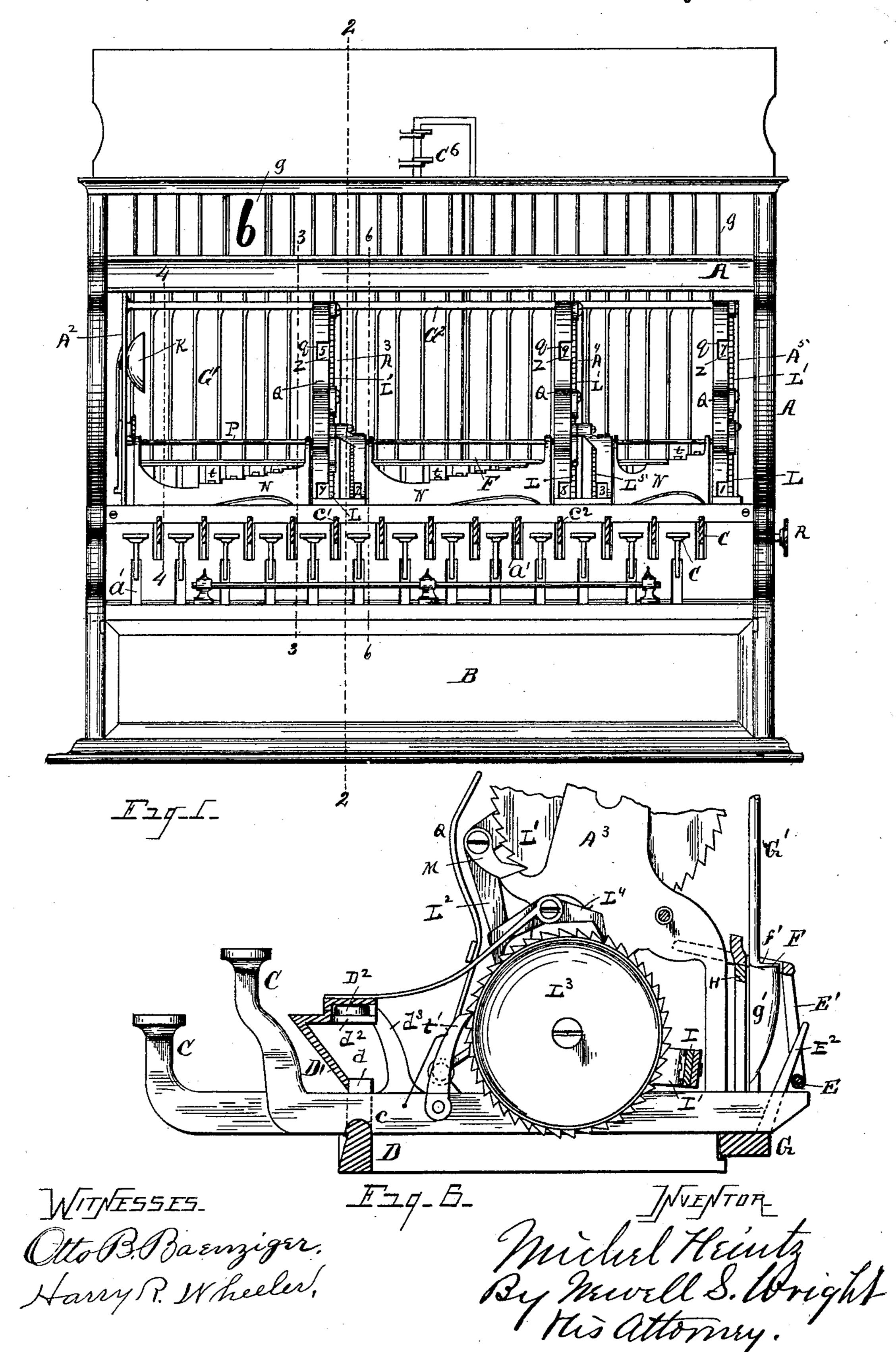
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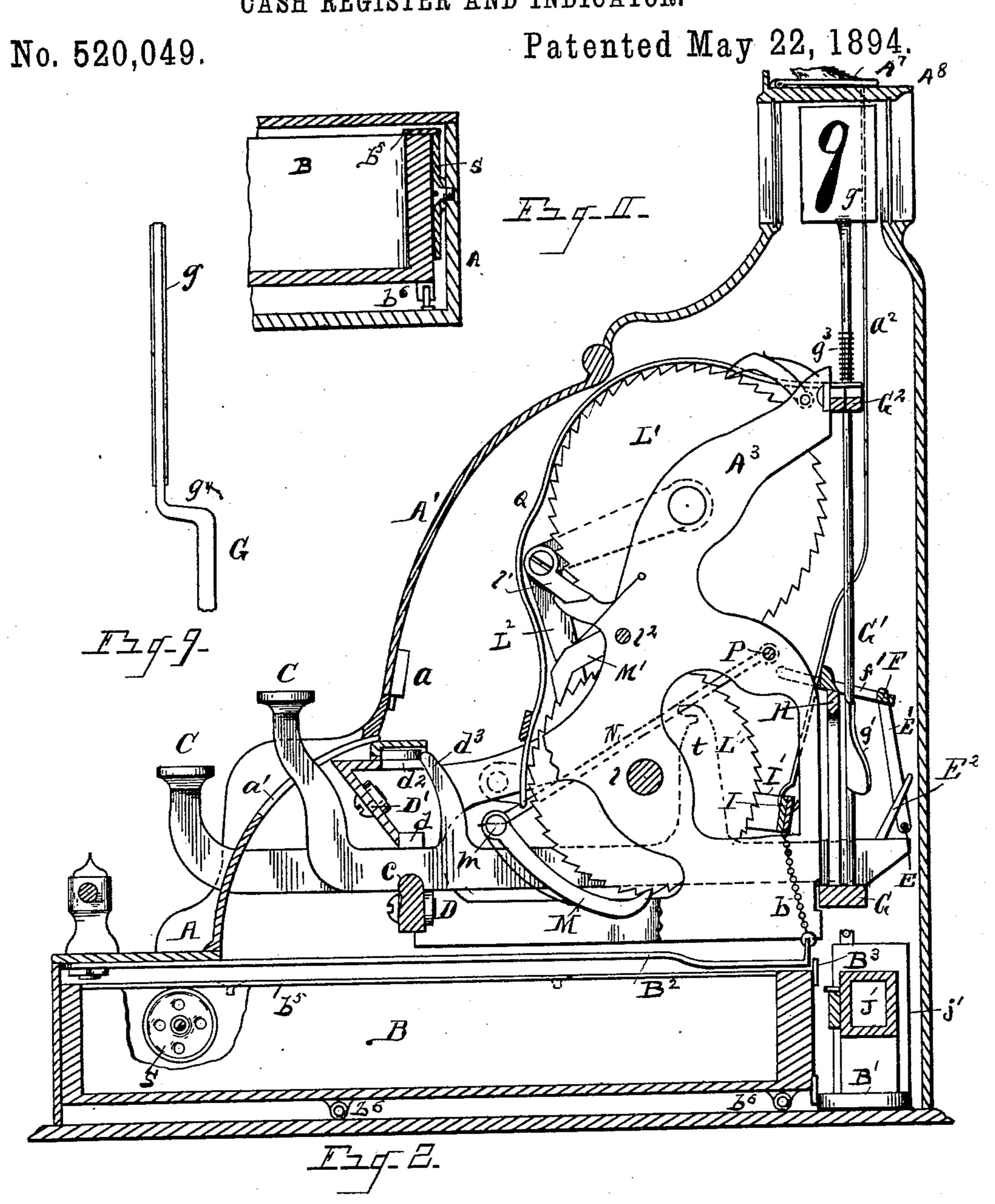
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