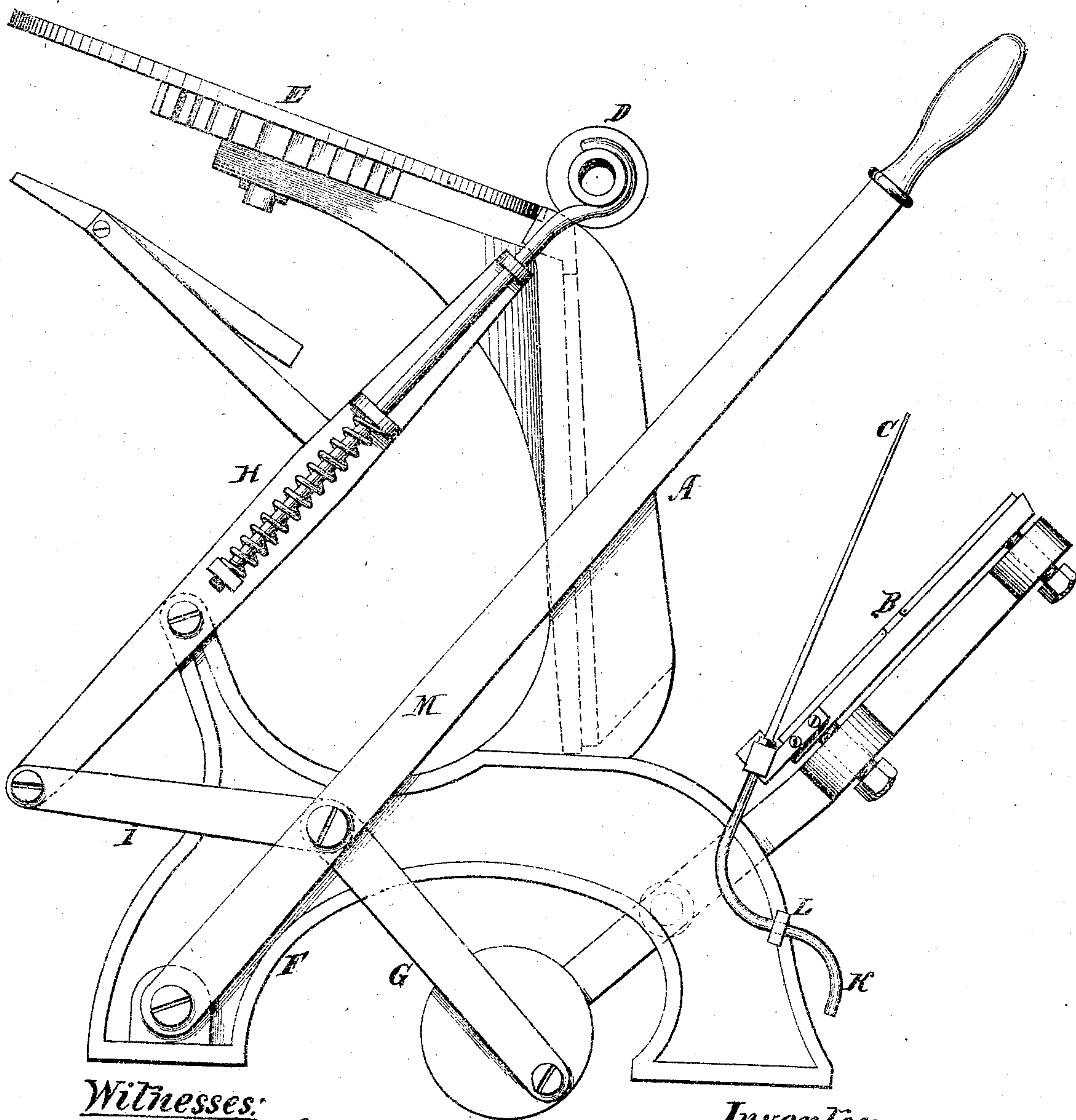


W^m L. Balch's
Imp^d Printing Press.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PRINTING-PRESSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. BALCH, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Printing-Press, of which the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

The present invention relates to a press for printing cards and paper sheets, and designed principally for the use of amateur printers; the object of the invention being to accomplish the inking of the types and the printing of the sheet in a simpler and more complete manner than is done by any press of a similar class.

The accompanying drawing is a side elevation of my press, in which A represents the type-bed, which is inclined backward to prevent the types from falling out of place; B, the platen, on which the sheet to be printed is placed; C, the grippers, by which the sheet is held in position while being printed; D, the inking-roller; and E the rotating table, on which the ink is spread.

The pressure necessary to effect the printing of the sheet is applied to the frame of the platen B, at a point below and to the rear of its turning point, by means of the compound lever F G, which is operated by a handle or treadle, as may be desired, the handle-form being shown in my drawing. The inking of the type is accomplished by the passage of the inking-roller over the ink-table and then over the face of the form, motion being given to the frame H carrying the roller through the arm I, which so connects the frame H with the impression-lever F G as to cause the inking-roller D to pass over the face of the type at the proper time. The sheet is held firmly to the platen B while being printed by the grippers C, whose action is controlled by the curved rod K passing through a socket, L, affixed to the frame of the press, and bent to such a form as to cause the grippers to grasp and relieve the sheet at the proper moment.

I claim as my invention—

Actuating both the platen and the ink-roller frame from lever M by means of links I G, combined substantially in the manner described.

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