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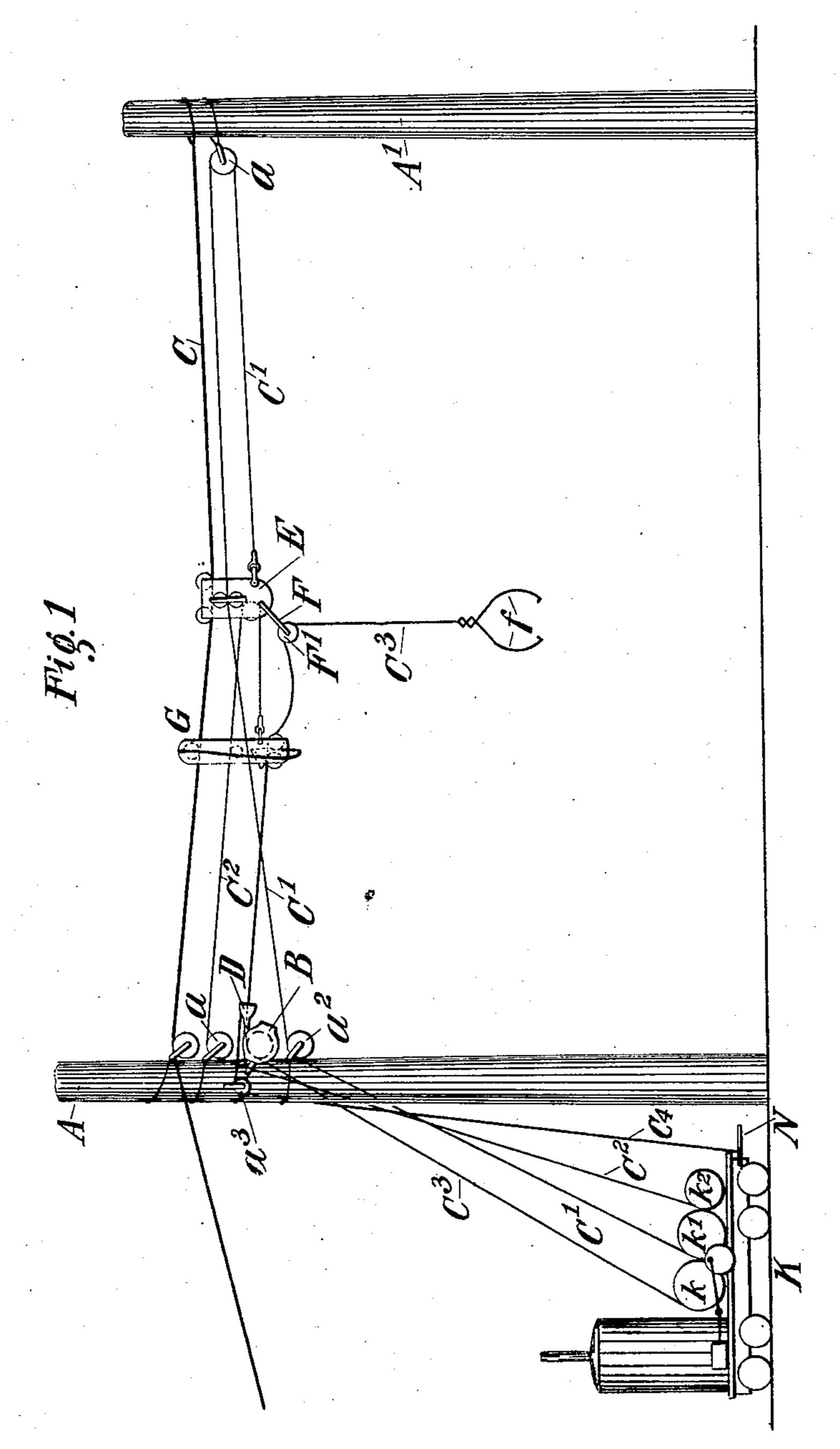
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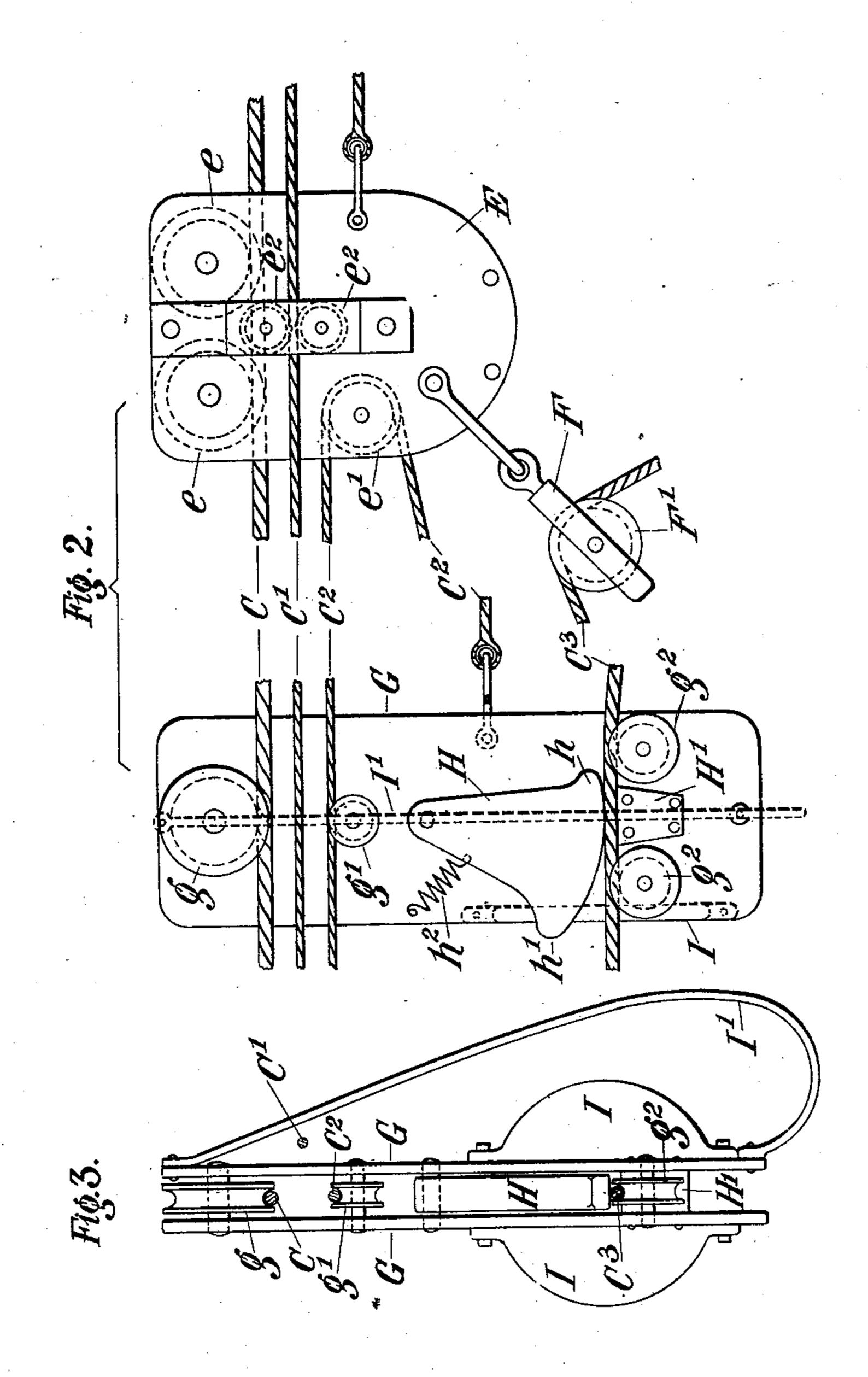
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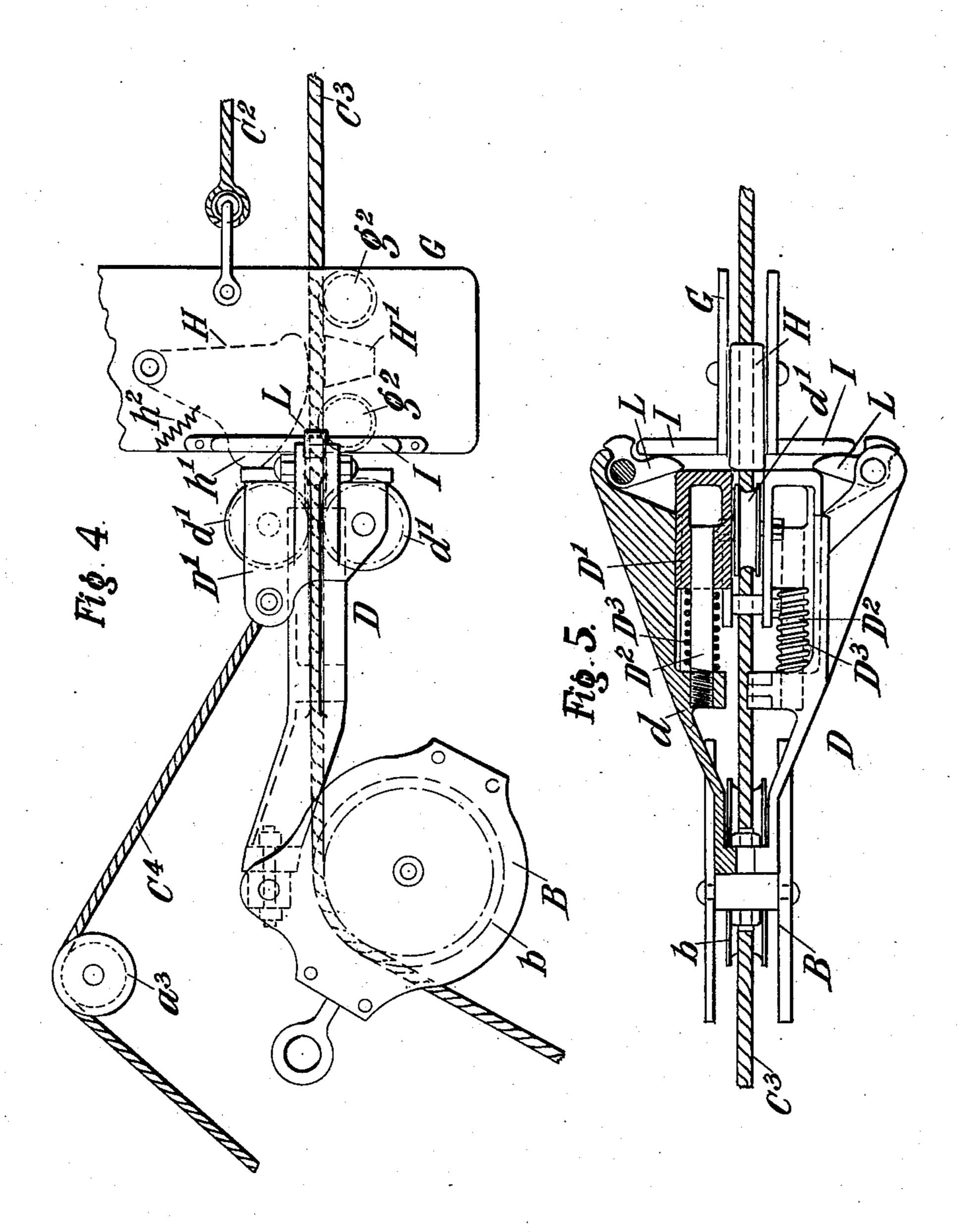
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Thomas Spencer Mil-Ler, a resident of South Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, and Joseph 5 H. Dickinson, a resident of Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, citizens of the United States, have invented a new and Improved Conveyer, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates to an improvement in hoisting and conveying devices which are especially adapted for use in connection with cableways, although much of the device might be used in connection with a conveying mechanism employing a rigid track or without any track, the load-pulling and outhaul ropes serving as the only support other than the ground.

