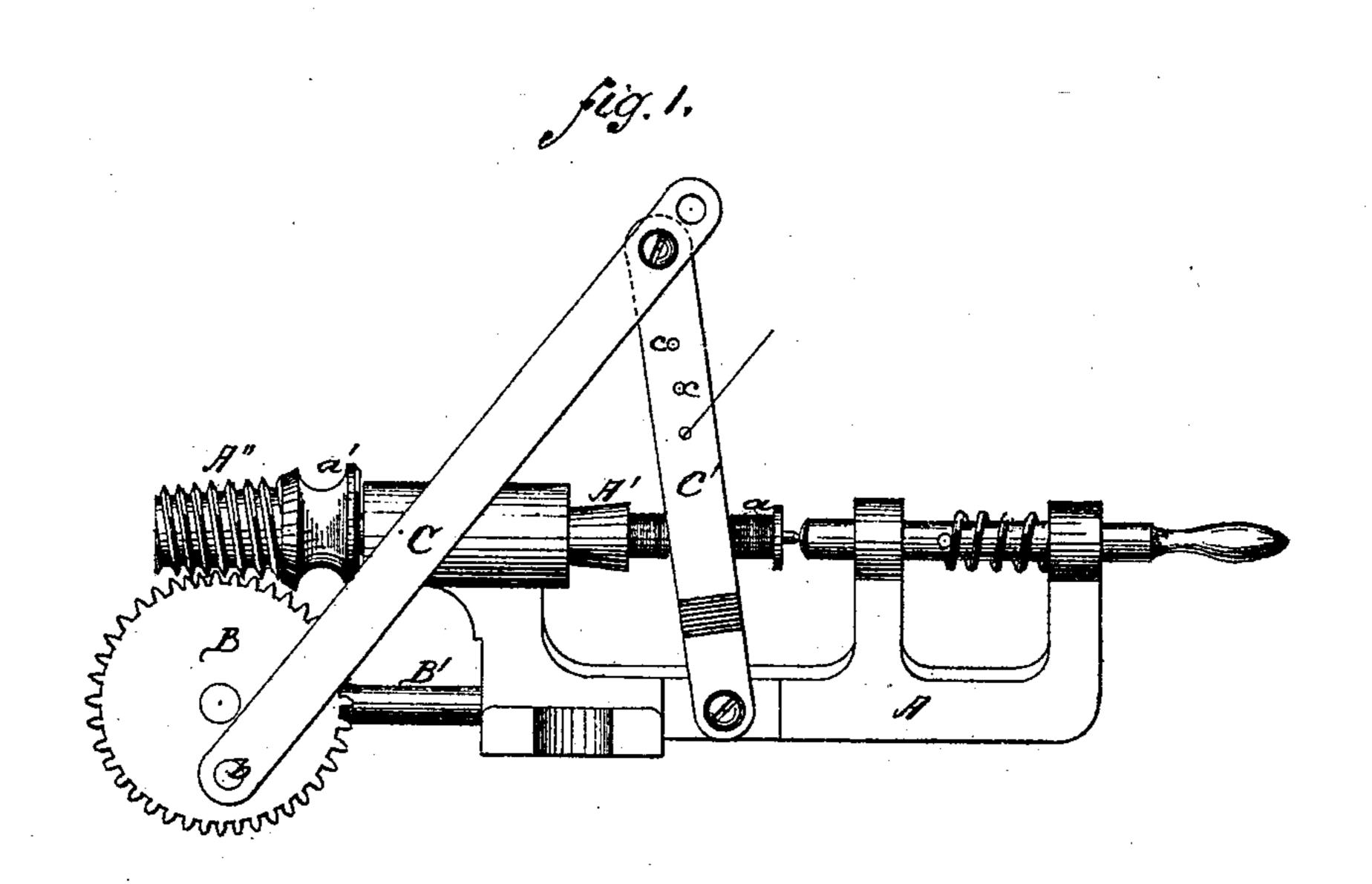
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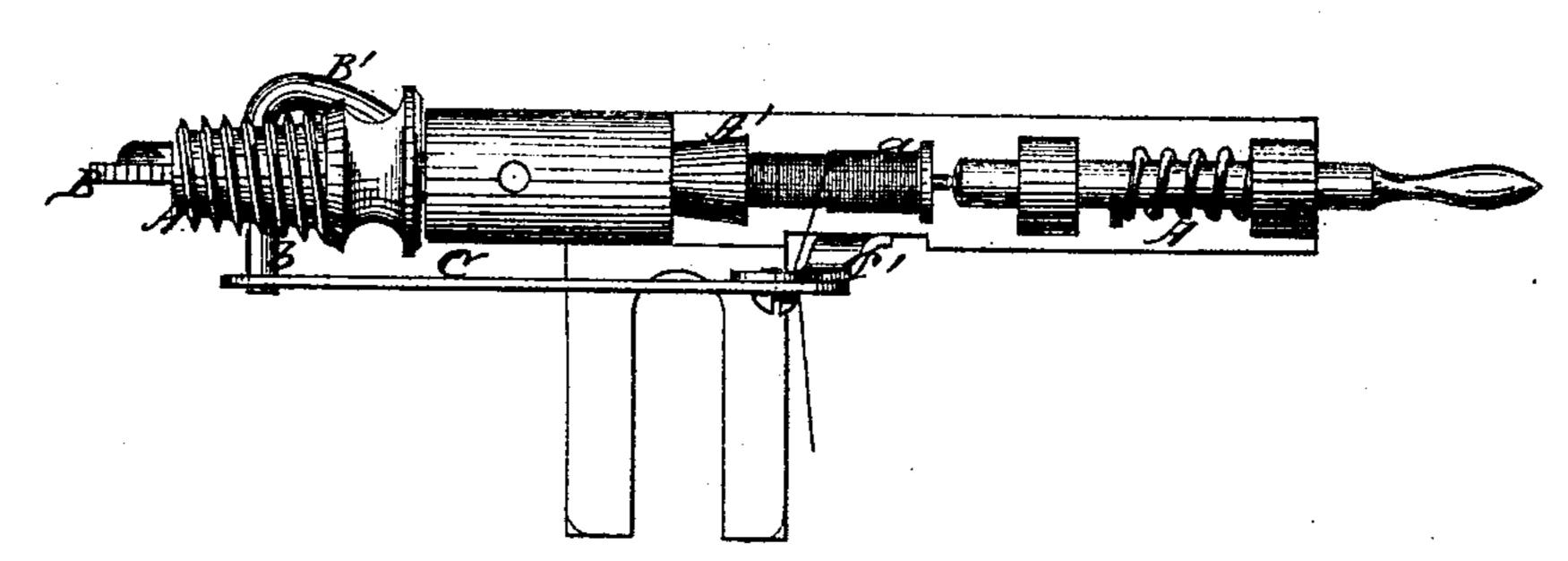
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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOBBIN-WINDERS FOR SEWING-MACHINES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas Shanks, of the city and county of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, have invented a new and improved Self-Acting Thread-Guide for Bobbin-Winder for Sewing-Machines; 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 accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation looking toward the compound lever, and

