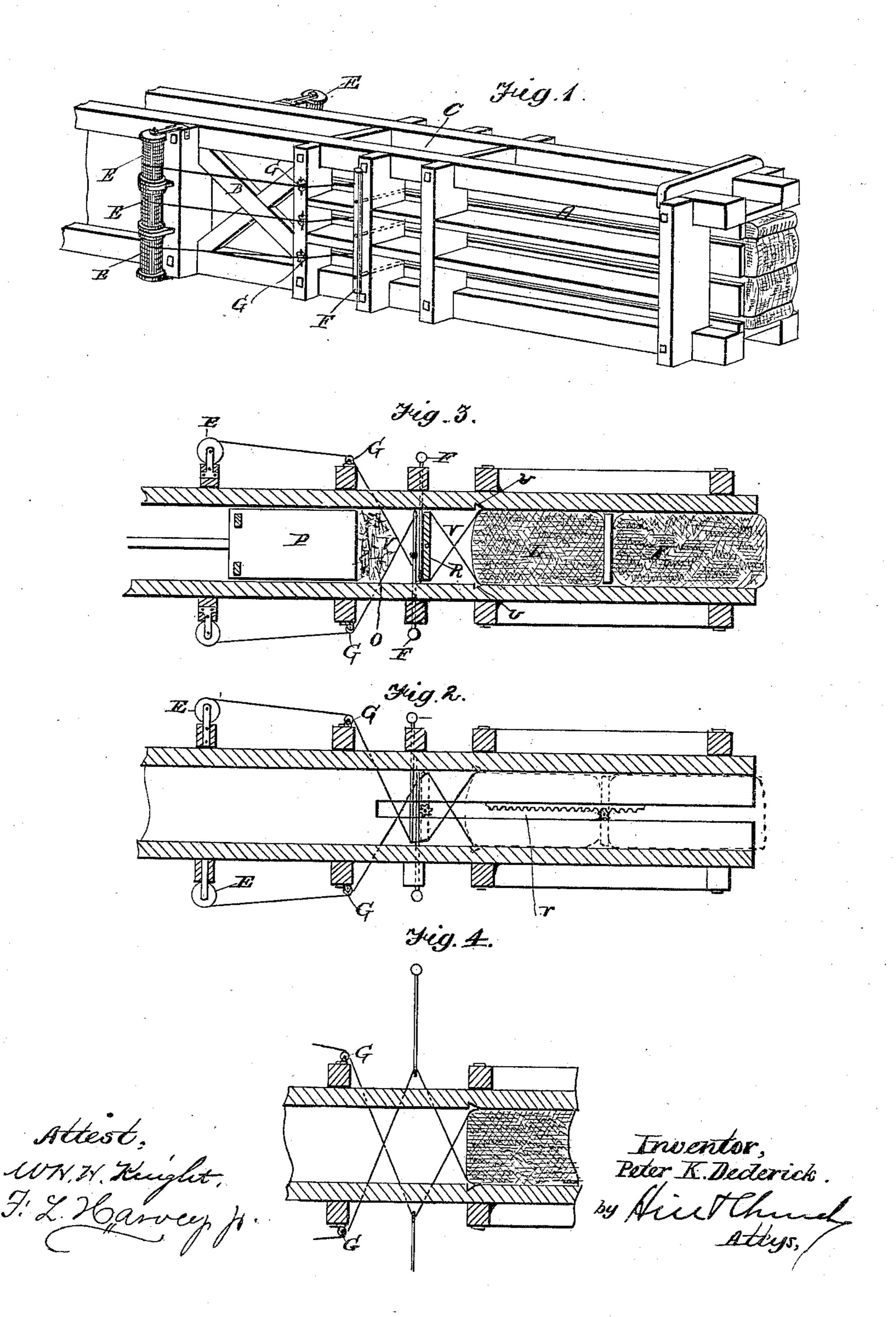
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