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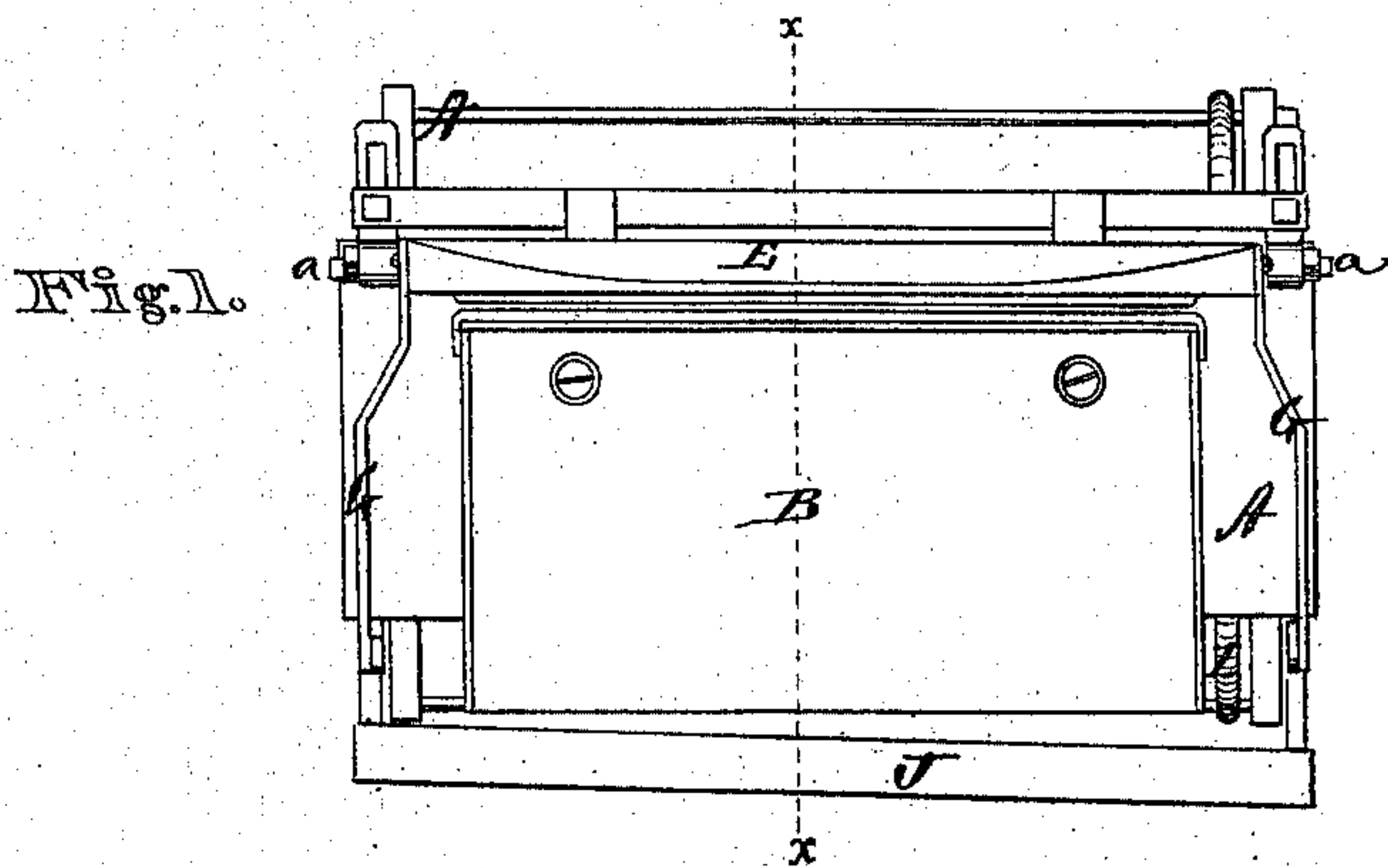


Fig. 3.

