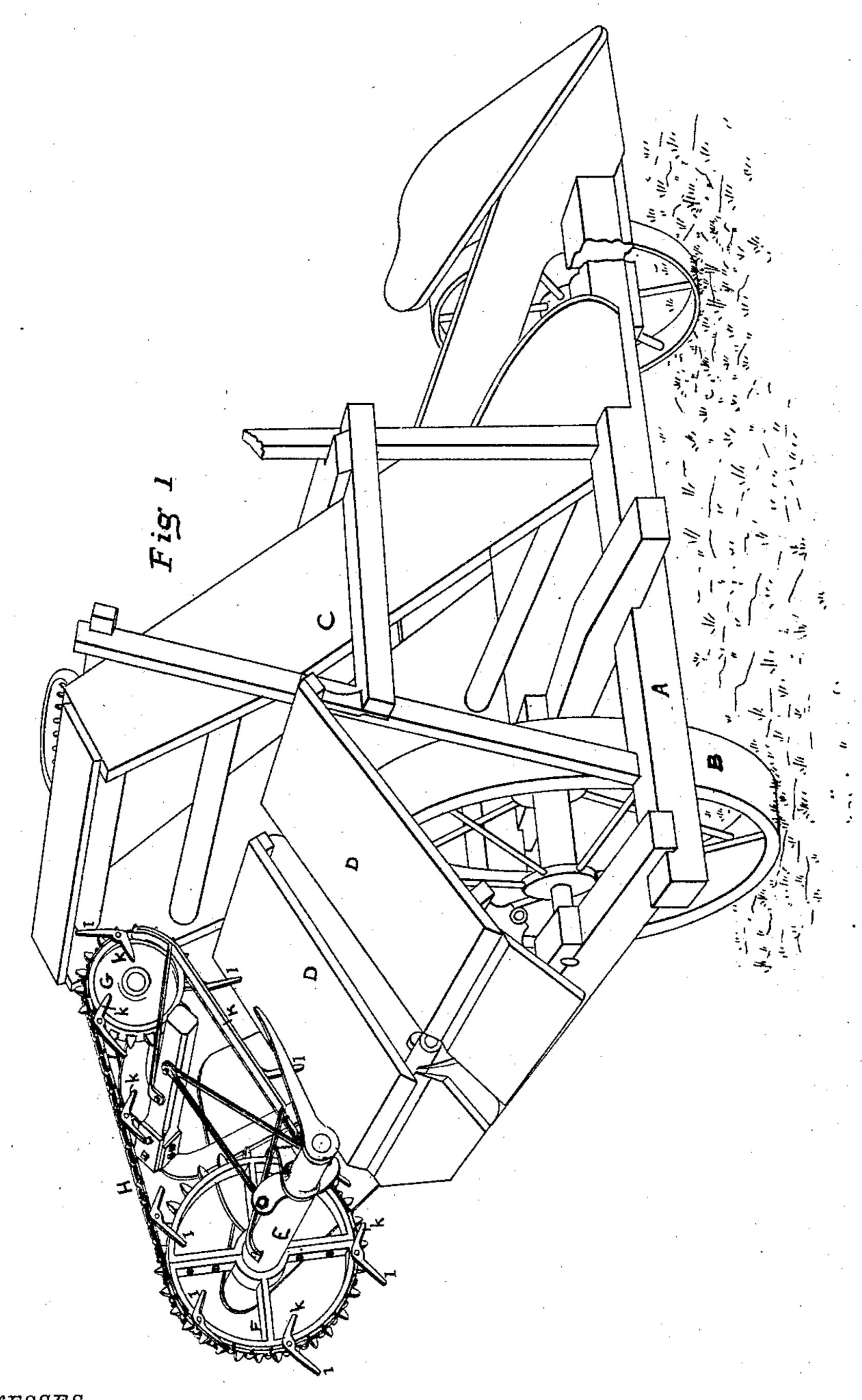
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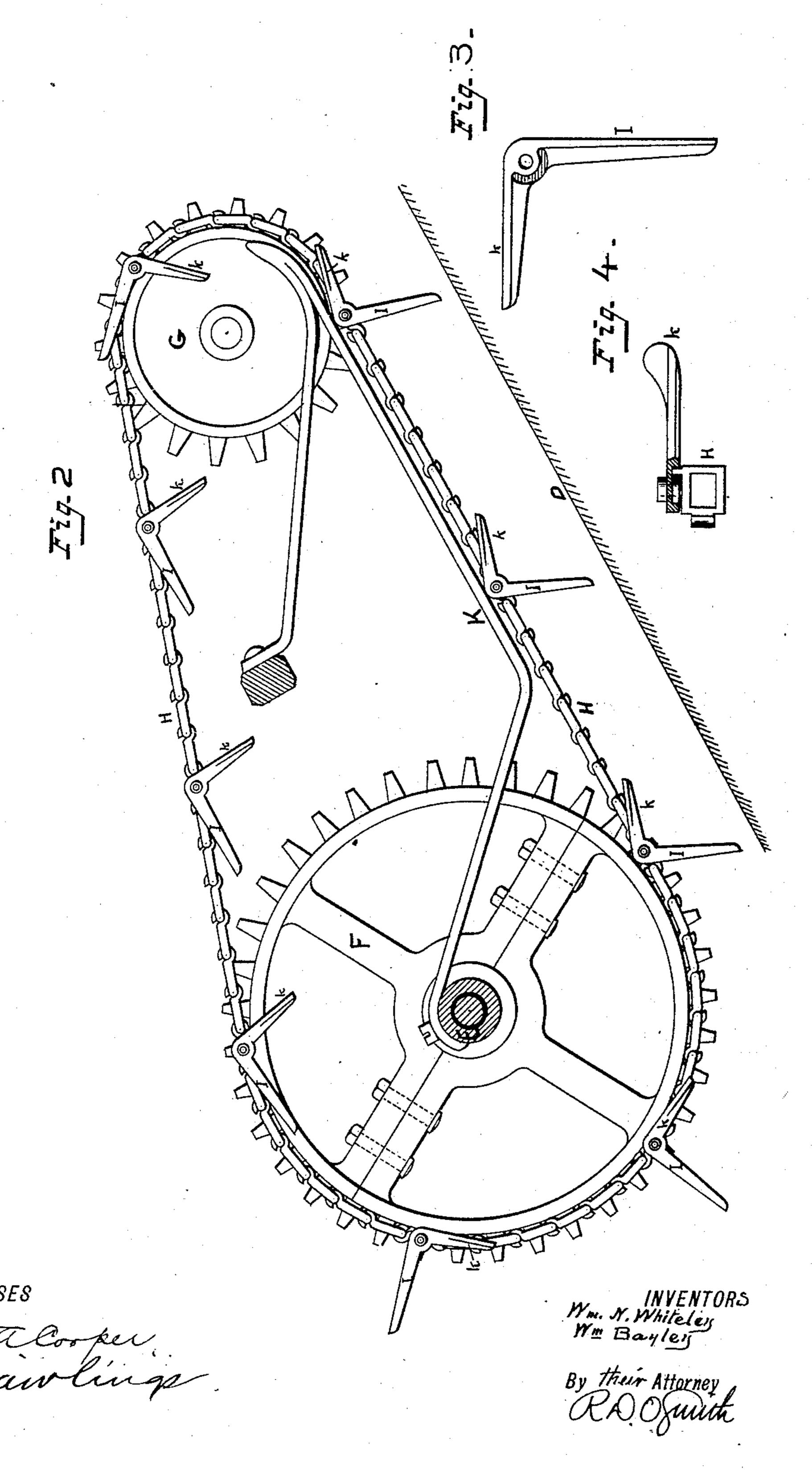
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM N. WHITE-LEY and WILLIAM BAYLEY, of Springfield, in Clark county and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Automatic Binders; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and accurate description of the same.

