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Fig. 1.

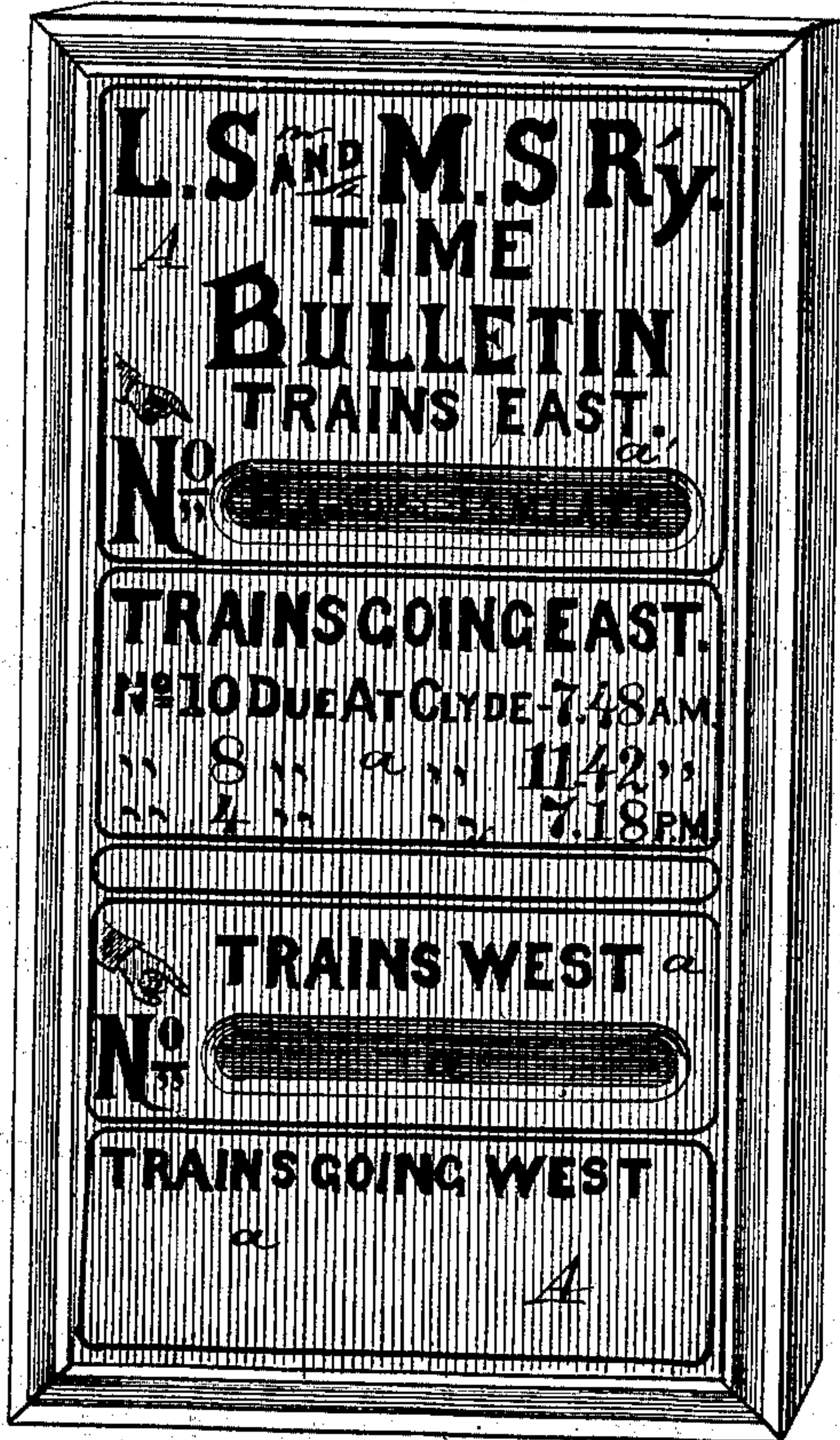


Fig. 2.

