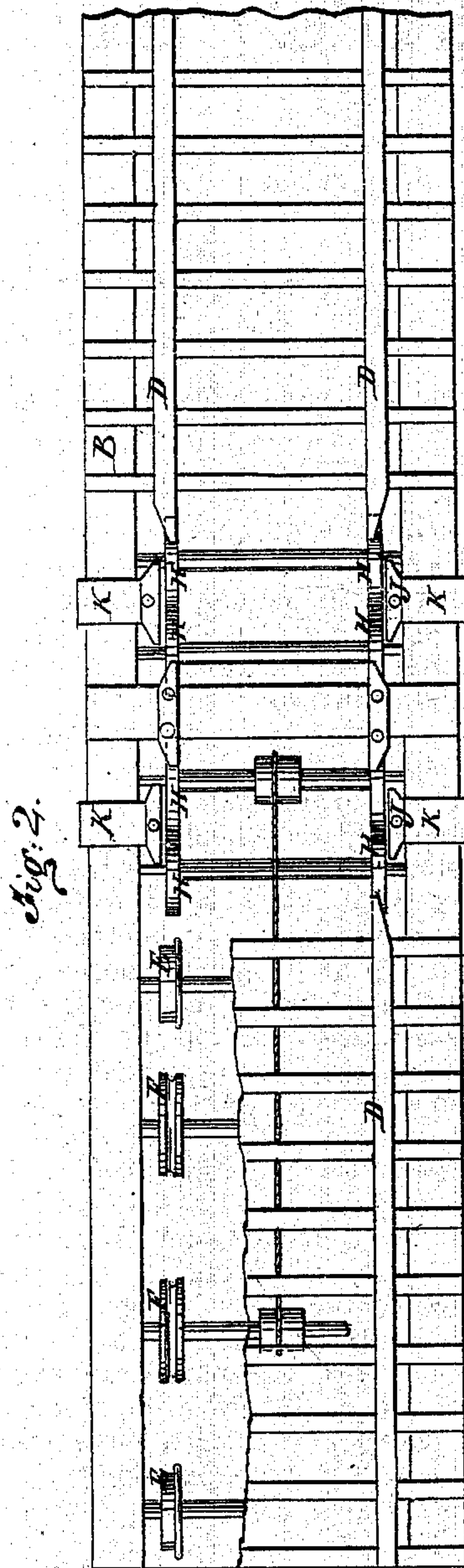
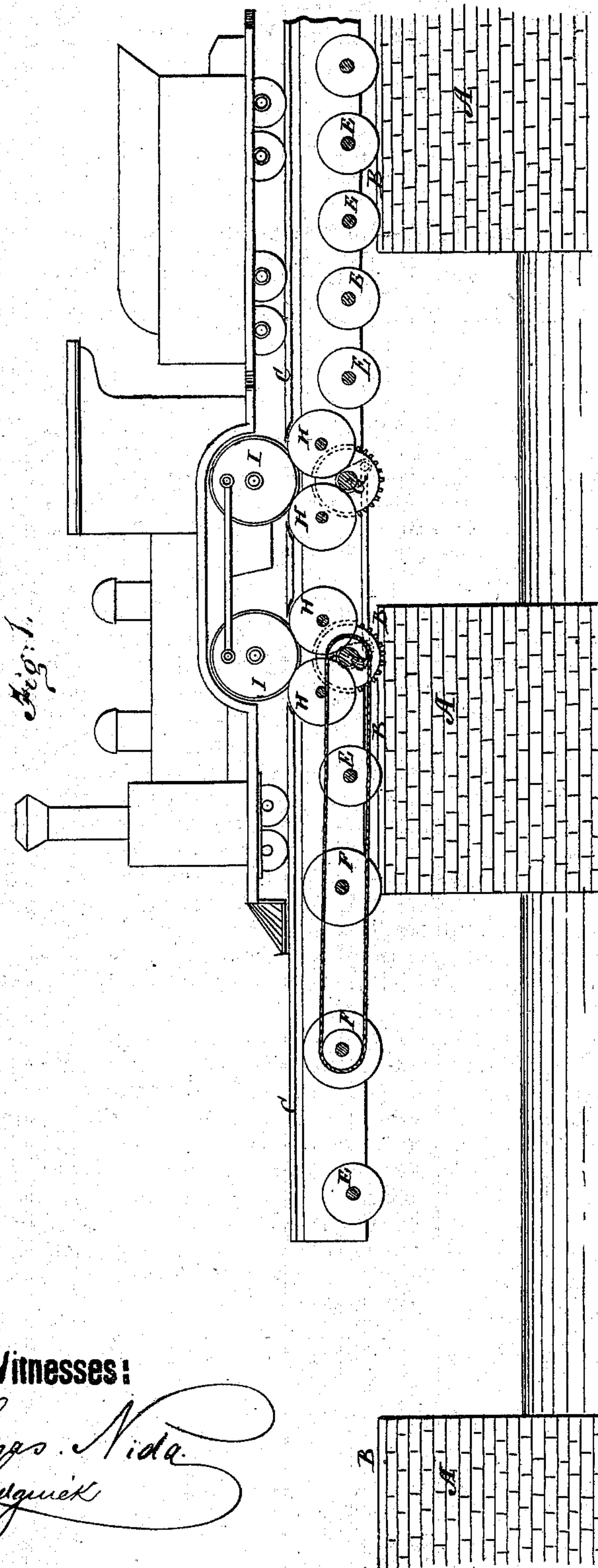


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IMPROVEMENT IN LOCOMOTIVE DRAW-BRIDGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE SICKLESTEEL, of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Railroad-Bridge, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a strong frame, about as long as two spaces and two abutments of an ordinary bridge, or longer, if desired, mounted on wheels, and the wheels so arranged and connected together that the locomotive being run onto the bridge, and rested with each of its driving-wheels on two wheels of the bridge and set in motion, its wheels will set the wheels of the bridge in motion, and cause it to cross on the abutments, the bridge always being supported by two of the abutments, or more if made longer, so as to prevent it from tilting down between them. Thus I provide a movable bridge, which itself crosses with the cars, and leaves the spaces between the abutments free for the passage of vessels. The said bridge is intended to take the place of the draw-bridges now used for navigable streams, and is calculated to save much time, both to the cars and vessels.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bridge such as I propose for carrying a locomotive across a stream, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the bridge.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the abutments or piers, which have rails B on the top, but no permanent structure like other bridges. C represents a long structure of iron, or iron and wood, adapted to support a locomotive and some

cars upon rail D, adapted for the said locomotive and cars to run on from the railway-track. E represents numerous wheels placed at suitable distances apart along the frame on which it rolls on the rails B. F represents other wheels, which also run on the rails B, and, besides, are geared, by endless wire ropes or other suitable means, with wheels on the drivers G, which gear with the axles of wheels H, on which the locomotive drive-wheels I rest, as represented in the drawing, to turn thus, and thereby set the bridge in motion, the locomotive-wheels being turned in the usual way by the locomotive itself. J represents short pieces of rails arranged on pieces K, which, in practice, are to be arranged to slide over the wheels H immediately after the locomotive-wheels pass off from them, so that the tender and car wheels will pass over without dropping into the cavities between said wheels H.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A movable railway-bridge on wheels, and extending across two or more abutments and spaces, the wheels of said bridge being adapted and arranged to be set in motion by the locomotive-wheels, and move the bridge across the abutments, in the manner described.

2. The combination of the laterally-adjusting rail-sections J K with the bridge and the wheels H, substantially as specified.

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