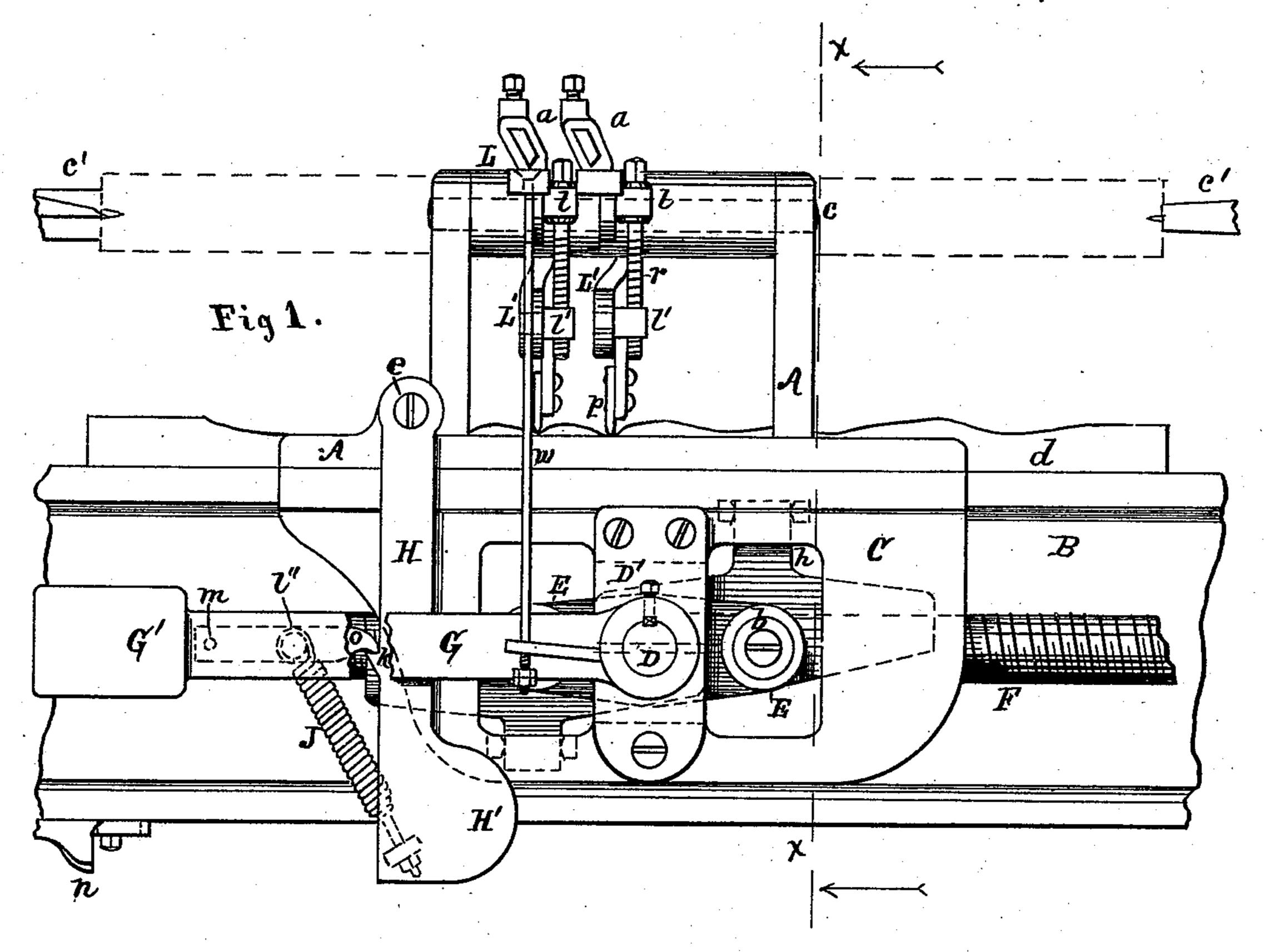
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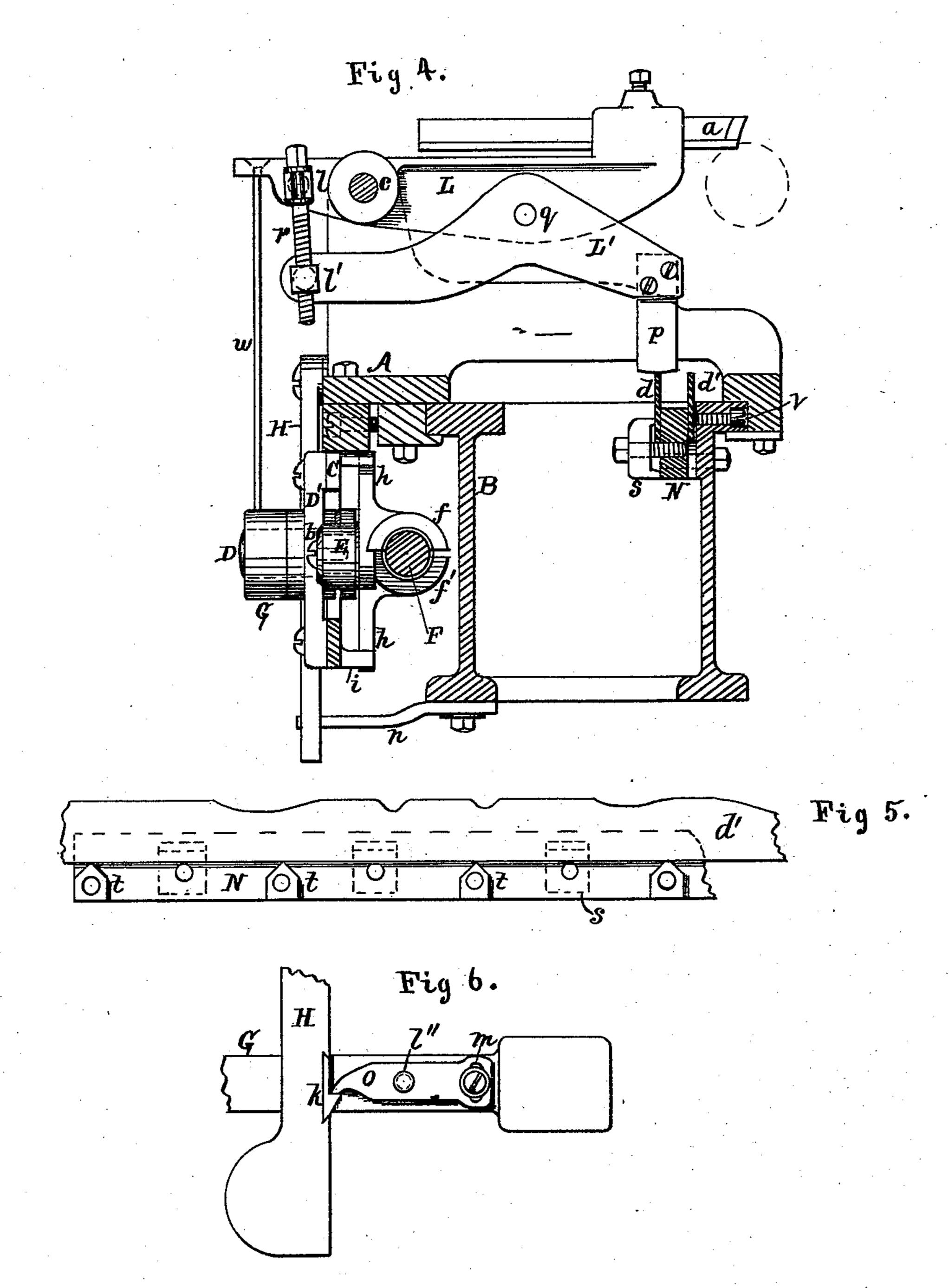
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK H. CLEMENT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Rochester, State of New York, have invented certain new aud useful Improvements in Automatic Lathes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to lathes for turning regular forms automatically; and it consists, mainly, in certain improvements in the traveling carriage and the parts connected therewith, whereby greater efficiency in operation and durability are obtained, as hereinafter fully described