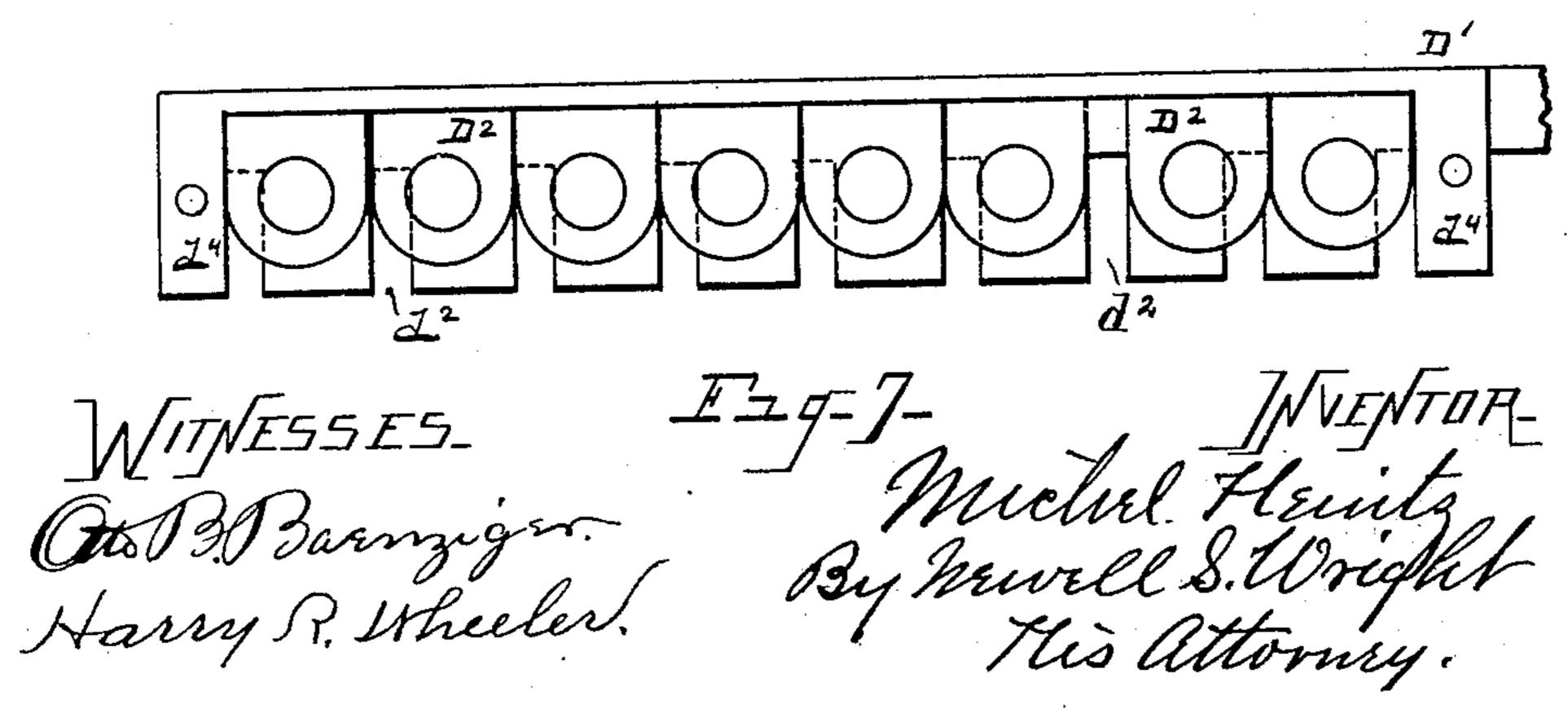
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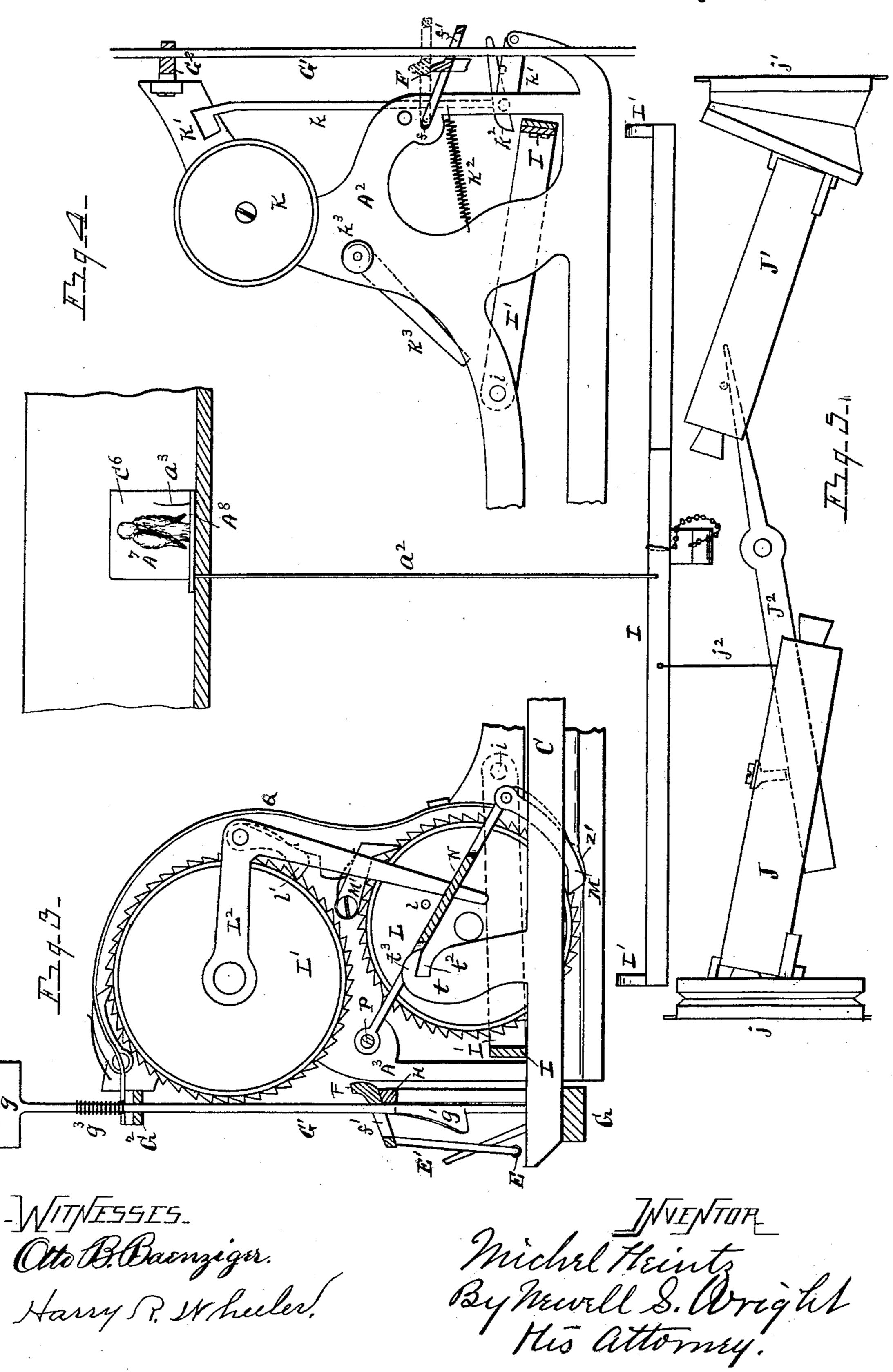


