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BAGGAGE CHECK.

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Fig 1

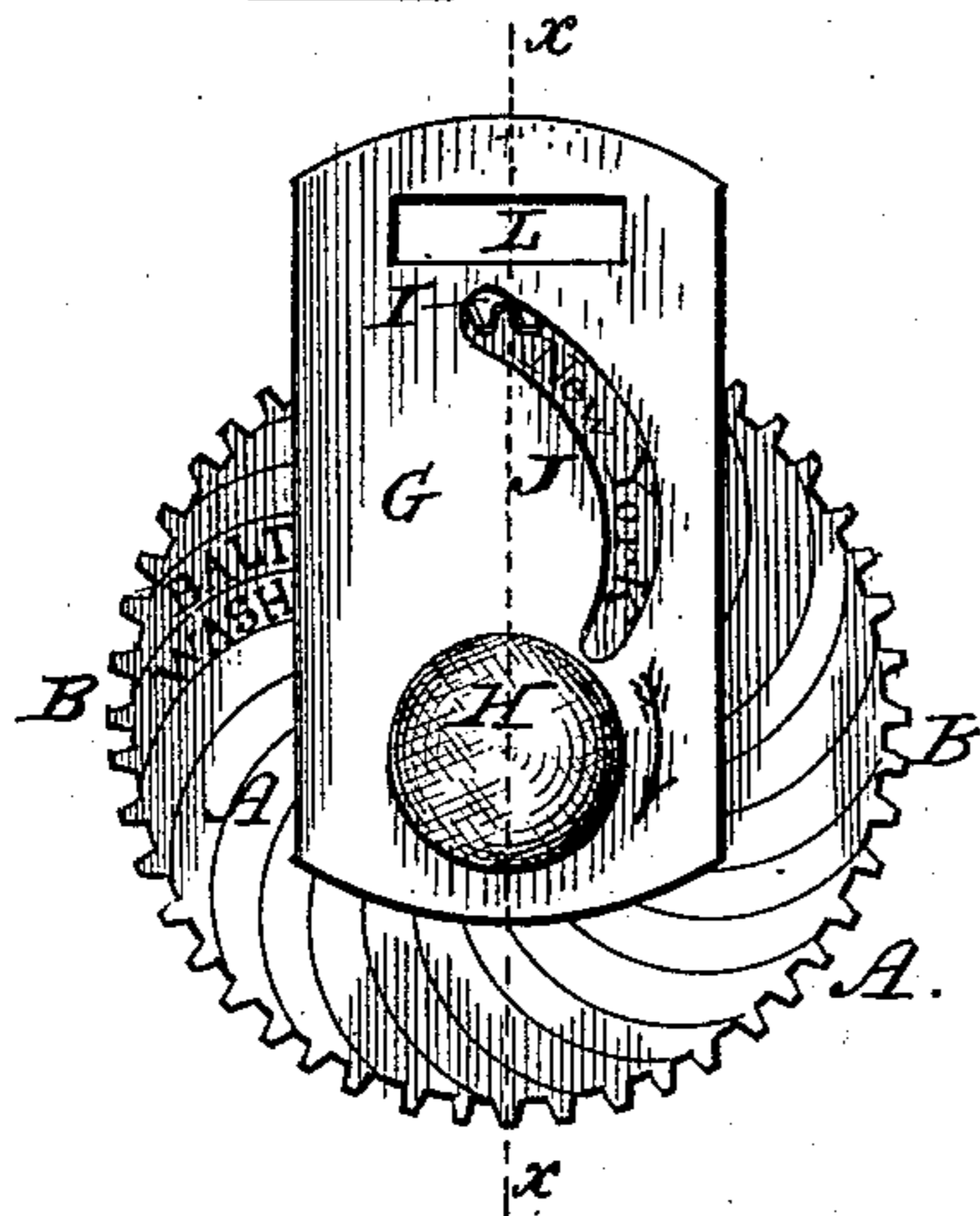


Fig 2

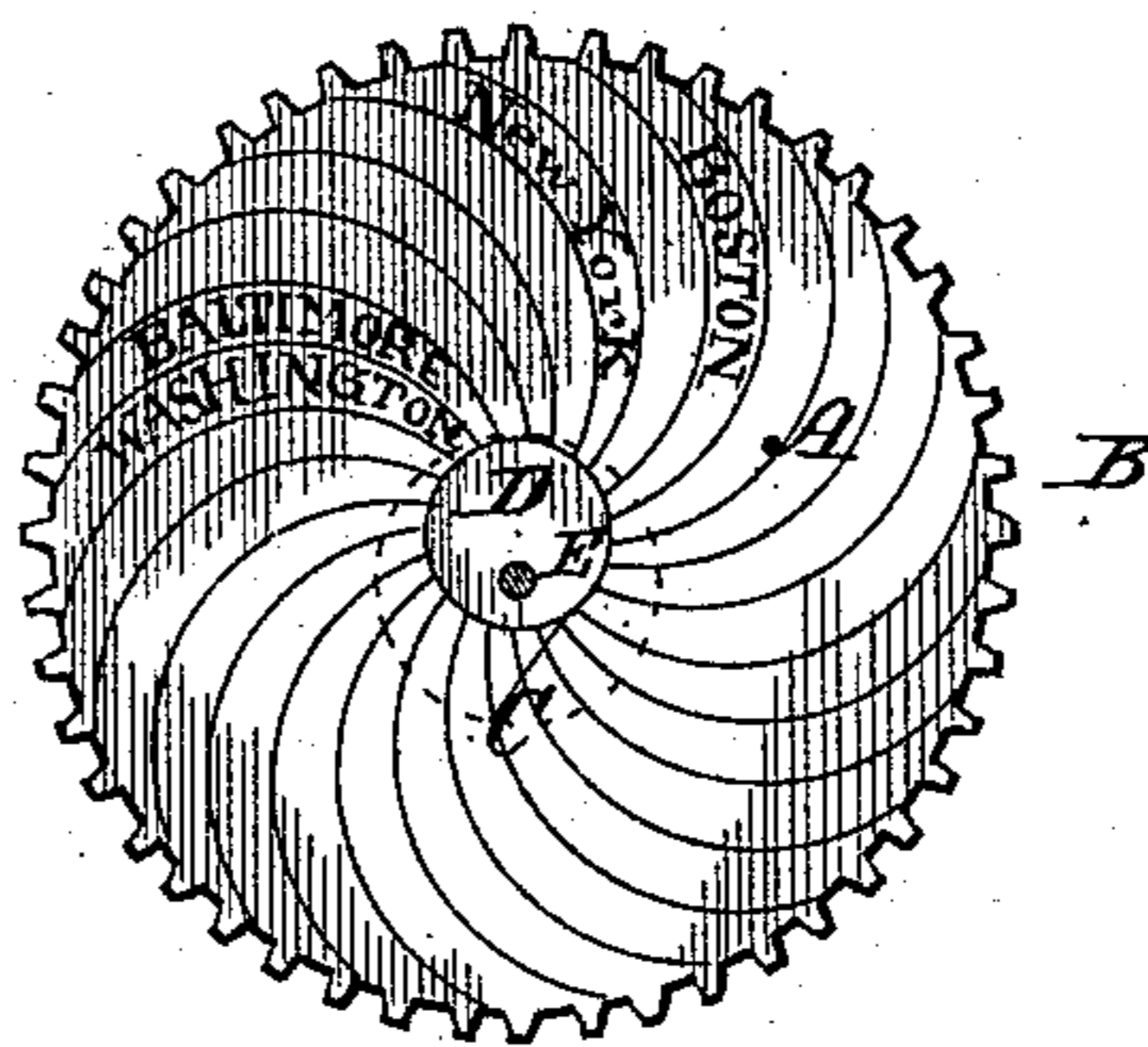


