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Fig. 1

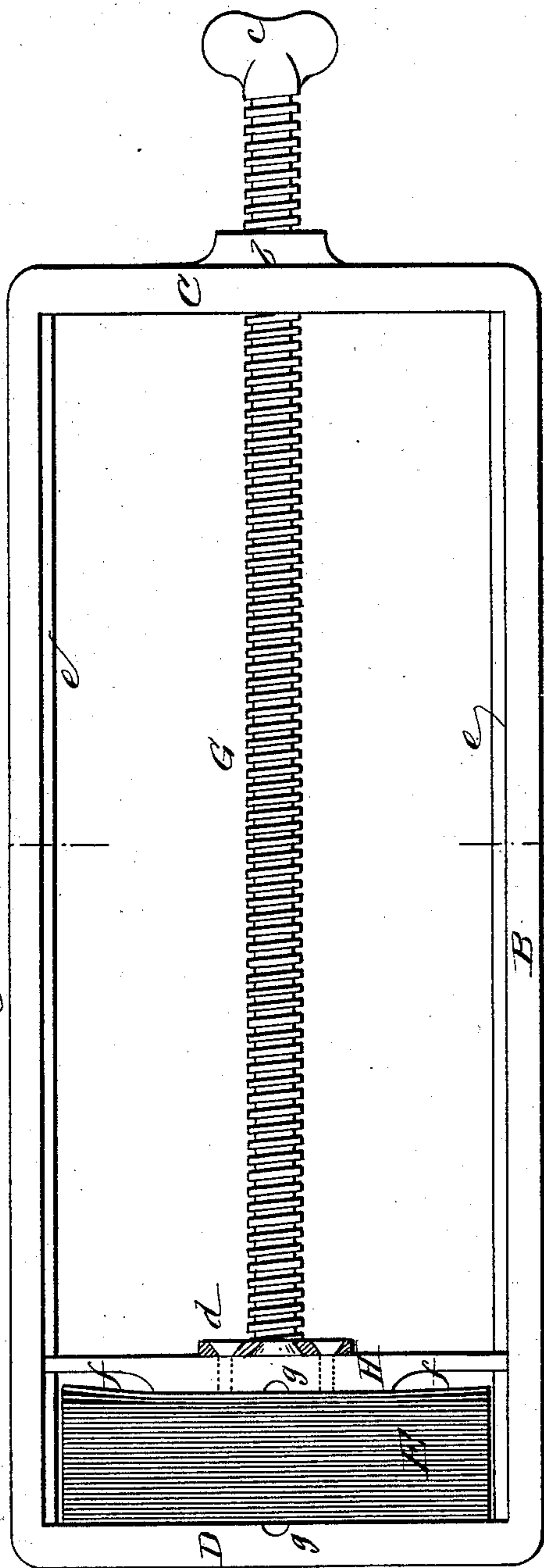
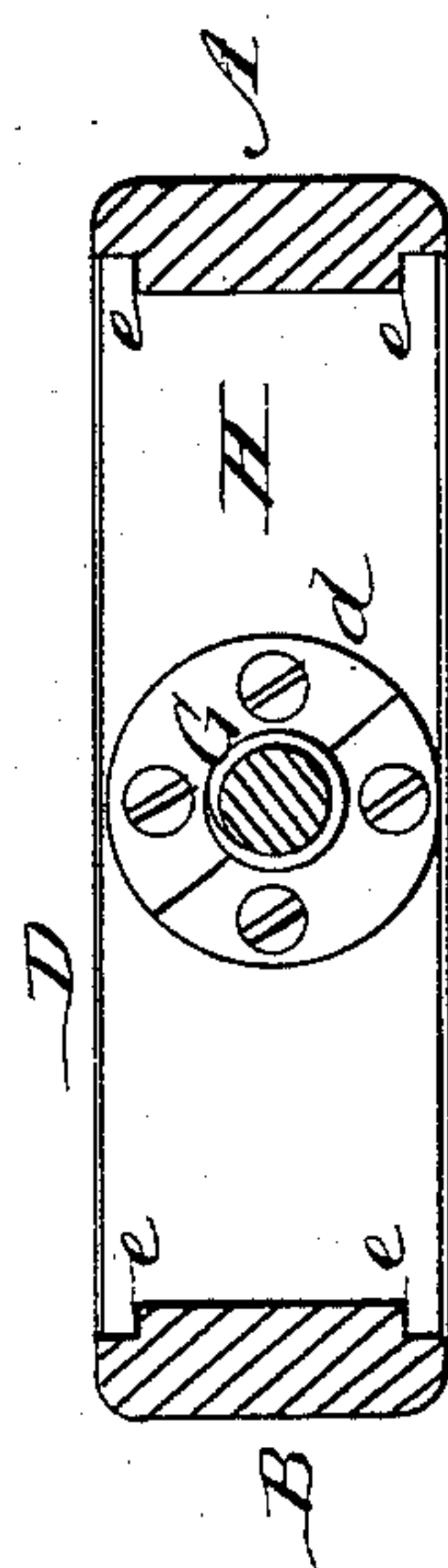


