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Revolving Sample-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

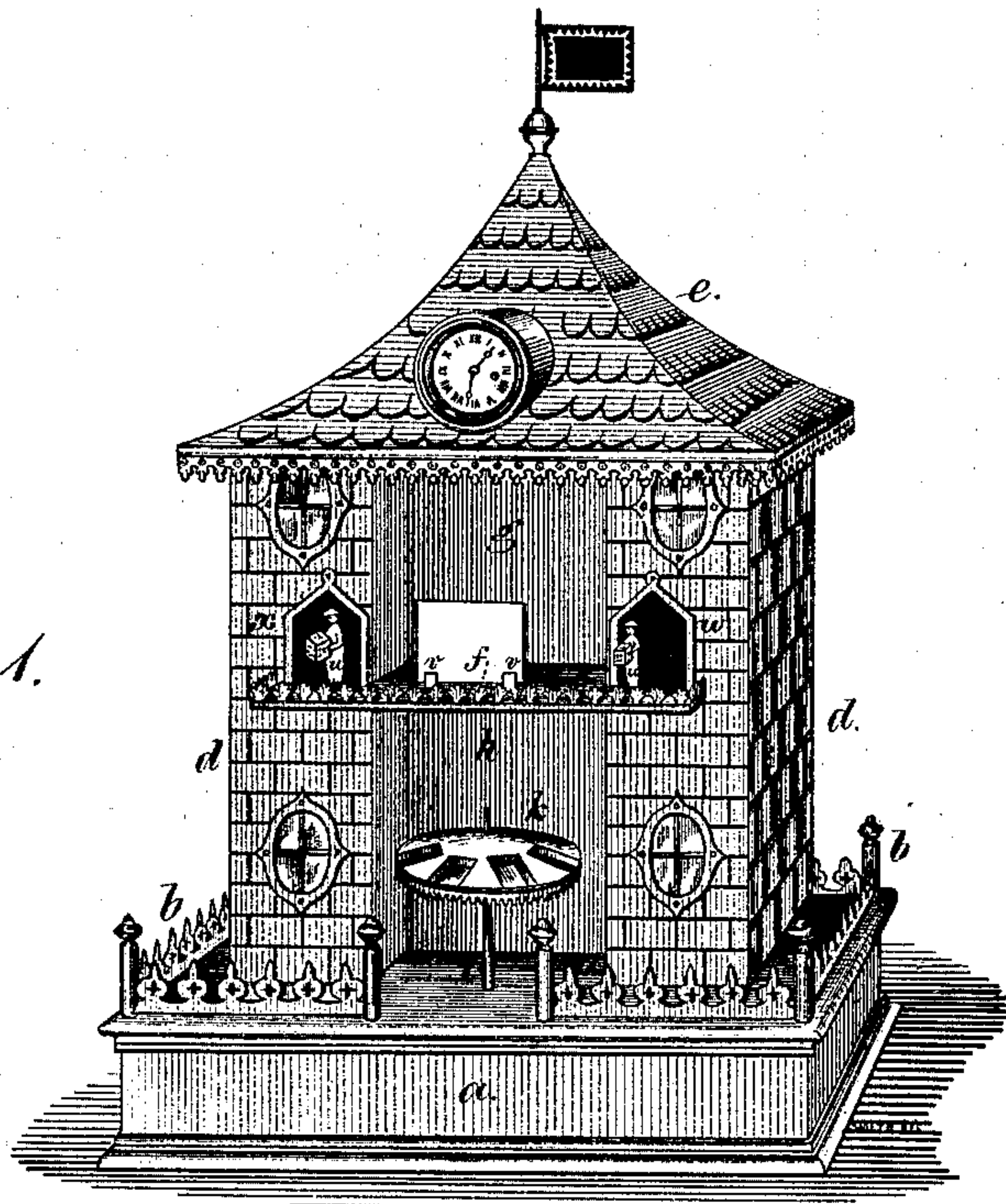
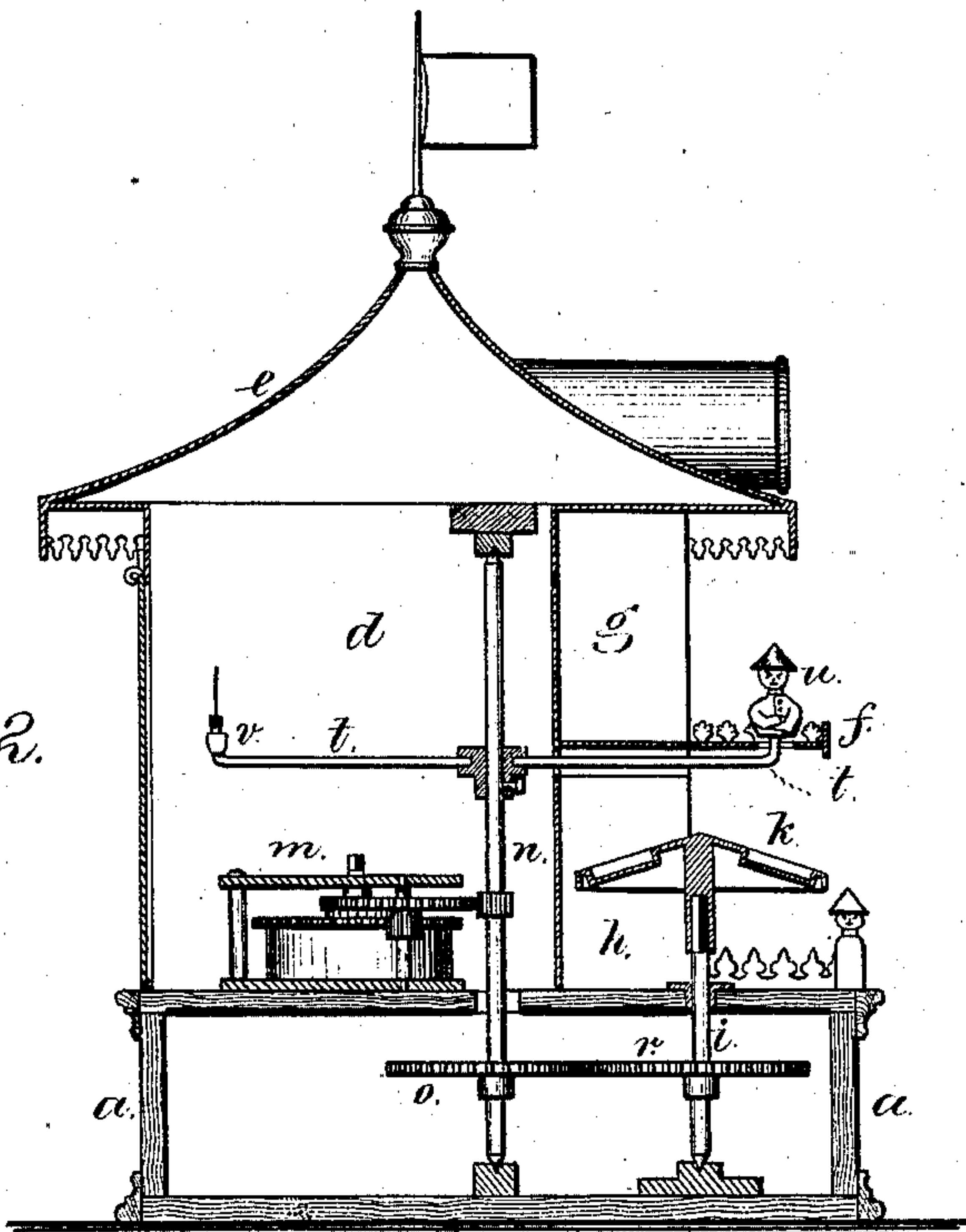