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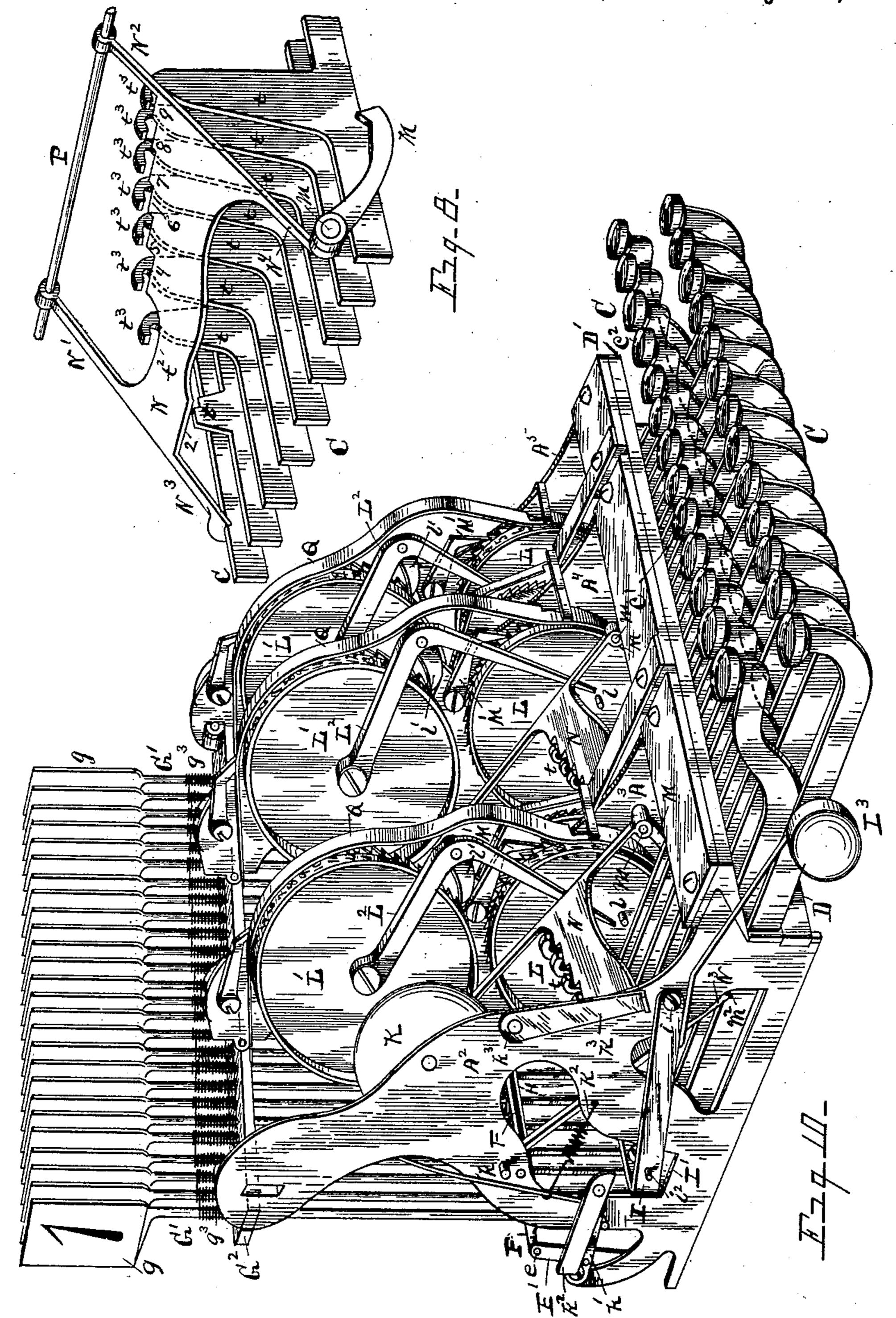


