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Indicators for Railroad-Cars.

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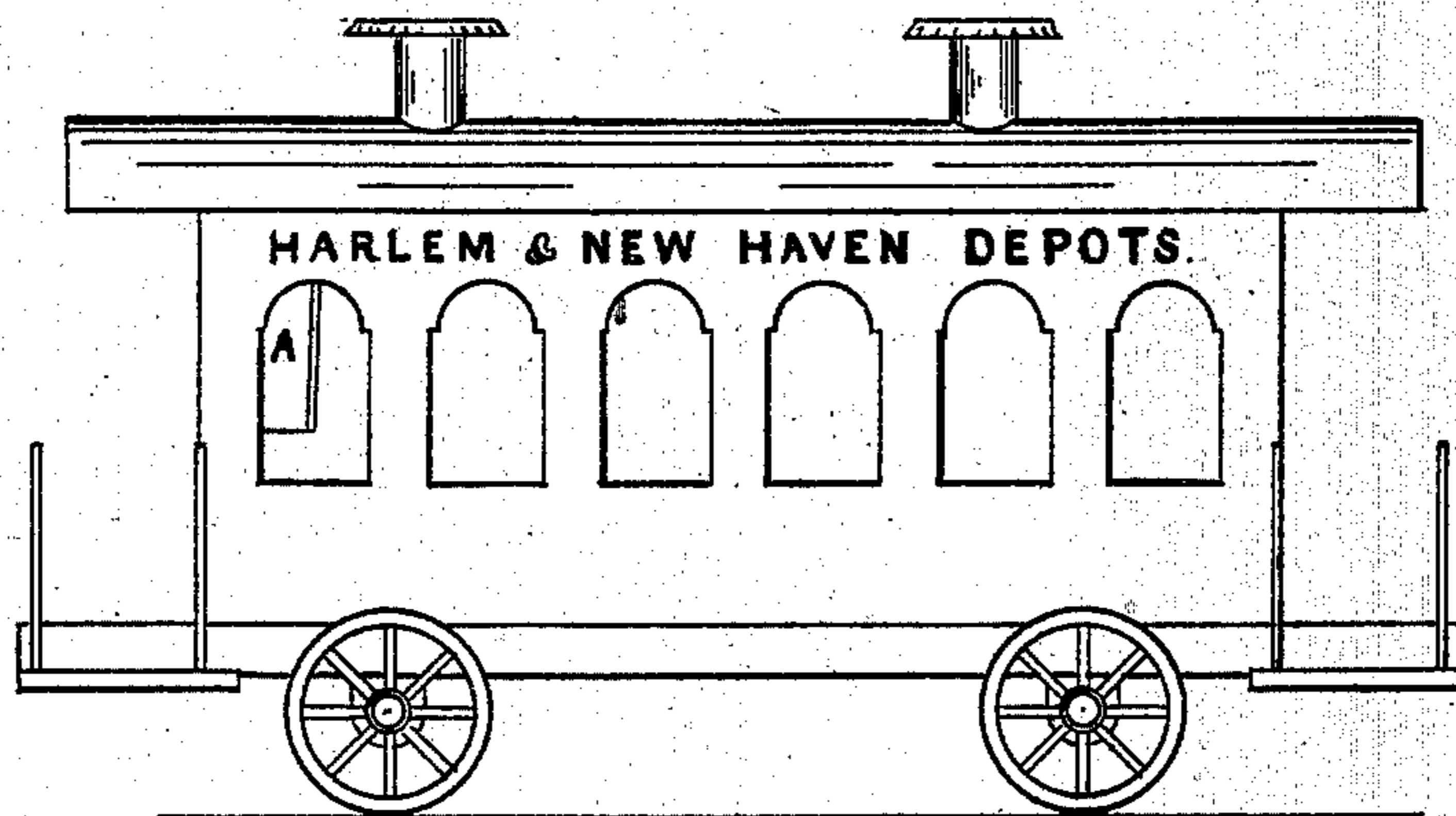


Fig. 1.

