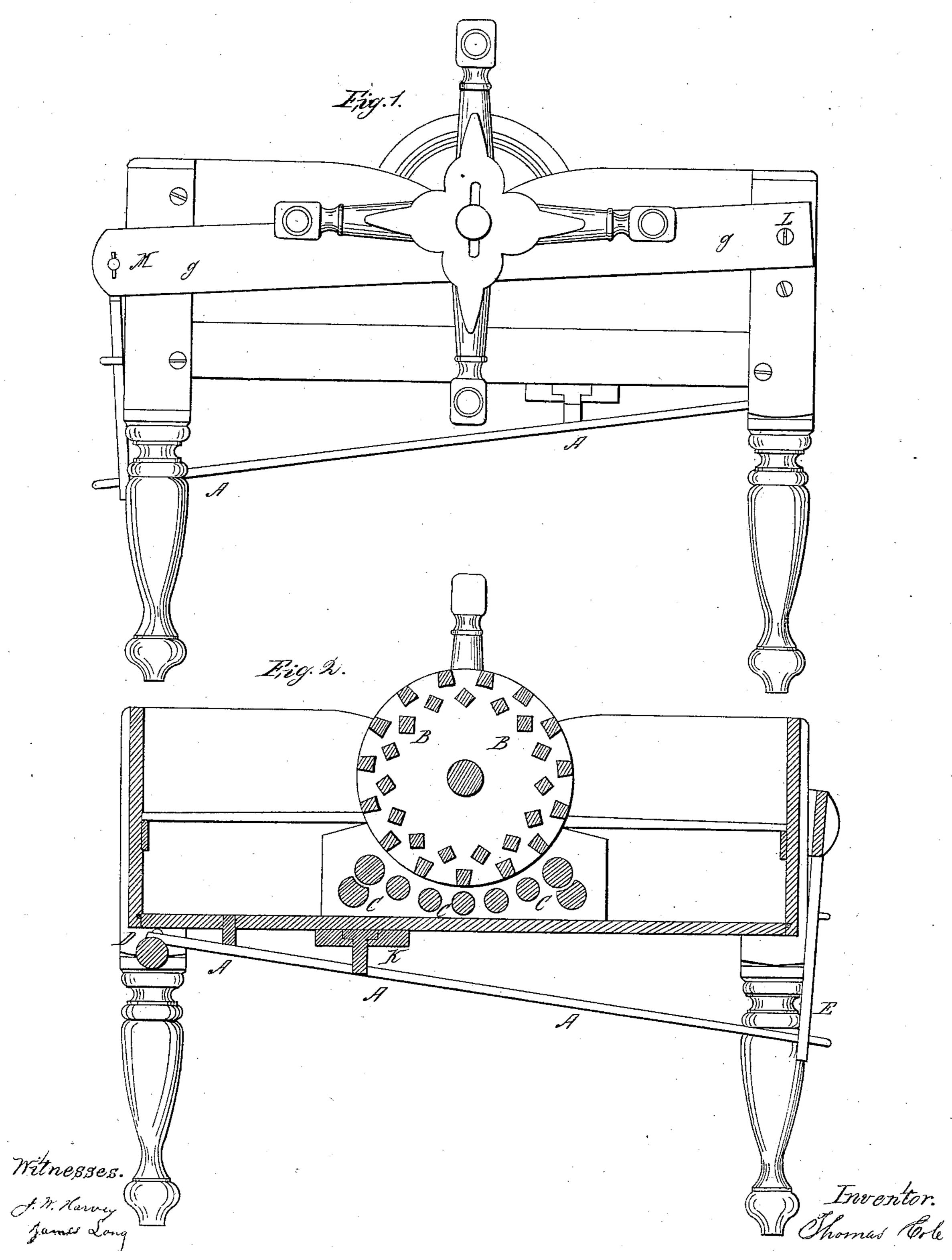
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## IMPROVED WASHING-MACHINE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas Cole, of Marshalltown, in the county of Marshall and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement on a Washing-Machine; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal elevation of my washing-machine. Fig. 2 is a transverse longitudinal elevation of the same.

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

My invention consists, first, in a yielding lever, so connected with the other rigging of my machine as to permit clothes to pass between the cylinder and rollers; second, in a movable wedge or key which may be moved in such a manner as to loosen or tighten the lever above referred to.

In the accompanying drawings, A A, Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, may represent a lever of wood or other suitable material sufficiently flexible

to yield to a surplus quantity of clothes as they pass between the cylinder B B and the rollers C C, Fig. 2.

The lever A A, Fig. 2, is fastened at one end to the roller D and at the other end to the upright arm E. The upright arm E, Fig. 1, connects the lever A A with the lever g

The wedge or key K, Fig. 2, is made thinner at one end than the other, is a fulcrum for the lever A A, and can be moved back and forth to tighten or loosen the lever A A.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim to be new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

- 1. The yielding lever A A, as applied to the washing-machine, substantially as herein described.
- 2. The fulcrum-wedge K, in connection with the yielding lever A A, as applied to the washing-machine, substantially as herein set forth.

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