Our invention comprises certain novel features which will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate cate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the general operation of our device. Fig. 2 is a detail showing the carriage and the traveling grip in their relative positions when in use.

30 Fig. 3 is an elevation of the traveling grip, taken at right angles to the view shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the trip and grip locking device with a portion of the grip, showing their manner of operation.

35 Fig. 5 is a plan and partial section of the same parts.

Our device is herein shown as in use upon a cableway, although it will be evident that with only slight or no modifications the device might be used upon a conveyer having a rigid track, or the load-pulling and outhaul ropes may be used independently of any track, such modifications as might be necessary being of such a character as to be evident to any mechanic.

A head-support A and a tail-support A' are shown, which may be of any construction. Where the device is used for logging purposes, for which use it is especially designed, these head and tail supports would naturally be trees which were conveniently placed.

The cable C, upon which the carriage and the grip travel, is supported upon these head and tail supports and anchored in any convenient manner. An engine K is shown in Fig. 1 55 provided with three drums k, k', and k^2 , said engine being any convenient form of threedrum engine, such as is quite generally used for similar purposes, and is therefore not illustrated or described in detail. This en- 60 gine, in addition to the usual devices, has a lever N, to which is connected a trip-rope C4, by means of which the device which locks the grip near the head-support is released. The carriage, which is shown in Fig. 2, is in the 65 main of any suitable construction. As herein shown, it consists of plates E, forming the frame of the carriage, in which are journaled two wheels e, which travel upon the supporting-cable C. The carriage is also provided 70 with two guide-rollers e^2 , which support the carriage outhaul-rope C', and with a roller e', about which the grip outhaul-rope C² passes. To the lower part of the carriage is connected a clevis or sheave-frame F, in which is jour- 75 naled a wheel F', over which the hoisting-rope C³ passes. The grip G, which is shown in Figs. 2 and 3, has a frame composed of the two bars or plates G, in the upper end of which is journaled a wheel g, which travels upon the sup- 80 porting-cable C and supports the weight of the grip. A guide-wheel g' is also provided within the frame, upon which travels the grip outhaul-rope C². Between the lower ends of the plates forming the frame of the grip are 85 journaled two wheels g^2 , over which travels the hoisting-rope C³. Between these two wheels and beneath the rope G³ is placed a block H', which forms an abutment for the rope to enable the grip or dog H to engage 90 and bind the same. This dog H is pivoted at its upper end between the frame-plates G of the grip and has its lower end surface curved with a varying radius from its pivotpoint, the end h of said curved surface being 95 of a greater radius than the end h', so that when it swings to the position shown in Fig. 2 it will firmly grip the rope C³ against the block H'. In this condition when the rope C³ is caused to travel toward the left in Fig. 100 2 it will carry the grip with it, or if the grip is caused to travel toward the right, as shown