Fig 3

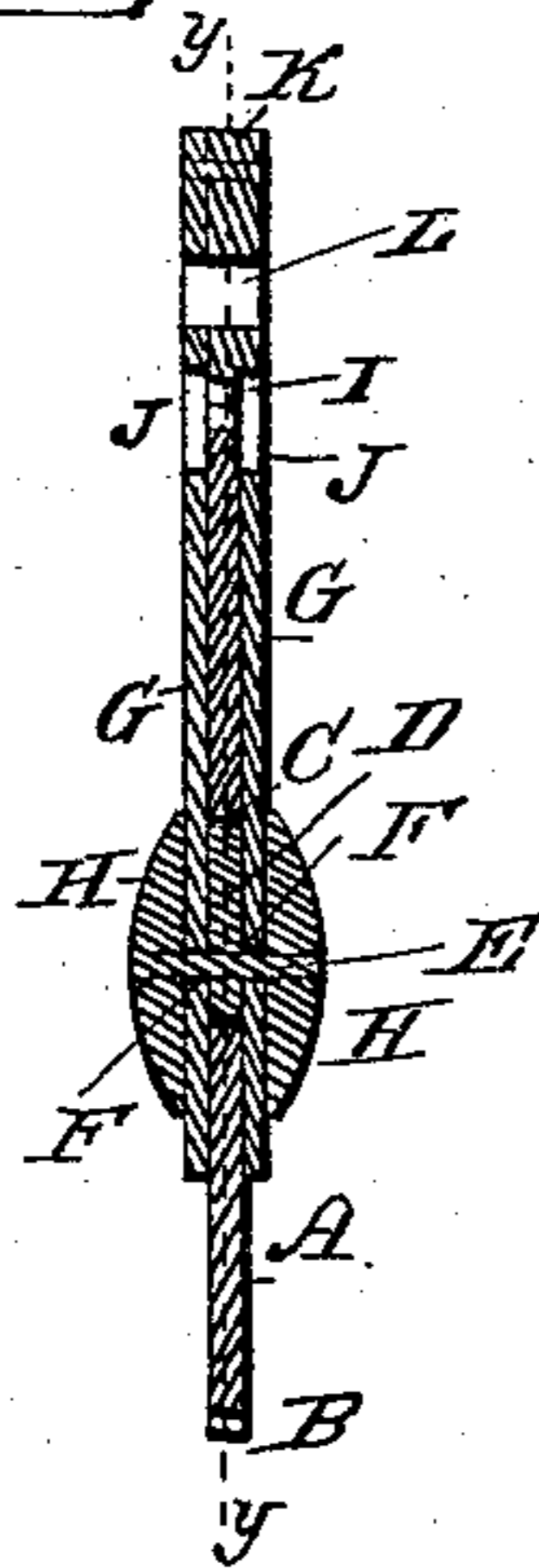
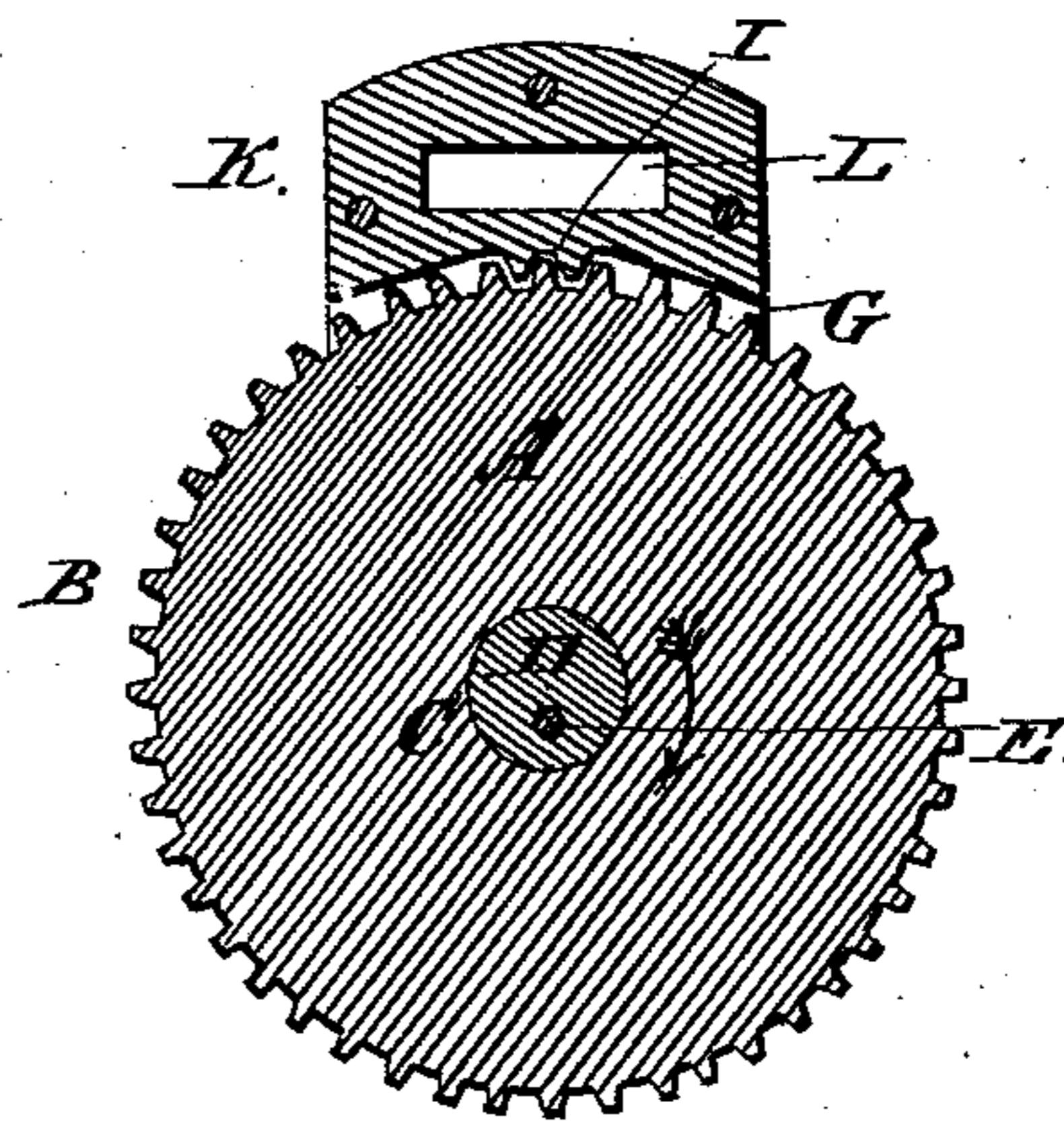


