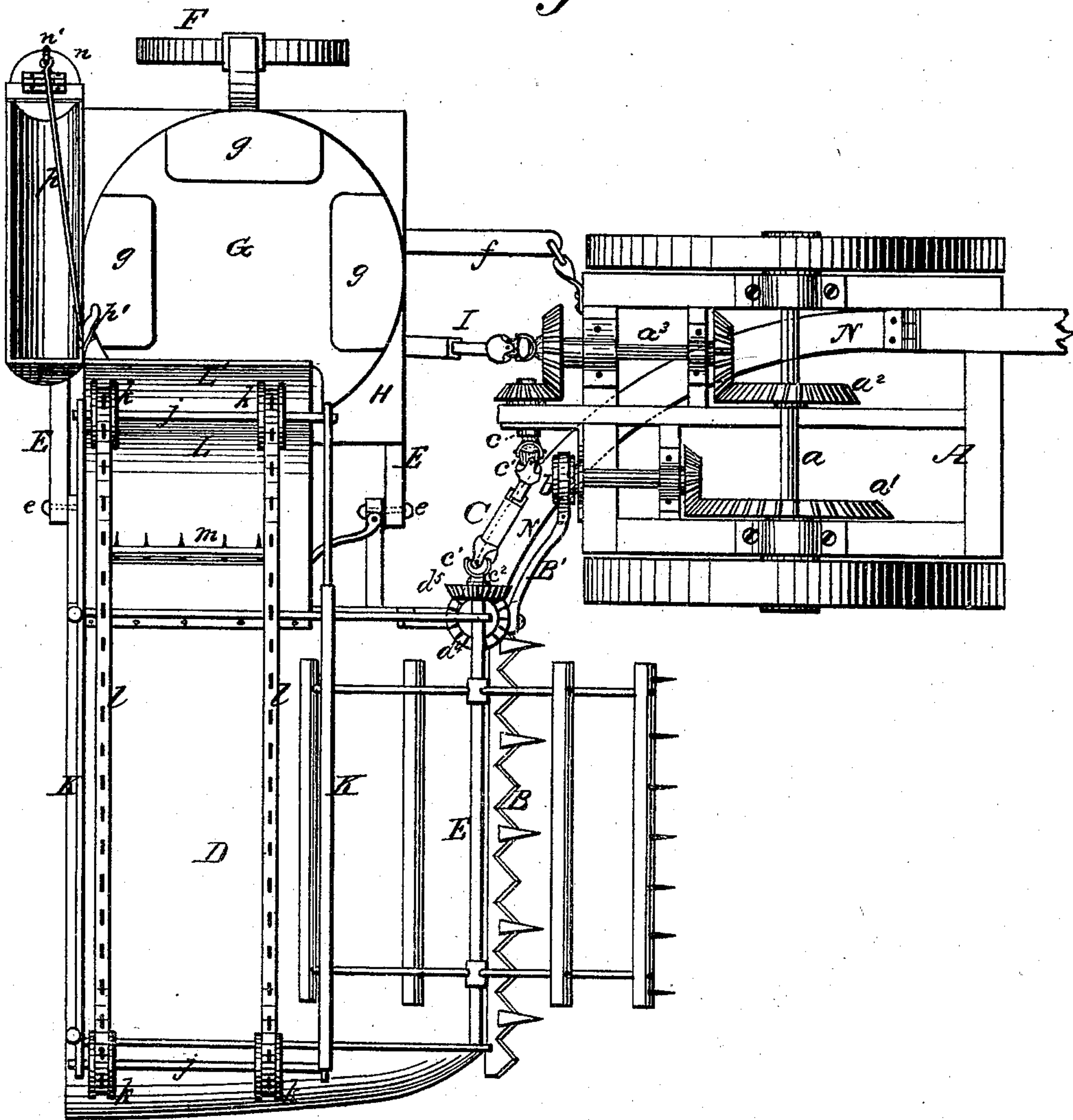


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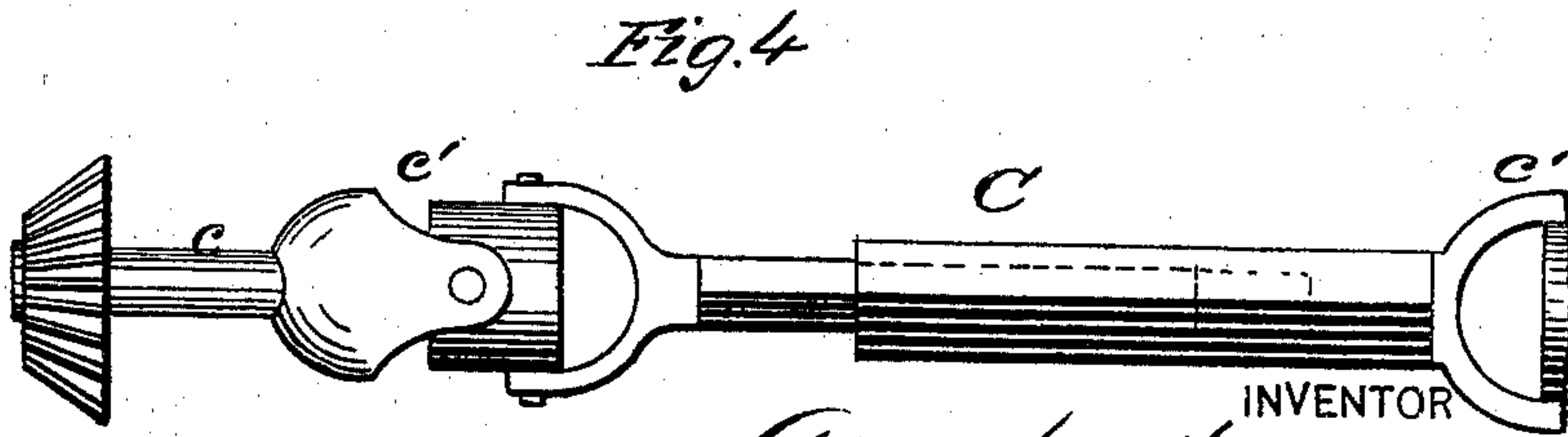
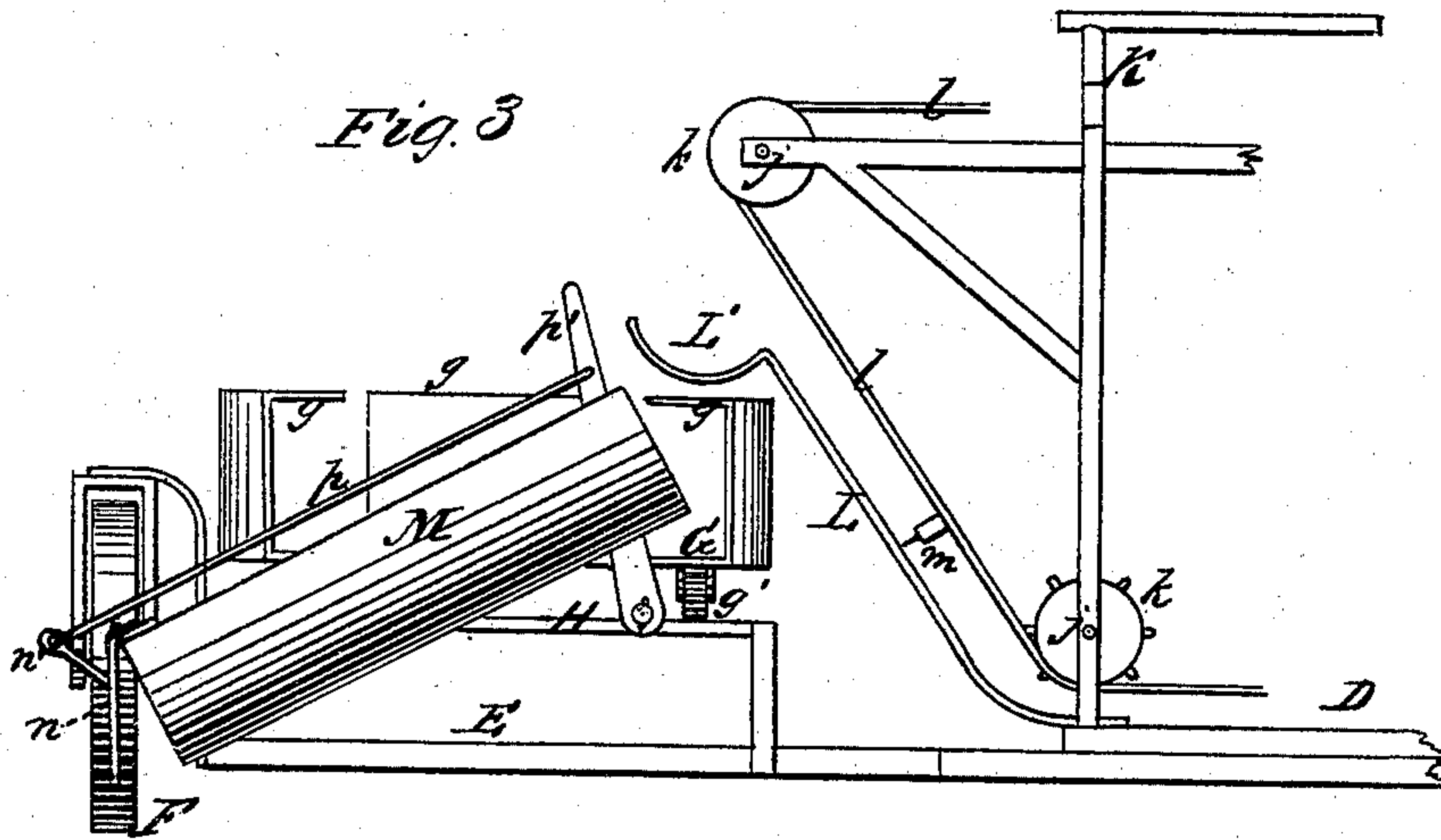
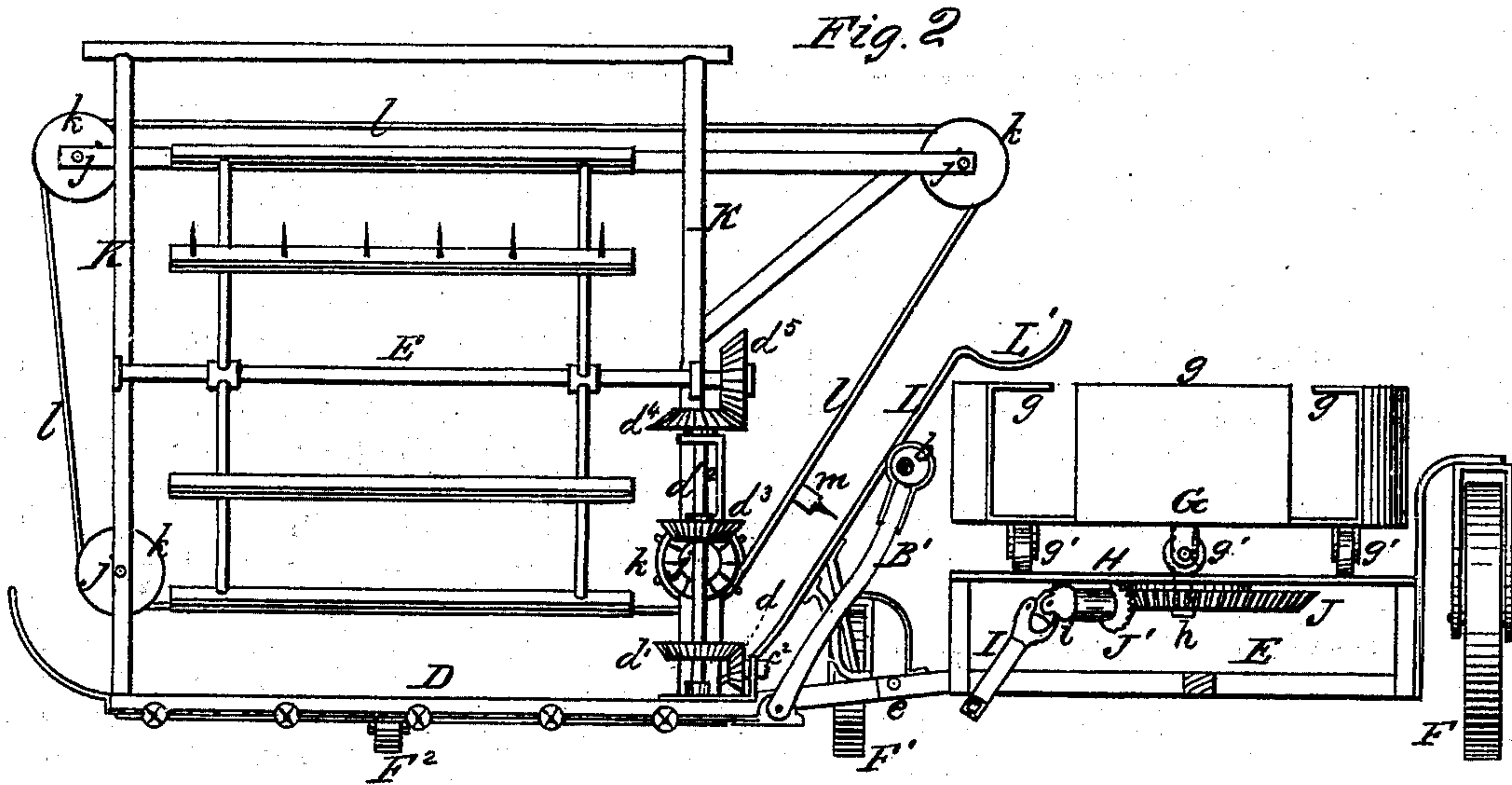
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS WILLARD, of Spirit Lake, in the county of Dickinson and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Self-Raking Attachments for Reapers and Harvesters; 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 drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a plan view of a reaper having my binding attachment. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views of the same.