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHEL HEINTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Cash Registers and Indicators; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a cash-register and has for its object superior efficiency, utility and safety, as well as superior economy of construction.

My invention consists of the general construction and arrangement of devices and appliances hereinafter specified and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation with the hinged cover removed from the case exposing por-25 tions of the interior mechanism. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4-4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail view in rear 30 elevation of the cuckoo-mechanism. Fig. 6 is a vertical section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a detail view showing in plan the mechanism to prevent working two keys simultaneously. Fig. 8 is a detail view of one 35 of the rocking plates for actuating the pawls, with the keys adjacent thereto. Fig. 9 is a detail view of a portion of one of the indicator actuating bars. Fig. 10 is a view in perspective showing the interior mechanism, the 40 casing being removed. Fig. 11 is a detail view showing one of the rolls which supports the drawer B the same being a view in vertical section.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the inclosing case of my improved cash register, and A' is a cover located at the front of the machine forming a portion of the inclosing case and having a hinged engagement therewith at its upper edge and provided with a suitable lock as indicated at "a."

The internal mechanism of the cash-regis-

ter is supported upon vertical brackets A^2 , A^3 , A^4 and A^5 of any suitable form.

B is a drawer located within the case below the registering mechanism and made to be 55 forced forward out of the case to make change and to be retracted within the case.

C denotes a series of operating keys provided with elongated arms extending across from the front to the rear of the machine, as 60. shown. The outer ends of the keys are arranged for convenience of operation in an upper and a lower row, their forward extremities extending forward outside the case through suitable slots a' in the front of the case. Said 65 keys are fulcrumed upon an underlying cross bar D engaged with said brackets and are preferably recessed on their under edges to fit over said cross bar as shown at "c." The cross-bar D is constructed with a series of re- 70 cesses indicated at "d" into which the arms of the operating keys are engaged. A bridge D' holds the keys in place upon the cross bar D.