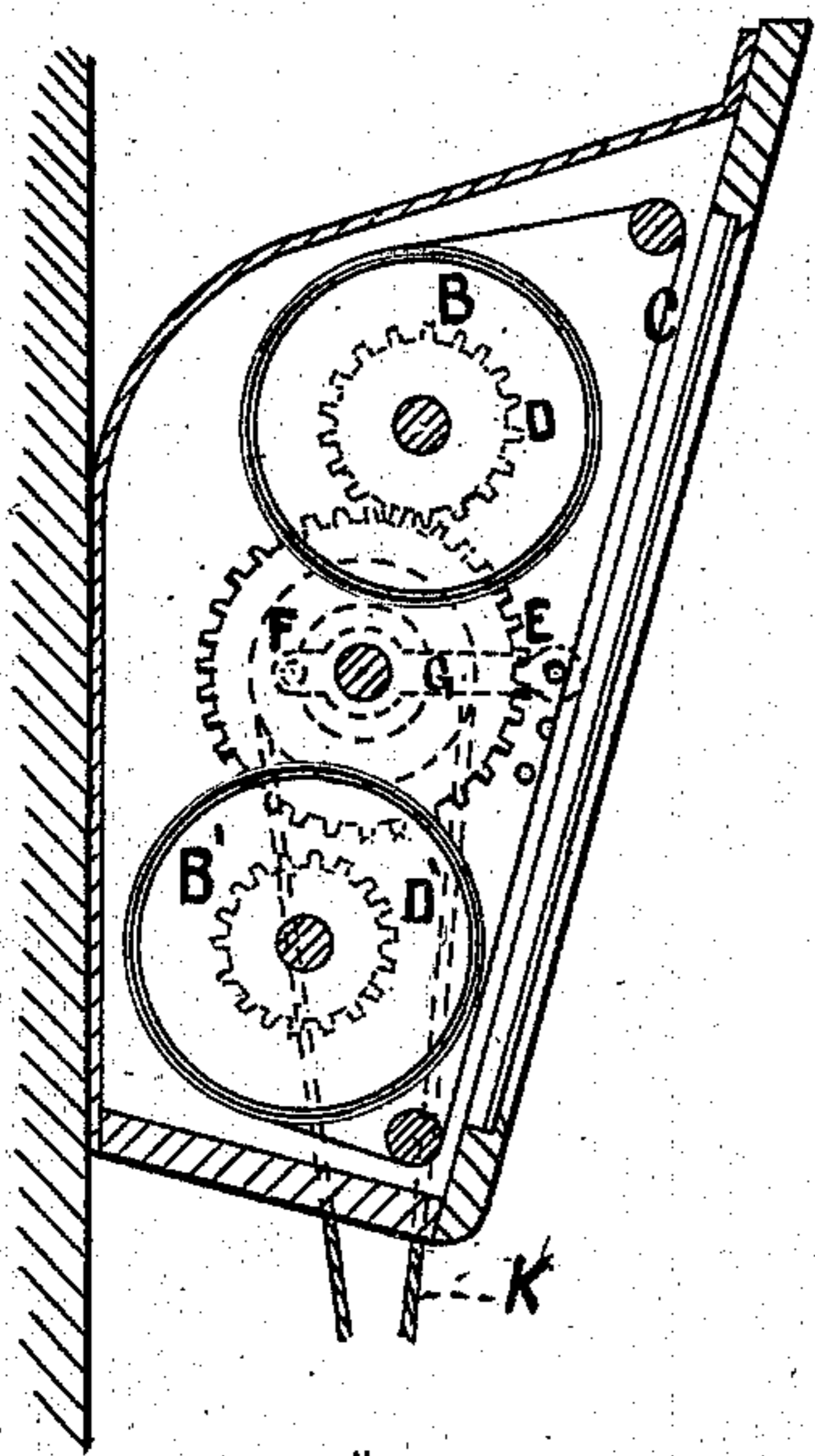


Fig. 2.