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, Sheet 1, is a front elevation of the carriage, feed-works, and tool-stocks, with a portion of the bed and feed-screw. Fig. 2 is a reversed elevation of the apron, showing the feed-nut disengaged from the screw. Fig. 3 is a section of the screw-shaft showing the nuts in end elevation. Fig. 4, Sheet 2, is a transverse section at the line x, Fig. 1, showing the tool-stocks and other parts in elevation. Figs. 5 and 6 are reversed elevations of the form-bar

and feed-nut lock, respectively.

A, Figs. 1 and 4, is a carriage fitted to slide on suitable ways on the bed B, having apron C bolted to it for the purpose of attaching the automatic feed mechanism.

F is the feed-screw, having bearings on the bed B and driven in any convenient manner. L L are chisel-stocks pivoted to the carriage on the pin c and arranged to follow a form d,

35 fastened to the lathe-bed.

The stick to be turned is revolved at a high speed upon centers c' c', carried on suitable head and tail stocks in the usual manner.

The above parts are old and well known, and it is to details hereinafter described that my invention relates.

Near the center of the face of the apron there is a gudgeon D, having a bearing on the front plate D' of the apron and carrying at its inner end the oscillating lever E. To its outer extremity is keyed the weighted lever G. Near each extremity of the lever E there is a bearing to receive the gudgeons b, Figs. 3 and 4, which project from the halves ff' of the shear-nut. These halves are fitted to the feed-screw by threading or by pouring soft metal in recesses provided in them, as shown

in dotted lines, Fig. 3. Wings h project from the back of the halves ff', and are fitted to move easily between bosses or stops i, Fig. 2, 55 on the apron, the contiguous faces of which are slightly rounded, as indicated. The office of these guiding-stops is to retain the position of the half-nuts parallel, or nearly so, to the screw while being thrown in or out. The 60 centers of the gudgeons b are preferably located on or near the center line of the screw when the half-nuts are in mesh, (as they are shown in Figs. 1 and 4,) and at the center of the half-nuts longitudinally, and the wings h 65 vertically over and under these points; but such position is not absolutely essential.

From a stud or pin e on the carriage depends a vertical hanger H, having a projecting hook k, and upon the lever G there is a 70 corresponding latch O, adjustably secured thereto by means of a central stud l' and clamping-screw m, moving in a slot in the latch, as shown in Fig. 6. The hanger H is counterweighted on one side at H', so as to 75 force it into engagement with the latch O; but to insure such engagement instantaneously there is a spring J, attached to the lever G and to a lug on the lower end of the hanger H in any convenient manner, connecting the 80 two at an angle of about forty-five degrees, so that the spring acts about equally on both.

It will be seen from the foregoing that when the lever G is held up in the position shown in Fig. 1 by the latch O and hook K the halves 85 of the shear-nut will be in mesh with the feedscrew; but when the hanger H is pushed to the right the spring J and counter-weight G' force the arm G downward and open the halves f f' of the shear-nut, as indicated in Figs. 2 90 and 3, thus stopping the carriage. The hanger H is tripped when the carriage arrives at the end of its movement by a suitable stop n, Fig. 1, secured to the lathe-bed.

It will be seen that since the opening and of closing of the nut are done by means of the joints D b the friction is much less than by the old method of sliding the half-nuts in a vertical way, and they are more sure to be opened by the weight G' when the hanger H is tripped. There is, furthermore, very little wear on these joints compared to the slide, and the halves cannot cramp and stick when being opened or closed. By means of the adjustable latch

O the wear of the latter and hook K, as well as the diametrical wear on the screw and nut, can be compensated—an important matter on all such lathes.