E is a swinging rod running lengthwise of 75 the machine normally resting upon the rear extremities of the arms of the operating keys. At its extremities, the swinging rod E is provided with arms E' at right angles thereto and having jointed engagement upon the ex-80 tremities of the slotted tilting bar F. The arms E' of the swinging rod E have a jointed or pivotal engagement with the ends of the bar F, as indicated at "e," permitting a swinging movement of the bar E. The tilting bar 85 F is jointly connected at its extremities to the two end brackets A² and A⁵, as shown in Fig. 4 at "f" so that its rear edge may have an oscillatory movement in the operation of the machine, as indicated in full and in dot- 90 ted lines of Fig. 4. The engagement of the swinging rod E with the tilting bar F is such as to lift the bar F when a key is operated, the purpose of which will be further described. As the bar F needs to be raised only 95 a very little, the rod E is arranged to be thrown off from the rear ends of the operating keys. in any suitable manner, as by a standard E² set at an angle, and serving to crowd the rod E rearward as it is lifted thereby causing it too to ride off from the rear ends of the keys and allowing the rear extremities of the keys to

continue their upward movement without further operating said swinging rod.

Underneath the rear ends of the operating keys is located a transverse bar G engaged 5 with the brackets, already mentioned, upon which are pivotally supported a series of upright indicator actuating bars or rods G'. An additional transverse bar G² engaged with said brackets is located toward the upper ends ro of said bars G', said bars being rotatably supported in a vertical position by the bars G, G2. The tilting bar F which extends across the machine, is constructed with a series of laterally elongated slots f' through which the 15 bars G' pass, respectively. At their upper ends, the bars G' are each provided with an indicator plate "g" provided with any desired numeral to indicate the amount of a given purchase made. These indicators, or 20 indicator plates "g" lie edgewise to the front in their normal position in the machine so that the numerals thereupon are not exposed, and when a given key is struck the corresponding indicator "g" is partially rotated so 25 as to present its face, bearing the numeral, to the front, as indicated in Fig. 1, where the figure 6 is displayed. To rotate the indicator actuating rods G', they are each provided toward their lower ends with a helical faced 30 flange or shoulder g'. When the rear end of a given key is lifted, upon striking the key, it is raised up against the adjacent face of the corresponding helical faced flange or shoulder g', and as the key continues to rise, 35 its contact with said flange causes the rod G', connected therewith, to rotate sufficiently to present the indicator "g" to the front.

The rotation of the indicator actuating bars G' to rotate the indicator "g" forms a

40 special feature of my invention.

It will be observed that the tilting bar F is located upon an incline, the same being inclined downward toward the rear. In their normal position the upper edges of the heli-45 cal faced flanges g' extend at right angles to the elongation of the slots f' in the filting bar F. The rotation of a given indicator actuating bar G', causes the upper edge of the corresponding flange g' to strike against the 50 under face of the tilting bar F and to lift said bar sufficiently to permit the upper end of the said flange to rotate into place in the corresponding slot f' of the bar F, the bar F dropping downward over the upper end of said 55 flange and thereby retaining the corresponding \bar{b} ar G' in position to hold the indicator gwith its face to the front until the flange of its actuating bar is released from the bar F. It will be seen that the upper end of the 60 flange g' turns rearward when rotated. The bar F is stopped in its downward movement by an underlying transverse bar H engaged with said brackets and upon which the bar normally rests. When the flanges g' are in 65 normal position, projecting laterally or longitudinally of the bar F, the bar F may rest

said flanges. But owing to the downward inclination of the bar F when a flange g' is turned rearward it strikes against the lower 70 edge of the tilting bar F and raises it to allow the upper edge of the flange coming into position in the corresponding slot f'. The bar F may then again drop down upon the underlying bar H and hold the corresponding in- 75 dicator actuating bar G', with its indicator, to the front. In manipulating the next subsequent key, it will be desirable to first release the indicator next previously displayed, so as to prevent more than one indicator be- 80 ing displayed, and unless the previously actuated indicator was so first released, the indicator plates, if adjacent one to the other, might strike the one against the other. It will be seen, as before described, that the op- 85 eration of the swinging bar E, upon manipulation of a given key, first lifts the bar F sufficiently to release the upper edge of the flange g' of the corresponding indicator actuating bar G'. The bar F is thus lifted in ad- 90 vance of the rotation of the rod G' corresponding to the subsequent manipulation. Retracting springs g^3 are arranged to throw the bars G' back into normal position when the bar F is raised. The bars G' are preferably bent 95 toward their upper ends as shown at g^4 , Fig. 9 so as to carry the indicator "g" forward when its face is presented to the front. It will thus be understood how the indicators are operated upon striking the keys.

Resting upon the arms of the keys, toward their rear ends, is a swinging bar I extending across the machine, by the operation of which the drawer is released, a bell is sounded, a cuckoo figure is exposed, a cuckoo call sound- 105 ed, and a door is simultaneously opened in front of the cuckoo figure. These results are accomplished as follows:—The ends of the bars I are bent to form arms I' having a pivotal engagement at their forward extremities 110 upon the end brackets A² and A⁵, as shown at "i." At the rear of the drawer B is a spring B'arranged to shoot the drawer forward when at liberty to move. A spring arm B² is engaged at one end with the case, its rearward 115 end normally engaging a flange or shoulder B³ upon the rear edge of the drawer to lock the drawer when the spring bar B² is in normal position. This spring bar is connected as by a chain "b" to the swinging bar I. It 120 will be observed that when a given key is struck the spring bar B2 will be lifted out of engagement with the drawer permitting the spring B' to throw the drawer forward. Upon forcing the drawer inward, the spring bar B² 125 engages with the shoulder B3, and locks the drawer in position.