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LOUDON, of Big Rapids, in the county of Mecosta and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Railroad and other Ticket Holders and Presses, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is more particularly designed to be used for holding railroad-tickets while being counted by ticket agents, and for subsequently binding them up tight, so as to keep them in good shape and regular order for future use.

Heretofore railroad-ticket agents have been much annoyed and delayed, when putting up their tickets, by the falling and scattering of the tickets on the floor, also by their getting out of place when untied and being counted, whereas, said tickets being consecutively numbered, it is necessary that they should be kept in regular order.

My invention consists in a combined ticket press and holder, constructed substantially as hereinafter described, whereby every facility will be afforded for holding the tickets while being counted, and for subsequently binding them and keeping them up in proper shape and order.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents a top view of a ticket press and holder constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 a transverse vertical section of the same on the line *xx* in Fig. 1.

A B in the drawings represent the two side pieces, and CD the end pieces, of an elongated metallic or other frame, the interior width of which should correspond with the length of the tickets E, and its depth with the width of the tickets, or thereabout, while its length is sufficient to take in a large number of such tickets. Said frame is left open at its top, or top and bottom. The head end, C, of this frame of the press is constructed with a screw-threaded box, *b*, for a screw, G, which is of about the same length as the frame, to work through, and which has a thumb-piece, *c*, on its outer end to provide for the turning of it. The inner opposite end of said screw is attached to, with facility of turning in, a divided cap-plate, *d*, secured to a cross-piece or

follower, H. This follower or platen, which may be of the same depth as the frame A B C D, extends wholly across it, and is held or guided in a straight course, when operated by the screw, by being constructed at its ends to work within one or more grooves, *e*, in each side A B of the frame. The sliding follower H and back end piece, D, of the frame of the press are each made with a groove in their inner face to admit of the passage of a string for the purpose of tying the tickets together after being pressed. The follower H is cut away, as at *f*, on its face for a short distance from its ends, or either of them, to effect or provide for the curling up or outward of the tickets a little at their ends, whereby the string used for tying the tickets is kept from slipping off if not drawn sufficiently tight on them.

The tickets are counted when set loose in the frame of the combined ticket press and holder, and the screw G is worked back as far as required by the counter, said tickets being held in place and in their regular order within the press, and being prevented from mixing, and capable, while loose in the press, of being readily counted and their consecutive numbers seen by the counter or agent. After being counted, the tickets are bound and kept in proper shape and order by tightening up the screw G. By longitudinally placing the frame A B C D on a desk or table the top of said desk or table forms a bottom for it.

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

1. A ticket press and holder fitted with a sliding follower arranged to work within a frame open at its top, or top and bottom, and cut away or reduced at either or both ends of one of its pressing-surfaces to provide for the curling of the ends of the tickets, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with the open-top frame A B C D, the end piece, D, of which has a tying-groove, *g*, in it, the operating-screw G, and its attached sliding follower H, reduced as at *f*, on the ends of its face, and having a central or intermediate tying groove, *g*, essentially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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