Fig 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE C. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Camptown, in the county of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baggage-Checks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved baggage-check. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the central rotary disk. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through line *x x* in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a similar section through line *y y* in Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to baggage-checks so constructed that one check will answer the purpose of a large number of different stations; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of a changeable check of that class, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A is a circular disk or wheel, of brass or any other suitable metal, the periphery of which is cut out to form teeth or cogs B, like an ordinary cog-wheel. The disk has a central circular aperture, C, into which is inserted the circular cam D, forming an eccentric, the pin or journal E of which projects through and is journaled in apertures F in the side plates, G. Outside of these plates, and secured firmly to the projecting outer ends of the journals E, are two buttons, H—one on each side—so that by turning these buttons by means of the thumb and forefinger the disk A, which, as we have seen, is journaled upon the circular cam or eccentric D, may be swung up or down between the side plates, G G, so as to either engage or disengage the fixed teeth I. The disk A is marked on opposite sides with the names of the stations on the road or roads for which the check is intended, the names being arranged radially in curved lines from the center to the notched periphery, and the names on one side of the disk alternating in

their arrangement with those on the opposite side. The side plates, G, between which the movable main disk is confined, have curved slots J, corresponding in shape and size to the curved radial name-spaces on disk A. The plates G are connected or united at one end by a piece of metal, K, the lower end of which is cut out to form one or more fixed teeth, I, so arranged as to project down into the slots J and engage the notched or toothed periphery of the name-disk, when this is fixed in position by moving its eccentric bearing D in the manner above described. An oblong slot, L, is punched through the side plates, G, and middle plate, K, for the attachment of the check-strap.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, the operation of my changeable baggage-check will readily be understood without requiring extended explanation. By turning the finger-buttons H in the direction of the arrow it will be seen that disk A will be lowered between the side plates, so as to disengage its toothed periphery from the fixed teeth I, thereby permitting the disk to be rotated until the proper station-name is brought opposite to the slot in plate G. This being done, the disk is locked in place by turning the finger-buttons H in the opposite direction, which interlocks its toothed periphery with the fixed teeth in the upper part of the check. As the names on one side of disk A alternate with those on the side opposite, or, so to speak, break joints with one another, only one name on the disk will appear in full through one of the slots J in the side plates, and it will be seen, therefore, that both sides of the disk may be used without creating confusion. Twenty names may easily be arranged in this manner upon each side of the disk without making the device much larger than the common baggage-checks ordinarily in use; and it will thus be seen that my improved changeable check may be changed or adjusted for forty different stations; or, in other words, it will serve the same purpose as that number of ordinary single baggage-checks.

The number of the check may be stamped or otherwise marked conspicuously upon the side plates, G.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. The combination, in a changeable baggage-check, of the slotted side plates, the circular name-disk having a notched or toothed periphery, the fixed teeth arranged between the side plates, and means for fixing the disk in its adjusted position by interlocking or engaging its toothed periphery with the fixed teeth, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a changeable baggage-check, of the slotted side plates, the circular disk having a central circular aperture and a notched or toothed periphery, the fixed teeth arranged between the side plates, the cam or eccentric inserted through the center of the disk between the side plates, and the finger-buttons for adjusting the position of the cam or eccentric, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, in a changeable baggage-check, of the slotted side plates, the circular disk having a central circular aperture, a notched or toothed periphery, and the names of stations arranged radially in curved lines on opposite sides of the disk, the names on one side alternating or breaking joints with the names on the opposite side, and means for fixing the disk between its side plates when it has been adjusted to its proper position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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