Engaged upon the case A is a hinged door C⁶ behind which is mounted a cuckoo figure A' located upon a base A' having a jointed 130 engagement toward the front of the base upon the case A. The base A⁸ of the cuckoo figure is connected toward the rear edge thereupon the bar H and over the upper edges of I of by a rod a2 to the bar I. The rear edge of

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said base is connected by a rod a^3 with the door C^6 , the construction being such that when the bar I is lifted, the rod a^2 will be raised, thereby tilting the base of the cuckoo figure and opening the door C^6 exposing and tilting forward the cuckoo figure. The weight of the base and its figure will restore it into normal position, thereby closing the door when the bar I is released from its lifted position by the restoration of the key to its nor-

mal position.

The cuckoo sounding mechanism consists of suitable musical or vocal pipes J, J' of any ordinary construction provided with bellows 15 "j" and j'. These pipes are connected with a rocking bar J² pivotally supported upon the case A intermediate its ends, said bar being connected at one side the fulcrum by a rod j^2 to the cross-bar I. As the bar I is lifted 20 the pipe J is raised and pipe J' depressed thereby compressing the corresponding bellows j' and sounding the note of the pipe J'. When the bar I descends the action of the pipes will be reversed, sounding in a corre-25 sponding manner the pipe J. The two pipes are thus sounded each time a key is operated, two notes so sounded being apparently the notes of the cuckoo figure.

K denotes a bell secured upon one of the

30 end brackets in a suitable manner.

K' is a hammer of the bell having its handle "k" engaged with a rock bar k' pivoted at its outer end upon the adjacent bracket. The rock bar is provided with a latch k^2 pivoted thereto at its forward end and projecting forward of the end of the rock bar.

K² is a spring connecting the hammer handle with the adjacent bracket. Upon the adjacent arm of the bar I is located a pin i² ar-40 ranged to engage the projecting end of the latch upon the rock bar when the bar I is lifted, thereby raising the rock bar and throwing back the hammer. When the pin i² rides past the end of the latch, said spring will 45 throw the hammer forward to strike the bell. The latch being pivoted as above described, will tilt independent of the rock bar allowing the pin i^2 to drop past it into normal position. A movable arm K³ is pivotally engaged 50 at one end, as at k^3 , upon the adjacent bracket, and is arranged to be thrown into position adjacent to the hammer handle to prevent the striking of the bell if desired. This movable arm may be thrown back out of the way 55 of the hammer handle when it is desired to permit the sounding of the bell.

The registering mechanism for registering the transactions of the machine, is as follows: For this purpose I preferably employ three 60 sets of registering devices. One set, which may be at the left hand of the machine, registering cents, the next or intermediate set for registering dimes and the next or right hand set for registering dollars. As shown, 65 the registering devices for registering cents are constructed to register from one to

nine cents inclusive, and are at the left hand

of the change key marked c' in the drawings. The registering devices for registering dimes, as shown, are arranged to register from 70 ten to ninety inclusive, being the keys intermediate the change key and a pay-out key marked " c^2 ." The registering devices for registering dollars, shown at the right hand of the pay-out key, are arranged as shown to 75 register from one to six dollars inclusive. Additional keys may be provided, however, if desired, and the numerals of the keys may be varied as may be desired to register any named numbers or denominations of money 80 which may be desired. Thus instead of the first nine keys at the left hand being used to register cents, they might register multiples of five cents, from five cents to forty-five cents inclusive. The numerals of the keys 85 of the remaining sets may be correspondingly changed if desired. It will be sufficient, in order to the understanding of my invention, to describe the different sets of registering mechanisms as arranged and adapted to reg- 90 ister cents, dimes and dollars, as above described, and I would have it clearly understood that I do not limit myself solely thereto, as the same devices may be made to register money of any desired denomination. I will 95 therefore explain the mechanism as arranged in sets to register cents, dimes and dollars to the clear understanding of the mechanism.

The three sets of registering mechanisms are mechanically similar for the most part 100 and only one set of registering devices needs therefore to be described. That more specifically illustrated in Figs. 2, 3 and 6 which is the mechanism for registering cents, or any other denominations of money, first above 105 explained together with change registering

mechanism associated therewith.

The same letters of reference will apply to the other registering devices to which like

letters are therefore applied.

L denotes a primary toothed registering wheel and L' a secondary toothed registering wheel, which in the drawings is shown located above the corresponding primary wheel. Each revolution of the primary wheel L is to 115 be registered upon the secondary registering wheel. To this end the primary wheel may be provided with a spur "l" and the secondary wheel be provided with an oscillating arm L² provided with a pawl l' pivotally engaged 120 with said arm, as shown, the construction being such that at each revolution of the primary wheel L the spur "l" will strike against the arm L² and lift it throwing the pawl l' one notch forward to rotate the secondary wheel 125 one notch at each revolution of the primary wheel L. These registering wheels are journaled upon the adjacent brackets. The primary wheel L is actuated by a pawl M. A safety pawl or stop latch M' is pivoted upon 130 the adjacent brackets arranged to engage the primary wheel and prevent its being accidentally rotated in the wrong direction, as in lifting the pawl M to get a new hold upon