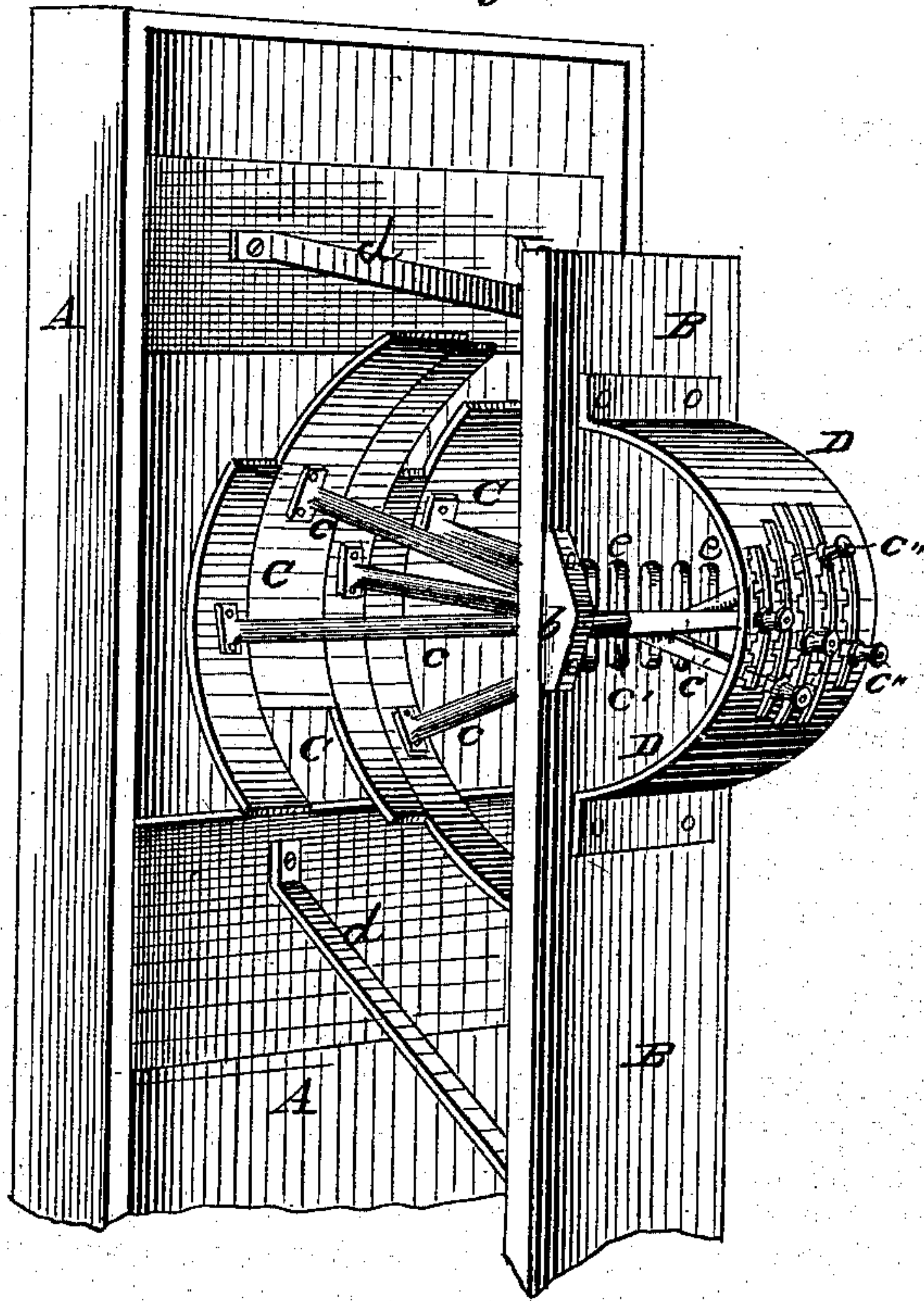
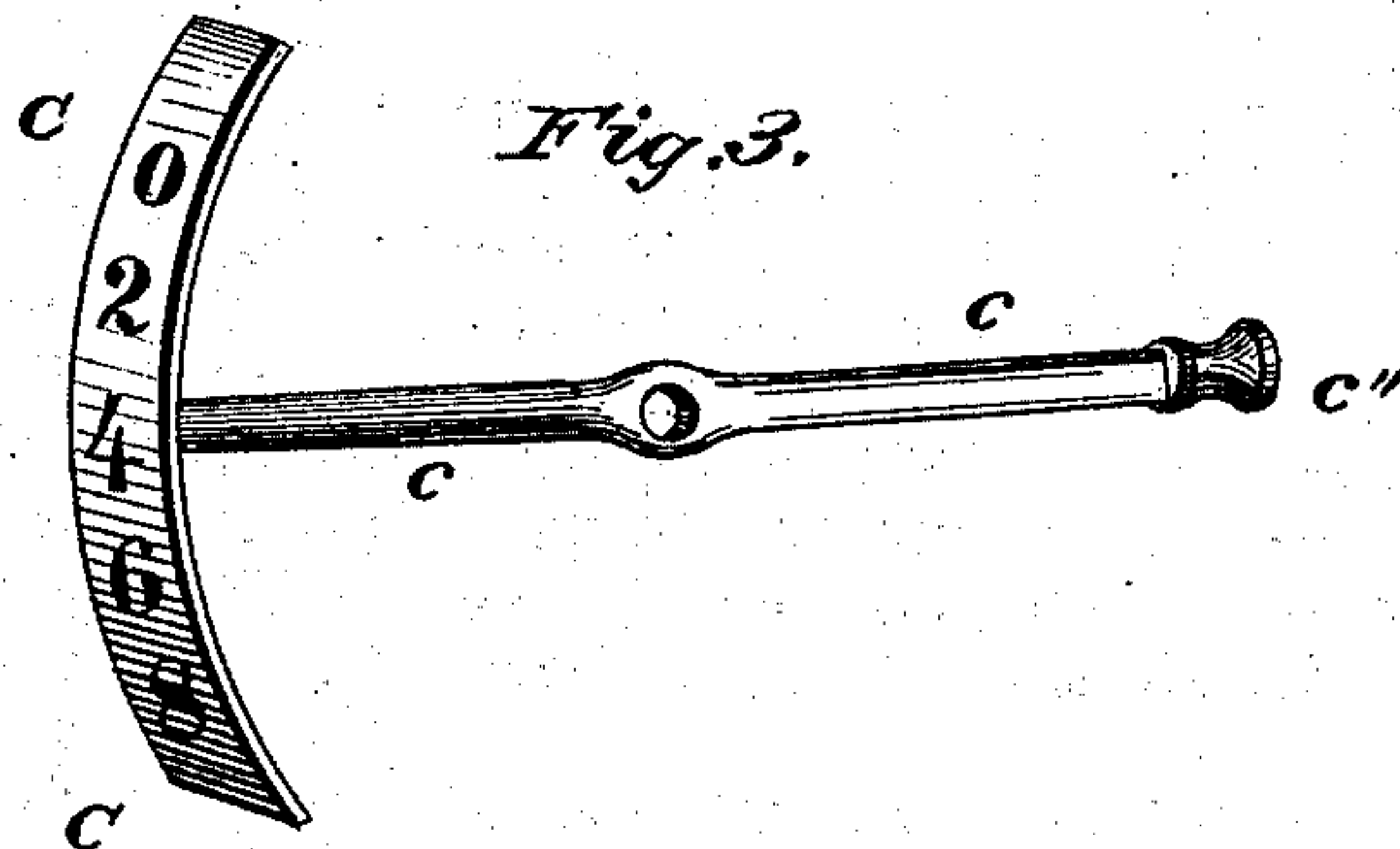