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN REVOLVING SAMPLE-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. PREATER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improved Revolving Sample-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

This holder is adapted to samples of tea, coffee, sugar, spices, &c., and it is revolved so as to present the articles in succession, and the holder is within a structure representing a pagoda, with a gallery and figures that are moved from one side to the other, together with clips for holding cards, price-labels, &c., the whole article being adapted to attract attention to the business conducted in the store where such sample-holder is exhibited.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire structure, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

A base of suitable size, and preferably square, is provided, as at *a*, and the edges are surmounted by a railing, *b*. Above the base there is an imitation building, resembling a pagoda. This structure has the sides *d*, roof *e*, gallery *f*, recess *g* behind the gallery, and recess *h* below the gallery, and in which latter recess there is the conical sample-holder *k*, made as a tray with divisions, so that in the separate open boxes thus formed there may be introduced samples of tea, coffee, and other materials. This holder *k* is upon the vertical shaft *i*, set in bearings in the base *a*, and revolved by a train of gearing or clock-

work, (shown at *m*,) that rotates the vertical shaft *n*, and to which a gear-wheel, *o*, is attached, that drives the gear-wheel *r* of the shaft *i*, to turn the sample-holder *k*, as before set forth.

The vertical shaft *n* is provided with arms *t*, extending horizontally at or about the level of the gallery *f*, and these arms are more or less numerous, according to the size of the apparatus, and their outer ends are turned upward to receive the images *u* or clips *v*. These images usually represent Chinese men carrying tea-chests or other articles, and as the apparatus revolves these images pass out at the doorway *w* at one side, move across the gallery, and enter the door *x* at the other side. The clips *v* are made as spring-fingers for holding a card or price-slip or names, and these may alternate with the figures.

I claim as my invention—

The revolving sample-holder *k*, sustained upon a vertical shaft, *i*, and placed in a recess in the structure representing a pagoda, in combination with the shaft *n*, provided with arms *t*, having figures *u* attached thereto, which are operated as set forth.

Signed by me this 2d day of June, A. D. 1875.

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