This invention has relation to reaping-machines having binding attachments applied to them; and it mainly consists in a revolving binders' station, arranged in rear of the draft-frame, and flexibly connected to this frame, and also to the grain-platform. It also consists in certain novel mechanism for actuating the said binders' station, the gavel-carrier, and the reel, when the binders' station is arranged in rear of the draft-frame, and is flexibly connected to it and to the grain-platform. It further consists in an inclined bundle receiver and discharger combined with a revolving binders' station, as will be hereinafter explained.

The following is a description of my improvements:

In the annexed drawings, A designates the draft-frame, which is sustained by two transporting-wheels, that are keyed on an axle, a , on which axle two bevel spur-wheels, a^1 a^2 , are also keyed. The wheel a^1 gives rotation to a shaft carrying an eccentric, b , on its rear end, which eccentric gives a reciprocating motion to the sickle B by means of a pitman-rod, B'. The wheel a^2 gives rotation to a short shaft, c , to which one end of an extensible shaft, C, is connected by means of a universal coupling-joint, c' . The other end of this shaft C is connected, by a similar coupling-joint, c' , to a short shaft, C^2 , which has its bearing on the front left-hand corner of the grain-platform D. Shaft C^2 carries a small bevel-wheel, d , which engages with a larger wheel, d^1 , on a vertical shaft, d^2 . This vertical shaft d^2 has two bevel-wheels, d^3 d^4 , keyed on it above the wheel d^1 , the upper

one, d^4 , of which wheels engages with a wheel, d^5 , on a reel-shaft, E, one of the reel-bars of which is armed with teeth for raking back the cut grain. The extensible shaft C and its joints will allow the platform D to articulate freely and accommodate itself to the undulations of the ground. The platform D is flexibly connected to the front left-hand corner of the main draft-frame A by means of a curved brace, N, which is hinged at its front end to said frame, and at its rear end to the front left-hand corner of the platform. This platform D is also connected to a frame, E, by means of hinges or pivots at e , which frame is arranged behind the draft-frame A, and connected to it by means of a suspension draw-bar, f . Frame E is mounted on two wheels, F F^1 , applied at its ends, and arranged in line with a wheel, F^2 , on which the platform D is supported. G designates a circular binders' stand, which is constructed with elevated binders' tables, g , and mounted on rollers g' , which travel on a bed, H, raised above the frame E, and supported upon it. The binders' stand or station G has a vertical shaft, h , centrally fixed to it, which shaft passes through the bed H, and has a large bevel spur-wheel, J, keyed on it beneath this bed. Wheel J engages with a pinion, J' , on a short shaft, i , which shaft is supported in a bearing fixed to the bottom of the bed H, and shown in Fig. 3. The front end of shaft i is connected to the rear end of shaft a^3 , on draft-frame A, by means of an extensible shaft, I, and universal joints, in the same manner the shaft C is connected to the shaft C^2 on the platform. It will thus be seen that the binders' carriage is free to articulate and accommodate itself to the undulations of the ground, independent of the draft-frame and the platform D. I erect on the platform D a frame-work, K, which affords bearings for four horizontal shafts, j , on which sprocket-wheels k are keyed in pairs. Around the wheels k are applied rag-chains l l , to which a rake, m , is secured. The chains and their wheels are so arranged that the rake m , in its revolution, will carry the grain in proper quantities to form a gavel from the platform D, then elevate it up an inclined plane, L, fixed to the delivery side of the platform, and deposit it into a concave gavel-receiver, L', which is arranged in close

relation to the binders' tables as they revolve beneath it. The binders can thus conveniently remove the gavels from the receiver L' , place these gavels upon their tables, then bind them, after which the gavels are deposited into an inclined trough, M , which is fixed to the rear end of the binders' carriage, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The lower end of this inclined trough M is provided with a hinged gate, n , which opens outwardly, and to which a short arm, n' , is fixed. This arm n' is connected, by a rod, p , to a hand-lever, p' , which latter is pivoted to the binders' carriage in a convenient position to the binders as they revolve. By means of this gavel-trough the grain can be delivered upon the ground out of the way of the team in succeeding rounds, and there will be no liability of scattering the grain.

What I claim as new is—

1. The combination, with a revolving binders' stand, its supporting-carriage, and a draft-carriage, of the main gear J , drive-shaft a^3 , and flexible extension-coupling I , substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with the binders' carriage, grain-platform carriage, and draft-carriage, of the flexible couplings f , N , and e , and the extensible shafts I C , for transmitting drive-motion, substantially as specified.

3. The draft-frame, binders' carriage, and grain-platform, flexibly connected together, in combination with the revolving rake m , inclined plane L , and gavel-receiver L' , substantially as described.

4. The combination, with a rotating binders' stand and its carriage, of the inclined gavel-trough, rigidly attached to said carriage, its hinged gate, connecting-rod, and operating-lever, extending above the binders' stand, substantially as specified.

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

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