Fig. 3.



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RAILROAD-TIME BULLETIN-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. WOLCOTT, of Clyde, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented a new Improvement in Railroad-Time Bulletin-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bulletin-board taken from the front side; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the same taken from the rear side, and Fig. 3 a perspective view of one of the character-plates and its actuating-arm.

This invention relates to that class of railroad bulletin-boards which are provided with means for changing the announcements made thereby, as occasion requires; and it consists of the peculiar construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A represents a bulletin-board, of any proper form, having proper spaces, *a a*, for the display of permanent announcements, and proper slots, *a' a'*, for the display of special announcements from time to time, as occasion may require.

B represents a frame-plank located upon the rear side of the "bulletin-board" and connected securely therewith by means of the braces *d*, and provided with bearings *b b* and vertical slots *e e*, as shown.

C represents one of a series of curved plates, having upon its face a row of suitable words or characters, as shown, which is attached to an arm, *c*, pivoted to the shaft *c'*, held by the bearings *b b*.

c'' represents a knob upon the rear end of the arm, by means of which it is conveniently actuated when desired.

D represents a curved plate, having a series of slots, adapted to hold and guide the rear ends of the arms *c c*, which is provided also with

teeth or notches for retaining the arms in any desired position.

The operation will be readily understood. When it is desired to make a special announcement the character-plates are adjusted to bring the proper words, letters, or figures in proper position behind the slot-opening by oscillating the arms *c* on their pivots by means of the knobs *c''*. When properly adjusted the plates are securely held by the engagement of the arms *c* with the notches of the rack-plate D.

The mechanism described, although exceedingly simple in construction, fulfills perfectly the purpose for which it is designed.

Any desired changes can be quickly and conveniently made.

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

1. In combination with the bulletin-board A, having the slots *a'*, the frame-plank B, having bearings *b*, and the curved plates C, having the pivoted arms *c*, with knobs *c''*, as described.

2. The combination, with the bulletin-board A, having slots *a'*, of the frame-plank B, having slots *e*, curved plate D, provided with notched slots, and oscillating character-plates C, having the handles *c*, with knobs *c''*, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of the slotted bulletin-board A, the frame-plank B, provided with bearings *b*, slots *e*, and braces *d*, and the curved plate D, provided with notched slots, with the oscillating character-plates C, provided with the arms *c*, each having a bearing to receive the shaft *c'*, and a knob, *c''*, at its end, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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