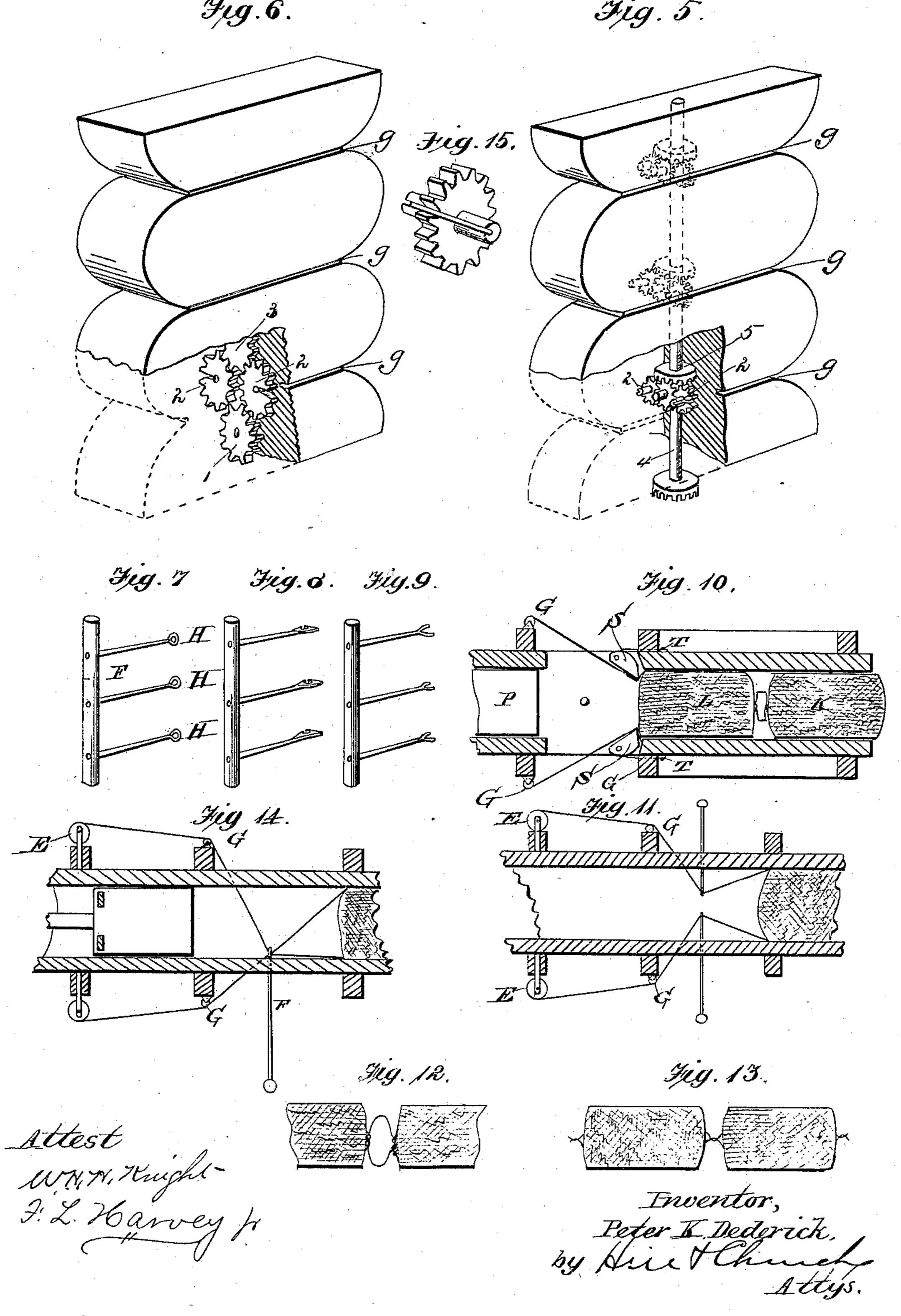


