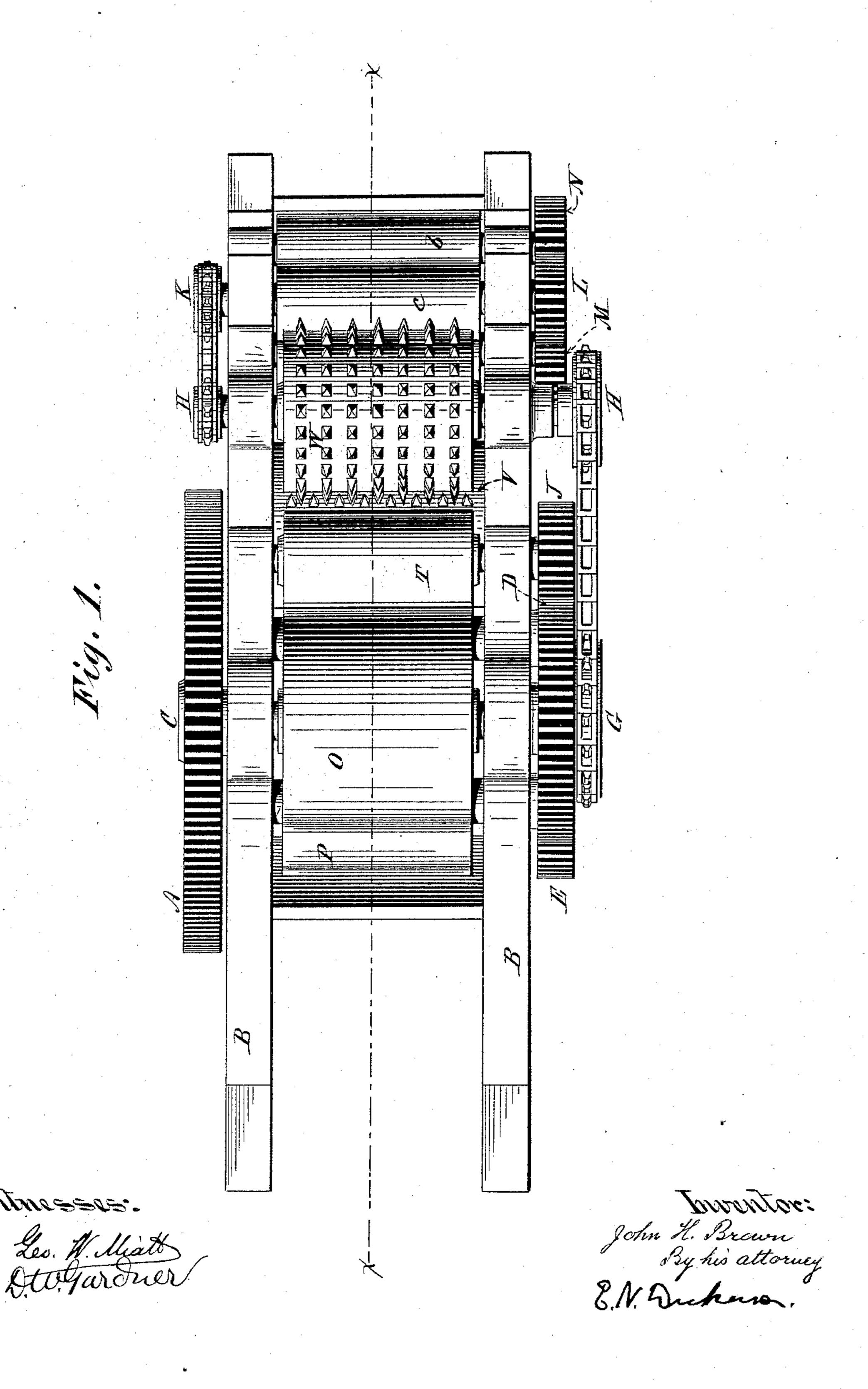
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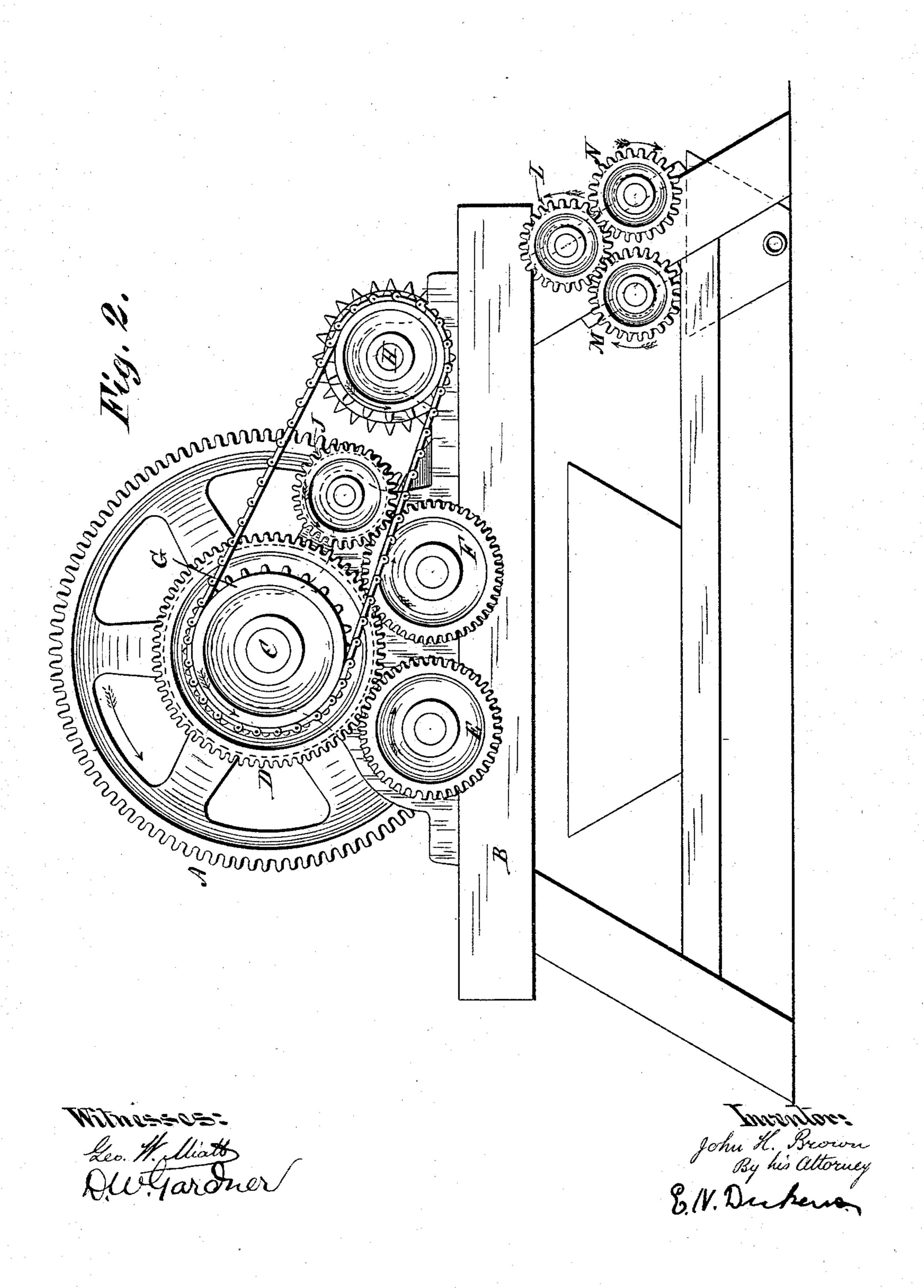
