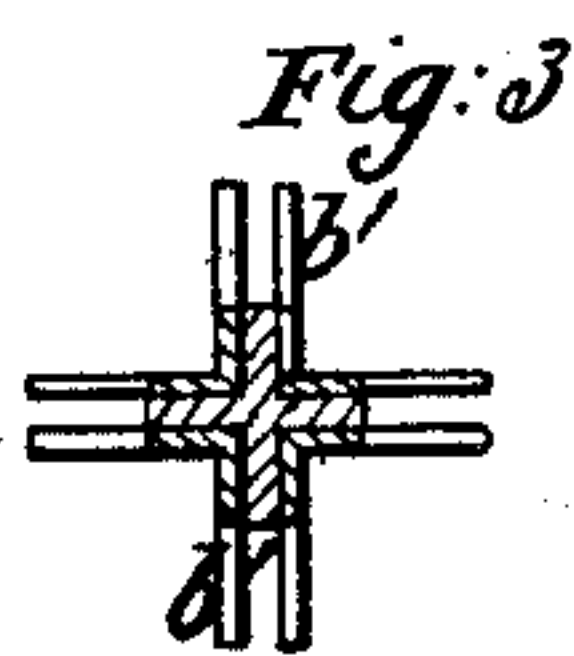
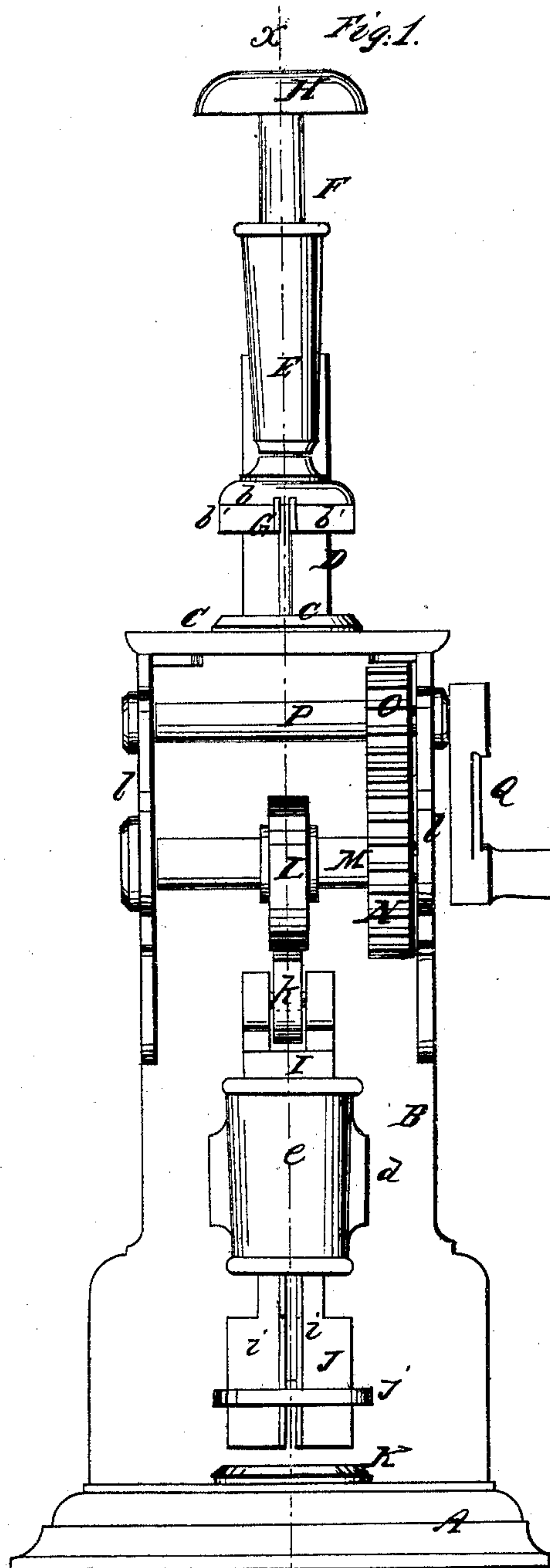


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DEVICE FOR CANCELING NOTES, CHECKS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN M. SCOTT, of Auburn, in the county of Cayuga and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Implement or Device for Canceling Notes, Checks, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention; Fig. 2, a side sectional view of the same, taken in the line *x x*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a detached inverted plan of a cutter pertaining to the invention; Fig. 4, a horizontal section of the same, taken in the line *y y*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The object of this invention is to obtain a simple and efficient device for canceling notes, checks, &c., one that may be operated with the greatest facility, and used for canceling a greater or less number of notes or checks at a time as may be required.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents the base of the machine, which has an upright plate B attached with a platform C at its upper end. The upright plate B has a rib or projection D at its outer side, and this rib extends upward above the platform C, curves over toward the center of the latter, and has a vertical tube E at its end. These parts may be of cast metal and all cast in one piece.

The tube E has a rod F within it, around which a spiral spring *a* is placed, the upper end of the spring bearing against a shoulder on the rod, as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

To the lower end of the rod F there is attached a head *b*, in which a cutter G is secured. This cutter may be formed of V-shaped plates *b'*, arranged as shown in Fig. 3. The spring *a* has a tendency to keep the cutter G elevated to its fullest extent.

On the platform C, directly under the cutter G, there is a bolster *c*, which receives the cutter when the latter is forced down. The upper end of the rod F is provided with a knob H, for the hand of the operator to strike upon in forcing down the rod F.

To the plate B there is attached a bracket *d*, which has a vertical tube *e* at its outer end. Within the tube *e* there is fitted a rod I, which also has a spiral spring *f* around it, said spring bearing at its upper end against a shoulder *g* on the rod and having its lower end resting on a shoulder *h* in the tube, as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

The rod I has a cutter J attached to its lower end. This cutter may be constructed precisely similar to the cutter G with the exception that its plates *i* should be longer and fitted in a guide *j* attached to plate B.

K is a bolster on the base A and directly under the cutter J.

In the upper end of the rod I there is placed a friction-roller *k*, against which a cam L bears, said cam being on a shaft M, the bearings of which are in side plates or brackets *l l*. The shaft M has a toothed wheel N upon it, and this wheel gears into a pinion O on a shaft P, which is above the shaft M and has its bearings in the same plates or brackets *l l*. The shaft P has a crank Q at one end.

The device is used as follows: In canceling single notes or checks or a small quantity at once they are placed under the upper cutter and canceled by forcing down the rod F by a blow of the hand, the spring *a* elevating the cutter G after the blow is struck. When a larger quantity of notes or checks are to be canceled at once, they are placed under the cutter J, the latter being forced down by the cam L as the shaft M rotates. The gearing N O adds power to the cam L as the difference in the size of the wheels reduces the motion of the shaft M below that of P, to which the power is applied. By this arrangement quite a large number of notes or checks may be canceled at once, the power being sufficient to force the cutter through them without great effort on the part of the operator.

The invention forms quite a convenient and desirable implement or device for the intended purpose, for when one or a few notes or checks are to be canceled they may be done instantly by the cutter G. A large number will of course require a longer time, as the operation of the cutter J is slower, but still a larger number can be canceled much

quicker by the cutter J at one operation than can be canceled by the cutter G by repeated operations.

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

A mechanism for canceling notes, checks,

and documents, constructed substantially as herein shown and described.

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