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER K. DEDERICK, of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful 5 Improvements in Baling-Presses; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a press, showing the application of my improvements. Figs. 2 and 3 are horizontal sectional views taken longitudinally through the press, and showing the position of the band-15 applying devices at different stages. Figs. 4, 11, and 14 are similar views of the press, showing the manner of manipulating the bands by modified forms of instrument. Figs. 5 and 6 represent the partitions that separate the 20 bales. Figs. 7, 8, and 9 represent different forms of instrument for passing the bands through the press. Fig. 10 is a horizontal section of a press in which hinged retainers are employed, and showing a finished and 25 completely-tied bale and a forming bale. Figs. 12 and 13 represent the wire bands secured. Fig. 15 is a view of the wire-twisting wheel detached.

Similar letters of reference in the several

30 figures indicate the same parts.

This invention relates to that class of balingpresses for which Letters Patent of the United States were granted to me October 29, 1872, No. 132,566 and No. 132,639, and for which 35 various other Letters Patent have been since granted me for improvements on the same, particularly No. 212,227, February 11, 1879, and No. 213,280, March 18, 1879.

This invention consists in an improved meth-40 od of and means for applying and tying the bale-bands automatically, and which I will

now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, A represents the balechamber of the press; B, the press-box; C, 45 the feed-orifice, and P the traverser.

The frame of the press may be constructed as shown or in any other suitable manner.

E E represent coils or spools of wire, as many in number on each side of the press as 50 there are tie-slots in the bale-chamber or bands to be used on a bale. Each set of spools is I terial about to be pressed forward by the trav-

mounted on a vertical shaft at the side of the press, and between the spools of each set are arranged stationary plates or supports, while a nut is provided at the top of the shaft for 55 the purpose of tightening or loosening the spools to produce more or less resistance to the withdrawal of the wire band material from them.

In Figs. 7, 8, and 9 are represented differ 60 ent forms of the instrument for passing the wires through the press, one from each side, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 11. The form of instrument shown in Fig. 7 consists of a head, F, from which project a number of arms 65 or needles, having eyes H at their outer ends or points, the number of needles corresponding to the number of slots in the sides of the press and the number of bands to be applied to the bale. The wire is drawn from the spools 70 and passed through the eyes of the needles of two instruments, one on each side of the press, and theneedles are then run through the press from opposite sides, as will be presently explained.

Small anti-friction rollers may be inserted in the eyes of the needles, if preferred, to reduce the friction, but a smooth steel eye will

be found sufficiently durable.

Instead of forming an eye on the points of 80 the instrument, the points may be bifurcated, as shown in Fig. 9, or hooks may be formed on the sides of the needles, as shown in Fig. 8, so that the wire can be pulled instead of pushed through the press, as illustrated in Fig. 4; but 85 I preferably employ the needle with the eye in its point, as the wires cannot become detached and displaced. Any other form of needle may be used than those shown, if preferred, it being only essential that they be adapted to pass 90 the wire through the press from opposite sides. The wire, after leaving the spools, may be made to run over anti-friction rollers G, arranged on the sides of the press, and thence through the eyes of the needles, or they may be passed 95 through simple holes or guide eyes in the press sides.

In Fig. 3, L represents a bale just completed, but not fully tied off. K represents a bale that has been previously completed and tied rcc off, while O represents a section of loose ma-

erser P to make up a new and third bale. When the bale Lis completed, and before the traverser makes its next forward movement, the needles F F are passed into the press, as shown in Fig. 5 2, from opposite sides, so as to cross the wires, and the partition R for separating the bales is then passed into the loop formed by the crossing of the wire, as shown in Fig. 3, after which the needles are withdrawn, leaving the partition within the loop and a new portion of the wires in the eyes of the needles. The needles may work in guide-holes or in longitudinal slots in the press, and may move in at right angles to the press or with a sweep in a curve. 15 They also may be pushed in by hand, or they may be connected with the power mechanism of the press in such a manner as to be operated by the same automatically. The friction on the wire-spools E is sufficient to draw the wire 20 tight around the partition R when the needles are withdrawn. During this last-named operation the needles slip along the wire, and after it is accomplished the traverser forces the partition into the bale chamber, where it is re-25 tained by the retainers S, which are normally held projected into the press by springs T behind them, as shown in Fig. 10, or by stationary retaining-shoulders, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 at U. Where the stationary retaining-30 shoulders are employed, however, the partition is not held directly by them, but the section of material behind the partition, which is carried forward with the latter, expands into the space in front of the stationary shoulders, and this 35 holds the said section from backward movement, and the partition in front of it also.