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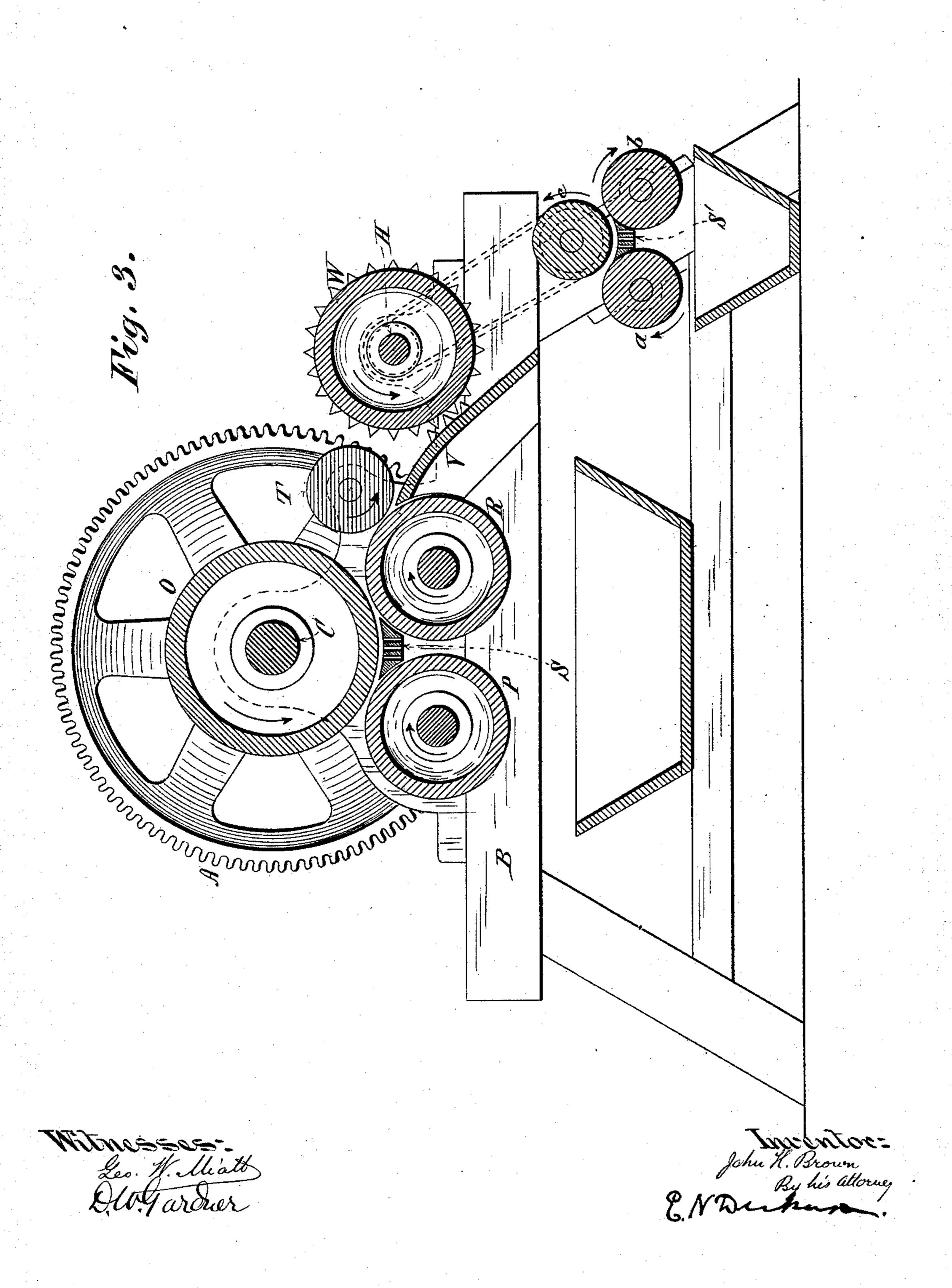