the registering wheel when a given key is operated. The pawl M is pivotally engaged, as at m, upon a swinging pawl-actuating web N, shown more fully in detail in Fig. 8. This 5 web is pivotally mounted upon a transverse bar P supported upon the brackets of the machine. Each set of registering mechanism is provided with one of these swinging webs, as shown. Each of the webs is preferably constructed with rearwardly extended arms N', and N², pivotally mounted upon the bar P, and also with forwardly extending arms, N³ and N⁴. The arm N⁴ carrying the pawl M. The arm N³ rests normally against the underlying 15 key and limits the descent of the web. The adjacent key may be recessed, as shown in Fig. 10, at m^2 , to receive the end of the arm N³. The body of the swinging web is constructed with a forwardly projecting shoulder 20 marked with the numeral 2, and with rearwardly projecting shoulders on the rear edge thereof extending diagonally from left to right rising one above the other, as shown at the numerals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. As shown, the 25 first four keys at the left hand of the machine on the upper row, and the first five keys at the left hand on the lower row operate the cents registering mechanism on the first set of registering wheels at the left hand of the 30 machine. As already described, the left hand key on the lower row lifts directly upon the arm N³ of the web, the remaining keys of the section are each provided with an upwardly extended finger "t," said fingers being arranged 35 diagonally across the section from left to right, as shown, and are arranged to correspond with the shoulders, above described, upon the web N. It will be seen, as so constructed, each key will strike the web at a different distance from 40 the fulcrum of the key, and the various keys will therefore lift the said web a corresponding distance and raise the pawl M to a corresponding height to actuate the registering wheel L a corresponding distance. Thus the key at 45 the left in the lower row lifts against the front end of the arm N³, the next key at the right lifts against the shoulder marked 2 on the web. The third key from the left is constructed to lift against the web between the 50 shoulders marked 2 and 4. The fourth key will lift against the shoulder 4, the fifth key will lift against the shoulder marked 5, the sixth key will lift against the shouldermarked 6, the seventh key will lift against the shoul-55 der marked 7, the eighth key will lift against the shoulder marked 8, and the ninth key will lift against the shoulder marked 9. The primary registering wheel is so constructed as to be thrown by this means from one to nine 60 notches according to whichever of the first nine keys is struck. The change key, above mentioned, is provided with a pawl t' actuating a toothed wheel L³. A stop pawl L⁴ is engaged upon the adjacent bracket to pre-65 vent the rotation of the change wheel in the

wrong direction. It will be perceived that

and consequently will not operate the registering wheels L, and L'. The registering mechanism for registering dimes is located 70 adjacent to the bracket A⁴ and is similar to that already described. The pay-out key actuates a pay-out registering wheel L⁵ in the same manner as the change key actuates its corresponding registering wheel and needs 75 no further description. Inasmuch as the dollar keys, that is, the keys for actuating dollar registering mechanism, are only six in number, as shown, the corresponding web is only provided with a corresponding number 80 of shoulders, and the number of keys in a given section is immaterial so far as the scope of my invention is concerned. No change or pay-out registering wheel is required with the registering wheels at the right hand of 85 the machine.

Over the peripheries of the several registering wheels, is engaged a band z with suitable numerals, although the desired numerals may be placed upon the peripheries of 30 the various registering wheels in any desired manner. In front of the several registering wheels is located a suitable shield Q recessed at suitable points, as shown at "q" to reveal the amount registered thereupon when the 95 cover A' of the case is opened. By adding up the different numerals so exposed, the total amount of the transactions registered, is obtained. In case the change registering mechanism or the pay out registering mech- 100 anism is operated, a ticket with a corresponding number should be deposited in the drawer. The sum of the tickets should equal the amounts registered upon the change and pay-out registering wheels, unless, as in the 105 case of the change registering mechanism, an equal amount of money is deposited in the drawer. The amount of money in the drawer, together with any such tickets, should equal the amounts registered.

The operation of the change key and the pay-out key simply tells how many times change has been made, or how many times money has been paid out, as the case may be, and a slip should upon each operation of 115 either of these keys be put into the drawer. The slip corresponding to the pay-out key should record how much money has been paid out. The number of the slips will show how many times the drawer has been opened in the 120 operation of the change key and pay-out key.

It is desirable that no two keys in the same set of registering mechanism should be permitted to be operated at the same time as it will be seen only the highest amount would 125 be registered.

I prevent the operation of any two keys simultaneously in the same set of registering mechanism, in the following manner:—The bridge D' is constructed with a series of re- 130 cesses, indicated at d^2 shown more particularly in Fig. 7. The several keys are also constructed each with an upwardly projecting the change key does not operate upon a web I finger d^3 adapted to enter corresponding re520,049

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cesses d^2 in the bridge. Upon the bridge are located a series of slotted blocks or plates D² cut away at their adjacent edges on the side toward the fingers d^3 of the keys to permit 5 said fingers entering between two adjacent blocks. At the ends of each section of the registering mechanism, the bridge is provided with a shoulder d^4 between which the series of blocks is located upon the bridge. The 10 blocks fill the spaces longitudinally of a single section of the bridge with the exception of barely sufficient room to permit the entrance of a single finger d^3 therebetween. Only one finger in a section can enter its cor-15 responding recess between said blocks, the blocks sliding in one direction or the other to permit a ready operation of a single key. Should it be attempted to strike two keys at once, one of them must necessarily be blocked 20 and not permitted entrance into its corresponding recess. Its corresponding registering mechanism cannot therefore be actuated. The swinging bar I is provided with a retracting weighted arm I3 to restore it to its normal 25 position.

Should it be desired to lock the registering mechanism so that it cannot be operated at all, I provide a thumb screw R which may be projected inward from the adjacent arm of the bar I so that it cannot be lifted. Any other suitable locking mechanism may be employed in place of the thumb screw.

