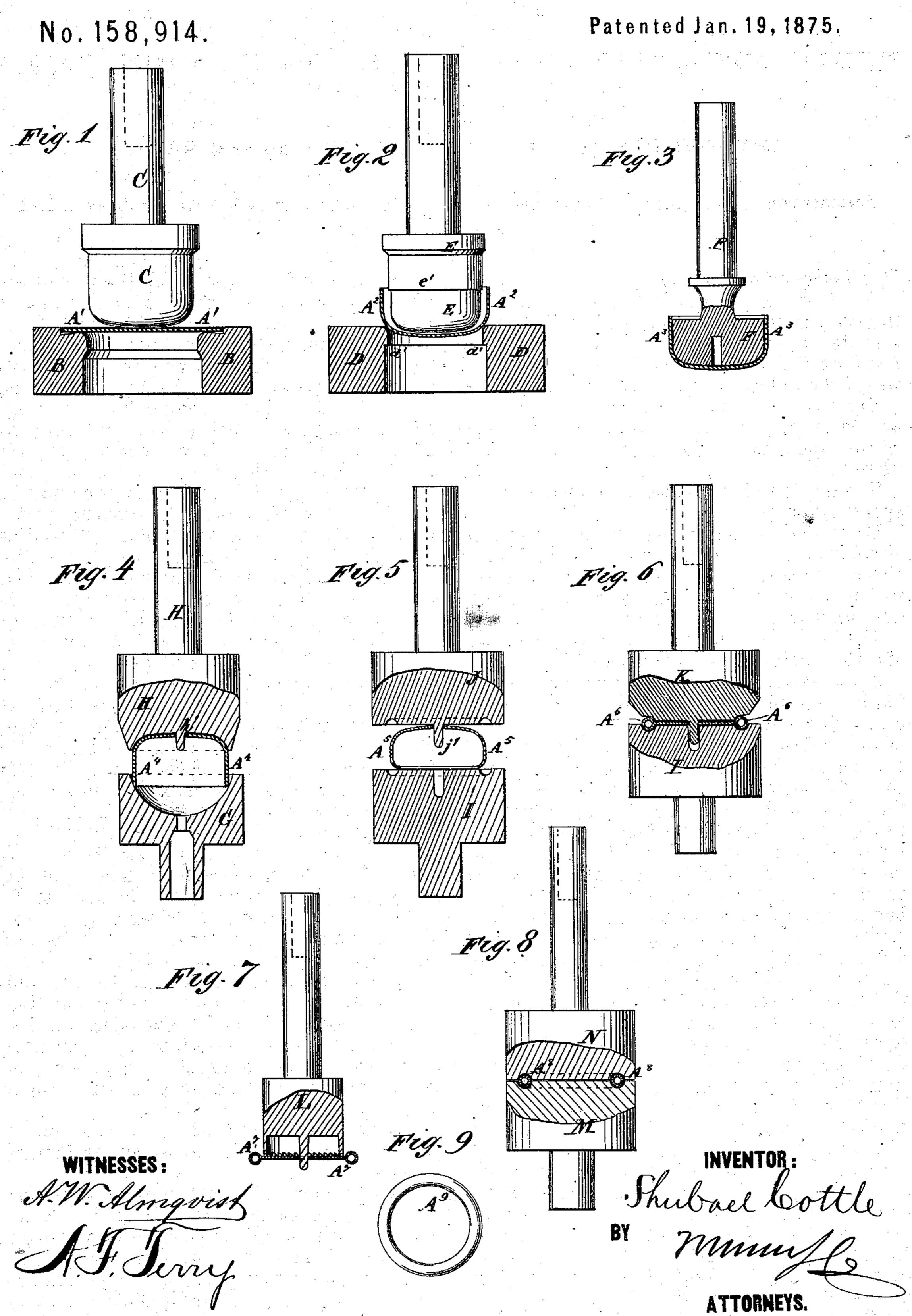
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IMPROVEMENT IN DIES FOR MAKING HOLLOW RINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SHUBAEL COTTLE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Forming Circular and Oval Hollow Rings, of which the following is a specification:

Figures 1 to 8, inclusive, represent the dies and tools for performing the successive steps of the operation. Fig. 9 represents a completed ring.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

sponding parts.

My invention has for its object to produce circular and oval hollow rings from a disk of sheet metal, and without any cross-seam, for use in manufacturing chains, buttons, studs, and other articles of jewelry.

The invention will first be fully described,

and then pointed out in the claim.

A represents a circular gold plate, which fits into a rabbet or recess in the face of the die B, and which is forced through the cavity of the said die B by the die C, bringing it into cup shape. The lower part of the cavity of the die B is enlarged, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the blank may readily drop through it as the die C is withdrawn. The cup shaped blank A², as it comes from the dies B C, is placed upon the die D, through the cavity of which it is forced by the die E. The die E has a shoulder, e', formed upon it, of the same thickness as the gold plate being operated upon, and which cuts or pinches off the upper part of the cup-shaped blank A² against the sides of the die D as the said blank is forced through. The lower part of the cavity of the die D is enlarged, forming a shoulder, d', which acts as a stop to push the blank A^3 from the die E as the said die is withdrawn. The blank A³, as it comes from the second operation, is placed upon the holder F, upon which it fits snugly, and its upper edge is turned off, the said holder serving as a gage, and a hole is then drilled in the center of the said blank. The blank A4 is removed from the holder F, and is placed upon its edge in the cup-shaped cavity of the die G, and is operated upon by the die H, the face of which is concaved to fit upon the convex side of the blank A4, and is provided with a center-pin, h', to enter the hole in said blank and hold it in position while being operated upon. This operation bends the edge of the blank A⁴ inward, producing the blank A⁵. The blank A⁵

is placed edge downward upon the face of the die I, which has a semi-cylindrical ring-groove formed in it, of such a diameter that the blank A⁵ may rest upon the face of the said die I upon the inner side of the said groove. The blank A⁵ is then operated upon by the die J. The face of the die J has a semi-cylindrical ringgroove formed in it, of the same diameter as the groove of the die I, and concentric with it. The face of the die J is also provided with a center-pin, j', which enters the hole in the blank A5, and thus holds it exactly in position while being operated upon by the dies IJ. The effect of the dies IJ is to roll the edge of the blank A⁵ inward and force down the convex body of the blank, forming a tubular ring around the said edge, and producing the blank A⁶. The die J is then removed, and the blank A6, while still upon the die I, is operated upon by the die K, the face of which is so formed as to fit into the blank A⁶ and bring its tubular edge to a sharp angle with its flat center, forming the blank A7. The blank A⁷ is then operated upon by the tool L, which operates as a crown-saw and cuts out the flat center of the blank A7, leaving the blank in the form of a tubular ring, A⁸. The tubular ring A⁸ is then placed in a semi-cylindrical ring-groove in the face of the die M, and is operated upon by the die N, which has a corresponding semi-cylindrical ring-groove formed in its face. The effect of this operation is to true the ring A⁸ by reducing any imperfections there may be in it, and thus produce a perfect hollow or tubular ring without any cross-seam. The dies, blanks, and ring have been described and shown in the drawing as being circular; but oblong or oval rings may be formed by giving the proper shape to the dies.

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

The combination of the dies, holder, and cutting tool B C, D E, F, G H, I J, I K, L, and M N, constructed as described, and operated successively, and in connection with each other, for forming tubular rings without cross-seams from flat metallic disks, substantially as herein shown and described.

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