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John H. Brown, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Apparatus for Pressing and Disintegrating Fibrous Material, especially Sugar-Cane, of which the following is a full, true, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an apparatus by which fibrous material—such as sugar-cane—can be simultaneously disintegrated or reduced to a fibrous condition and pressed so as

to give up its juice or sap.

My apparatus consists generally of a series of pressing-rollers, a series of disintegrating-rollers, and a series of pressing-rollers working consecutively upon the material to be treated.

My invention will be readily understood from the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my apparatus; Fig. 2, a lateral elevation, and Fig. 3 a section through Fig. 1 on the line x x.

A represents generally the main drivingwheel of the apparatus, driven through a suitable power-pinion, and B the supportingframe. Through the shaft C the wheel A drives the wheel D, which gears into the two 30 wheels E F. The shaft C likewise drives the sprocket-wheel G and by the sprocket-chain the shaft H. The wheel F likewise gears with and drives the wheel J. The shaft H likewise by a sprocket-wheel and chain drives the 35 shaft K, at the opposite end of which shaft the gear-wheel L drives the gear-wheels M N. The shaft C carries the main crushing-roller O, which works in conjunction with the rollers PR, as plainly shown in Fig. 3. Between 40 these rollers a perforated guiding-table S is arranged. The wheel J operates the feedingroller T, which feeds along the surface of the guide-table V, which is provided with teeth of any suitable configuration, adapted to op-45 erate in conjunction with the teeth upon the roller W, carried by the shaft H. The roller T, which is positively driven, operates to positively draw or feed the material from the crushing-rollers O P R, so that all danger of to the machine being stopped up at this point is avoided, and at the same time it changes the

direction of the material and directs it downward to the table V and roller W. The table V guides the material between the rollers a b and the roller c, driven by the shaft K, as 55 clearly shown. Suitable receiving-vessels may be arranged beneath the rollers, as indicated. It is advisable to make the roller O adjustable with reference to the rollers P R and the roller c adjustable with reference to the roll- 60 ers a b in the manner well known for adjusting pressing-rollers. Though I have shown as a preferable form two rollers PR acting in conjunction with the roller O and two rollers a b acting in conjunction with the roller 65 c, yet it is plain that one roller might be substituted for these two with less advantageous results. It is desirable, likewise, that the roller W should be speeded up to a higher rate of speed with reference to the roller O than the 70 one indicated by the relative sizes of the wheels, and likewise in that event that the speed of revolution of the roller c should be reduced, which is simply a question of the relative sizes of the sprocket-wheels.

The operation of my apparatus can now be readily understood. The material to be treated is fed between the rollers PO. It is then guided by the roller T to the table V, disintegrated by the roller W, and passes thence 80 to its final pressing between the rollers abc.

What I claim as my invention, and desire

to secure by Letters Patent, is-

1. The combination of the crushing-rollers O P R, the positively-driven feed-roller T, 85 situated in rear of these rollers, and the rollers a b c in rear of or beyond the rollers T, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the crushing-rollers O P R, the positively-driven feed-roller T, 90 situated in rear of these rollers, the toothed table V, situated below the roller T, and disintegrating-roller W above the table, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 95 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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