I prefer to support the drawer mainly upon rolls S journaled upon the case, and flange b^5 35 engaged with the drawer riding upon said rolls. This construction is shown more particularly in Fig. 11, Fig. 2 showing the drawer also broken away to show the rolls. The drawer may also be provided with rolls, there-40 beneath, as shown at b^6 .

The fingers "t" of the operating levers, I prefer to construct as shown more particularly in Figs. 3 and 8 in which the upper end of said fingers is shown constructed with lateral recesses t², allowing the web N to enter said recesses when the operating key has reached its proper length of stroke, the hook engaging over the web and effectually holding it so firmly that there can be no possible further movement of the corresponding registering wheel.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a cash register provided with a series of operating keys, a series of indicator actuating bars or rods provided with indicators at their upper ends, each of said bars bent beneath its corresponding indicator to carry the indicator forward when its face is presented to the front, said bars or rods each provided toward its lower end with a helical shaped flange whereby each bar or rod may be independently rotated, substantially as set forth.

2. In a cash register, a series of rotatable indicator actuating bars provided with indicators at their upper ends, each of said bars bent beneath its corresponding indicator to

carry the indicator forward when its face is presented to the front, substantially as set forth.

3. In a cash register, the combination of a series of operating keys, a series of rotatable indicator actuating bars each provided with a helical faced flange engaged by the corresponding key when its rearend is lifted into 75 contact therewith, thereby rotating said bar, and means to hold each of said bars in lifted positions, the flange being out of contact with the corresponding key both in its normal and in its lifted position, substantially as set forth. 80

4. In a cash register, the combination with a series of operating keys, of a series of rotatable indicator actuating bars each provided with a helical faced flange engaged by the corresponding key when the key is operated, 85 a slotted tilting bar embracing said indicator actuating bars, and means to raise said tilting bar when a given key is operated to release the previously operated indicator actuating bar, substantially as set forth.

5. In a cash register, the combination with a series of rotatable indicator actuating bars each provided with a helical faced flange, and a tilting bar F slotted to receive the corresponding flanges, said flanges when rotated 95 engaging in slots of said tilting bar and extending transversely therebeneath when in normal position, substantially as set forth.

6. In a cash register, the combination with a series of operating levers, of a series of rotatable indicator bars provided with indicators at their upper ends, and helical faced flanges toward their lower ends, a slotted tilting bar F and a swinging rod E arranged to lift the tilting bar when the keys are operated, 105 substantially as set forth.

7. In a cash register, the combination of a series of operating keys, a series of rotatable indicator actuating bars provided with helical faced flanges, rotated by said keys respectively, a slotted tilting bar F, a swinging rod E located adjacent to the lower end of the keys and means to force said swinging rod out of engagement with the keys, substantially as set forth.

8. In a cash register the combination with vertical supporting brackets, of a series of fulcrumed operating keys, a registering wheel and a swinging web pivotally supported on the adjacent vertical brackets and arranged to operate the registering wheel, said web constructed with shoulders at different distances from the fulcrums of the various keys, and said keys each provided with an independent finger to engage the corresponding shoulder 125 upon said web, substantially as set forth.

9. In a cash register, the combination of a series of fulcrumed operating keys, a registering wheel and a swinging web arranged to operate said wheel, said web constructed with 130 shoulders at its rear edge, and said shoulders projecting rearwardly the one beyond the other in order laterally of the web, said keys each provided with an independent finger en-

gaging the corresponding shoulder of the web, whereby the various fingers upon the operating keys will engage said web at different distances from the respective fulcrums of the

5 said keys, substantially as set forth.

10. In a cash-register, the combination with a series of fulcrumed operating keys, of a registering wheel and a swinging web arranged to operate said wheel, said web constructed with shoulders at different distances from the fulcrum of the various keys and said keys, provided with fingers corresponding to the shoulders upon the web, the fingers constructed with a recess to engage the web and a hook to engage the upper face of the web, substantially appears to the web appear

tially as set forth.

11. In a cash register the combination with a series of operating keys, of bell sounding mechanism, drawer operating mechanism, cuckoo operating mechanism, end brackets, a transverse oscillatory bar I resting upon said keys and formed with arms I' pivotally engaged upon said brackets, the operation of the oscillatory bar I by the individual keys operating the bell sounding mechanism, the drawer opening mechanism, and the cuckoo sounding mechanism, substantially as set forth.

12. In a cash register, the combination of a series of operating keys, of an oscillatory bar

I, oscillating vocal pipes J, J' each provided with a bellows, and a rocking bar J² connected with the bar I and connecting said pipes, substantially as set forth.

13. In a cash register provided with a case 35 and with a hinged door C^6 , the combination with a series of operating keys, of an oscillatory bar I, a cuckoo figure located upon a tilting base behind said hinged door, a rod a^2 connecting said tilting base and said oscillatory 40 bar, whereby said door will be thrown open and said cuckoo will be thrown forward upon the operation of an individual operating key, substantially as set forth.

14. In a cash register the combination with 45 a series of operating keys, a rod a^2 surmounted by a cuckoo figure, a hinged door in front of said figure, vocal pipes, and an oscillatory bar I resting upon said keys, the operation of the bar I by the individual key simultaneously 50 sounding said pipes and opening said door and throwing forward said cuckoo figure, sub-

stantially as set forth.
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