It is highly desirable that the heads of the grain shall be drawn downward over the binder-deck away from the elevator and from the inflowing grain, to effect a separation of the grain of the bundle from the unbound grain and thereby facilitate the discharge of the bound bundle. Various devices have already been made for this duty, and therefore we do not claim, broadly, a head-rake applied to a binder, but confine ourselves to the kind of rake herein shown and described, which consists of an endless chain with fingers attached to enter and sweep the grain downward into the binder.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our machine. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of a part of the binder showing the invention in elevation. Figs. 3 and 4 are details.

A is the main frame supported upon the main bearing and driving wheel B.

C is the elevator-frame, and D is the plat-30 form or deck of the automatic binder.

E is the upper arm of the binder frame, the binder represented being of the Appleby type. A sprocket-wheel, F, is mounted on said upper arm, and a similar sprocket, G, is mounted on the frame near the upper edge of the binder where it joins the elevator. These two sprockets are located in the same plane. A chain, H, passes over and is carried by said sprockets. Motion is transmitted to said sprockets and chain from the motive gearing of the binder by chain-gear or otherwise, as convenient. At short intervals the chain H is provided with hinged fingers I, which hang down and are held in a vertical position as they pass

downward over the deck D, penetrating and 45 forcibly moving the grain down to the binder.

A guide track, K, is mounted on the frame in proper position to guide and support the teeth against the resistance of the straw as it moves over the deck D, and at the same time 50 the arms k slide on said cam-track, and the teeth are thereby kept upright and in work-

To apply the sprocket-wheel F to the binder-frame of machines already built requires that 55 said wheel shall be made in two parts, as shown; but if at the time of building the binder it is contemplated to employ the sprocket-wheel F, then, as it is evident, the upper arm of the binder-frame may be constructed to let 60 said wheel pass over the end of said arm and

reach its bearing.

Having described our invention, we claim—
1. Asprocket or chain wheel mounted loosely upon the upper arm of the binder-frame combined with a similar sprocket-wheel mounted on the frame near the head of the elevator, driven as described, and a carrying-chain around said wheels to turn the heads of the grain_down the binder-table for the purpose 70 of facilitating the discharge of the bound bundles.

2. A sprocket or chain wheel mounted loosely upon the upper arm of the binder-frame, a similar sprocket-wheel mounted on the frame 75 near the head of the elevator, driven as described, a carrying-chain around said wheels combined with fingers jointed to said chain, and a controlling-track to hold said fingers in proper action, whereby the heads of the grain 80 are moved downward over the deck of the binder to facilitate the discharge of the bound bundles.

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