Figure 2, a plan view.

This invention consists of a mechanism to be attached to the ordinary apparatus for winding thread upon the shuttle bobbins of sewing-machines, for the purpose of laying the thread evenly upon the bobbin, said mechanism deriving its motion from the shaft that rotates the bobbin, and therefore moving always with a speed bearing the same proportion to the velocity of the bobbin, whether that be greater or less.

In the drawings—

A is the frame of the bobbin-winder, to be clamped in any convenient manner to the cloth-table of the machine.

A' is the shaft, that drives the bobbin a, said shaft bearing a pulley, a', on which runs the driving-belt.

The shaft A' projects beyond the pulley, and such projecting part, A", is threaded exteriorly, so as to form a screw, which drives the toothed wheel B, sustained on a bent arm, B', projecting from the frame A directly beneath the screw A".

A crank-pin, b, projecting from the side of the wheel B, carries, in a circular path, the lower end of an arm, O; the upper end of which is pivoted to the upper extremity of a second arm, O', the lower extremity of which is jointed to the side of the frame A, opposite the bobbin a.

The arm C' receives from the arm C a vibratory motion parallel with the axis of the bobbin, and is provided with holes, c, through either of which the thread may pass from the spool, and thus be laid evenly on the bobbin.

The holes c are made in a series, lengthwise of the arm C', so that large-sized threads, which fill the bobbin faster than those of smaller size, may be passed through the upper holes, and receive more rapid lateral motion.

The arms C C', deriving their movement from the same shaft that drives the bobbin, must always move with a speed bearing the same proportion to the speed of the latter, whether that be accelerated or retarded.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the screw A", gear-wheel B, and arms C C', with the frame of a bobbin-winder, the whole constructed and arranged to operate in the manner and for the purpose described.

THOMAS SHANKS.

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