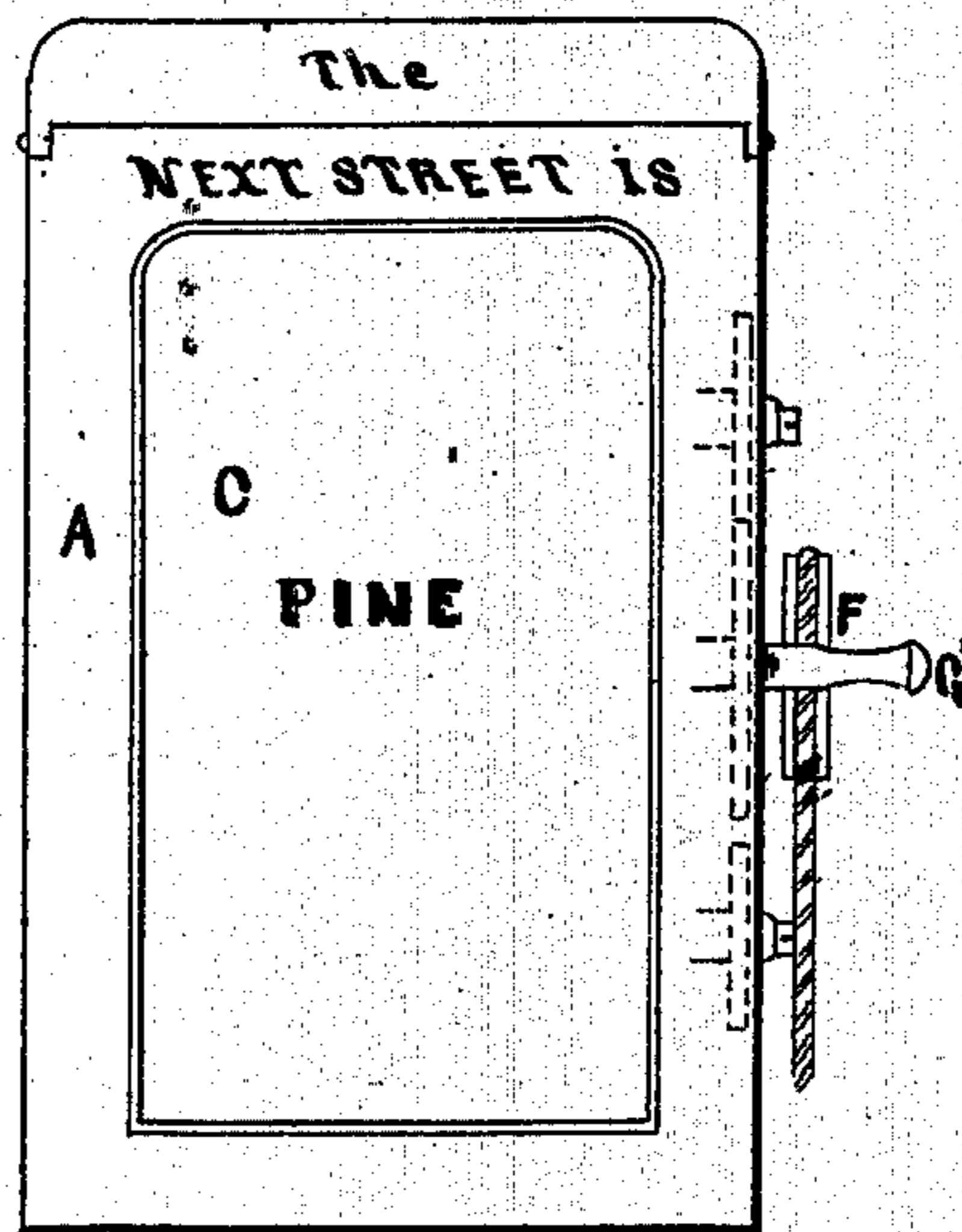


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN INDICATORS FOR RAILROAD CARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. COFFIN, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Automatic Street-Indicator for Railroad Cars, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in the peculiar construction and organization of a device for automatically indicating the street or station that a railroad car has arrived at, the exact nature of which may be best understood by reference to the drawing and specification.

Figure 1 is an elevation of an ordinary street-car. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, showing the indicator device. Fig. 3 is an elevation, showing the displaying card or belt.

Let A represent the indicator-case. B and B', Fig. 2, are two drums, about which the show or displaying card C is wound. Upon this card C is written the name of the street, in the case it is used in the horse-car, and of the station, when it is used in a steam-car. The drums B and B' are driven by the gears D D', which, in turn, are driven alternately by the gears E. The gear E has upon its shaft

a pulley, F, which is connected by a belt with the pulley H, the pulley H being driven by the car-axle P, acting through the worm-gears N M and the shaft L. The gear E is so hung that, by moving the lever G by the handle G', Fig. 3, it may mesh with either D or D'. In one case the show-card belt C will run in one direction, and in the other in the opposite direction.

From the above it may be seen that the show-card belt C will move with a proportional velocity in relation to the velocity of the car, so that the name on the belt C will be displayed at proper intervals.

I am aware that similar devices have been used before, and I do not claim the broad invention.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the worm-gear N M, shaft L, and pulley H with the belt K, shifting-gear E, drums B and B', and show or display belt C, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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