I have shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 an equivalent device to the wings h and guidestops i, consisting of links i', pivoted to the half-nuts and to the apron C. These links retain the position of the half-nuts similarly

10 to the stops i.

pacity.

The chisel-stocks L as usually made have a foot-piece or rider p following the form. This is commonly adjustable vertically on the chisel-stock by clamp-screws in slots for dif-15 ferent diameters of work to be turned. This is a troublesome construction, consuming a great deal of time, and, moreover, is not accurate. I therefore make the chisel-stocks in two parts L and L', Fig. 4, pivoted together 20 at q at about the center of their length. One extremity of the arm L' carries the rider p, and the other is connected to the stock L by a screw r. This screw is necked into a slot in the stud l, secured to the stock so as to 25 swivel slightly, and is threaded into a similar swiveled stud l'on arm L'. Turning the screw thus raises and lowers the pivoting-point q, and consequently increases or diminishes the distance between the chisel a and the rider 30 p, thereby changing the diameter of the work. This adjustment can be made at any time while the lathe is running and the chisel is in the cut or otherwise, as desired, and can be made as exact as required. The range of

Usually in lathes of this character the forms for guiding the tool-stocks are either screwed 40 upon the top of the lathe-bed or clamped up against the face of it by dogs s, as indicated in Fig. 4. It often happens, however, that it is necessary or desirable to use two forms of different shapes guiding separate chisels, in 45 which case they must be far enough apart so

35 the screw r is such as to admit the largest and

smallest work for which the lathe has ca-

that each rider will rise and fall clear of the other form. I therefore provide a separate bar N, Figs. 4 and 5, to one side of which one form is clamped by dogs s and suitable screws.

50 Upon the other side there are lugs t, a trifle thicker than the form, placed a few inches apart and preferably beveled to an edge, or nearly so, at the top, upon which edges the form d' rests. The bar N is bolted rigidly to 55 the bed B of the lathe, and the form is clamped 1

up tight by means of screws v, threaded into the lathe-bed. By this means it is but a moment's work to remove either form, and a flat thin bar can be used for forms easily worked on its edge to the required shape. By means 60 of the lugs t large openings are left under the form for the passage of chips and dirt.

In Figs. 1 and 4 I have shown a rod w, connecting the chisel-stocks with the drop-lever. G by means of suitable lugs formed on them. 65 The object of this is that when the carriage is stopped by the dropping of the lever G the riders are lifted from the forms and the latter preserved from wear when the carriage is on the return-stroke.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, 1S---

1. In an automatic lathe, the combination of a carriage and its feed-screw, an oscillat- 75 ing lever E, with the half-nuts f f' pivoted thereon on opposite sides of its central bearing, and suitable guides i i, constructed and operating substantially as described.

2. The combination of a lathe-carriage and 80 its feed-screw, oscillating lever E, with halfnuts ff' pivoted thereon at opposite sides of its bearing, suitable guides ii, and the weighted drop-lever G for operating said half-nuts,

substantially as set forth.

3. In an automatic lathe, the combination of the pivoted tool-stock L and adjunct arm L', pivoted thereon, the guide or pattern upon which the opposite end of the adjunct arm rests, and the adjusting-screw r, engaging one 90 end of both stock and arm and shouldered in its bearings, whereby the parts connected may be adjusted and held at any point without binding-screws or other clamps, substantially as set forth.

4. In an automatic lathe, the combination, with the independently-pivoted chisel-stocks, of two parallel forms d d', the intermediate form-bar N, adjustably secured to the frame, and the clamp for holding the outer form, 100 substantially as described.

5. The combination of the half-nuts f f', oscillating lever E, weighted drop-lever G, and the latch O, swinging upon a pivot l and adjustable by means of a slot and clamp-screw 105 m, substantially as set forth.

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