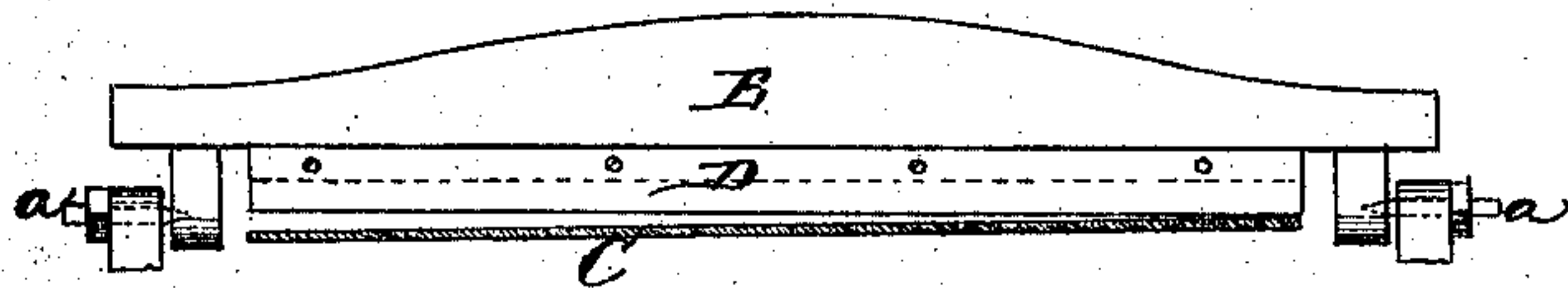
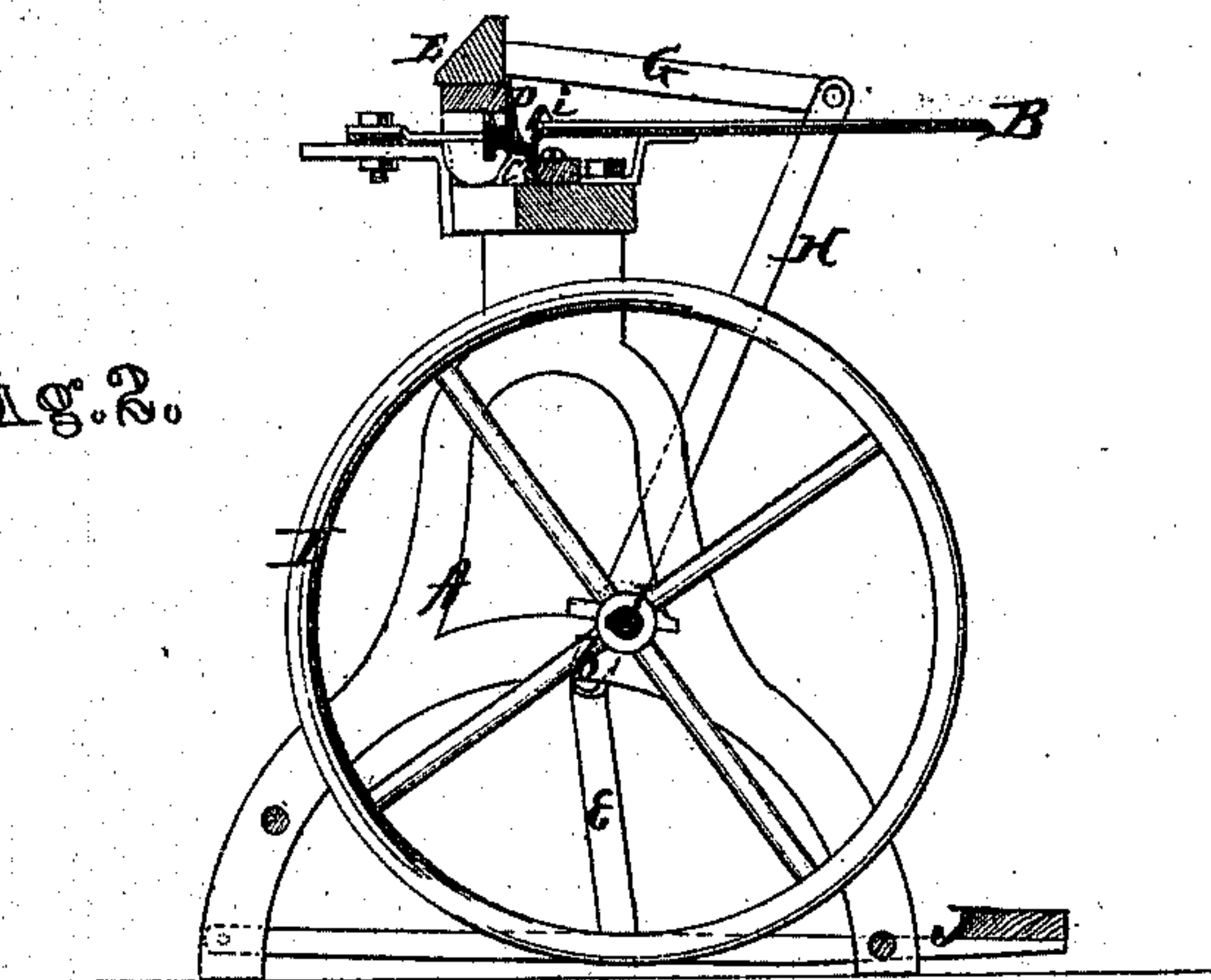


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MACHINES FOR CUTTING SHEET METAL.

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, CHARLES B. CHOATE, of East Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Machines for Cutting Sheet Metal; 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 drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of my machine in plan view;

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same; and

Figure 3 is a front view of the cutters.

My invention is intended as an improvement upon the Roy & Wilcox squaring-shears, and consists in the arrangement of mechanism for operating the same, and also in a finger-guard on the table in front of the movable cutter.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A represents the frame of the machine;

B, the table;

C, the stationary inclined cutter; and

D, the movable cutter.

The movable cutter D is attached to a rocking cutter-head or bar, E, turning upon pivots *a a*, and at

each end of said head or bar is an arm, G, connected by rods or bars H with cranks *b b*, one upon each end of a shaft, *d*, which has its bearings in the frame A.

Upon this shaft is a balance-wheel, I.

The cranks *b b* are, by rods or bars *e e*, connected with the treadle J, whereby a continual motion is produced, so that more work may be accomplished by the same labor.

With the addition of a pulley on the shaft *d* the machine can be run by steam or other power.

At the inner edge of the table B is placed a finger-guard, *i*, for the protection of the operator.

Although these improvements are mainly intended for the Roy & Wilcox squaring-shears, they may be used or applied to other machines of similar nature.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

The arrangement of the treadle J, two bars E, two cranks *b*, shaft *d*, balance-wheel I, two bars H, two arms G, and the movable rocking cutter-head E, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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