Rollers may be employed at the forward corners of the traverser to reduce the friction of the wires on the traverser; but I ordinarily

40 deem this unnecessary.

The partition may be of a size to fill the cross-section of the chamber or may extend only partly across the width of the chamber, as desired; but in the latter case a little less 45 wire will be consumed. When the partition is forced into the bale-chamber behind the retainers the wires crossed on each side of it, as shown at V V, are drawn tight and enter the grooves g in the partition, as shown in Figs. 5° 5 and 6. It therefore only becomes necessary to twist the wires at or near their points of crossing to effect the secure and permanent binding of the bales. This may be done in the following manner:

The partition may be formed with simple grooves on its sides, while its ends, beside being simply grooved, are beveled or forked, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, to enable the wires to be conducted into the grooves at all times

60 with certainty.

At every groove on each side of the follower there is arranged a slotted wheel, provided with bearings, which are also slotted, as shown in Fig. 15, and the slots of the wheels are so 65 arranged with respect to the groove g in the partition that the wire, when drawn into the

latter, also passes into the said wheel-slots at or near the point of crossing of said wires, and all that is required is to revolve the slotted wheels and the wires will be firmly twisted to 70 gether. This operation may be effected by gearing the wheels all together, as shown in Fig. 6, 1 being a gear which works into a rack, r, in the bottom of the bale-chamber; 22, the slotted wheels or twisters, and 3 an interme- 75 diate gear; or it may be effected by the employment of an upright shaft having bevelgears to drive the twisters, as shown in Fig. 5, 4 being the shaft, 2 and 2 the slotted gears or twisters, and 5 the bevel-wheel which drives 80 an intermediate gear, as shown. The twist in the wire formed by these devices will be such as shown in Fig. 12.

The wires may be secured together in various ways and by a variety of devices, many of 85 which I shall set forth in future applications for patents. They may be drawn through by the hooks represented in Fig. 8, as illustrated in Fig. 4, in which case no partition but the wires is used, and the next bale is commenced 90 against them, after which the wires for each bale may be secured in any suitable manner, either by twisting together or otherwise. The bales are cut apart as they are ejected from

the press.

In Fig. 11 the bights of the wires are brought from each side to the middle without crossing, so that they can be twisted together, as shown in Fig. 13, by devices adapted for the purpose.

Fig. 14 illustrates a mode of making a similar form of fastening; but in this case the wire is brought from one side only, and is secured to a wire running along the other side of the

press.

The partitions themselves may be employed to pass the bight of the wire either from one or both sides of the press, suitable openings being provided in the latter for their passage. In this way the needles may be dispensed with. 110 Where the partitions thus perform the function of passing the wires, and they are themselves automatically operated by the power mechanism of the press, as hereinbefore indicated, a complete automatic band applying 115 and tying device will result.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new is—

1. The herein-described method of binding bales in a continuous baling-press, consisting 120 in forming the bale within a bight of wire extending from in front of the bale along its sides, and then bringing the two wires together in rear of the bale and twisting them by automatic twisting devices, substantially as de- 125 scribed, the whole operation being performed while the bale is on its way through the press, substantially as described.

2. In a continuous baling-press, the combination, with wires adapted to extend along the 130 sides and front of the bale in the bale-chamber, of wire-carriers for bringing the wires together

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at the rear of the bale and automatic twistinggearing for securing said wires together, sub-

stantially as described.

3. In a continuous baling-press, the combi5 nation, with wires adapted to extend along the
front and sides of the bale in the bale-chamber
and fed from reels or spools on opposite sides
of the press, of the wire-carriers for crossing
the wires behind the bale and the follower,
provided with twisting gearing for twisting
the crossed wires, substantially as described.
4. In a continuous baling-press, the combi-

nation, with wires adapted to extend along the front and sides of the bales in the bale-chamber, of the needles for crossing the wires behind the bale, the followers provided with the slotted wheels or twisters, the intermediate connecting-gearing, and the rack in the bale-chamber, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as described.

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