in Fig. 2, it will carry the rope C³ with it. spring h^2 is connected with the cam-dog H, so as normally to draw it into its locking position with a slight pressure sufficient to cause 5 its prompt engagement with the rope. The block H' would ordinarily be placed below the wheels g^2 enough to prevent the hoistingrope from engaging therewith when running out or when the dog H is out of use.

Upon the outer surfaces of the two frameplates of the grip G and at their edges, which are toward the head-support, are placed two flanges I, which are adapted to be engaged by the grip-locking mechanism carried upon 15 the trip, which trip is supported on or near the head-support. The grip outhaul-rope C²

is connected to the grip, as shown in Fig. 2. This grip outhaul-rope passes first to the carriage E and then backward toward the head-20 support to its engagement with the grip G. Upon one side of the grip a curved bar I' is shown, which forms a guide to retain the carriage outhaul-rope C' in place and prevent its

becoming entangled.

The mechanism for tripping and holding the grip is shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The hoisting-cable C^3 passes over the pulley b of a sheave-block B, which is supported upon the head-support. The trip which provides for 30 releasing the grip from the hoisting-cable is herein shown as connected with the sheaveblock B, although it is evident that it may be supported from any other suitable member. In case it was desired to release the 35 grip at a greater distance from the head-support the trip D might be supported from the supporting-cable. The frame of this tripping and grip-holding device consists of two parts D, which at their outer ends or the ends 40 away from the head-support flare outwardly, as clearly shown in Fig. 5. Within this outer

able guides on the frame D and the bolts D2, 45 which bolts are also surrounded by springs D³, acting to hold the block projected a certain amount and to return it after it has been forced inward. To the block D' is connected a rope C4, which passes over a pulley and

end of the frame is mounted a sliding block

or ram D', which is mounted to slide in suit-

50 downward to the lever N upon the engine, by means of which the operator may withdraw the block D² whenever desired. The outward movement of the ram or block D' is limited by engagement with the ends of the 55 bell-crank levers L, which act at different

times as stops for the ram D' and catches for the rope-grip. The cam-dog H upon the grip has its end h' projecting beyond the side edge of the grip-frame and in such position

60 that as it travels toward the trip it will finally engage with the outer end surface of the block D', and the grip will thus be released from the hoisting-cable by forcing the dog toward the right of its position, as shown in Fig. 4.

65 Upon the outer ends of the frame D of the trip are pivoted two bell-crank levers L, the longer or inner ends of said levers being of

sufficient length to engage with the outer end surface of the block D'. The flanges I, which project from the sides of the grip, engage the 70 inner arms of these bell-crank levers before the cam-dog H engages the block D'. The block D' is thus forced inward before it engages the cam-dog H a sufficient amount to free the hoisting-rope. As the block is swung 75 inward by the pressure applied to the bellcrank levers L the springs D³ are compressed. When it has been swung inward a sufficient amount, the long arms of the bell-crank levers will swing outward a sufficient amount 80 to clear the block D'. The block will then be forced outward by the springs D² and will strike the cam - dog H a blow sufficiently hard to promptly release the hoisting-rope. When the ram D' is forced outward, the in- 85 ner long ends of the catch-levers L lie outside the ram and are prevented thereby from swinging back of the position shown in Fig. 5. In this position the short arms of the levers hook over the outer edges of the flanges I, so 90 as to hold the grip against return. The grip will thus be held until the block D' is withdrawn by hand through the intervention of the rope C4. As soon as this occurs the spring h^2 will cause the cam-dog H to grip the hoist- 95 ing-rope C³. If the drum carrying the grip outhaul-rope C² is caused to turn so as to wind its rope in, the grip will be caused to travel toward the right of the figures and to carry with it the hoisting-rope C³. The hoist- 100 ing-rope is guided in its passage through the trip device D by means of two rollers d', which are journaled in said trip device.

The operation of our device is as follows: Starting with the grip G locked to the trip 105 mechanism (shown in Figs. 4 and 5) the engine is operated so as to cause the carriage E to travel outward upon the cableway. As the outer end of the hoisting-rope C³ is provided with a pair of tongs f or other suitable 110 mechanism for engagement with the log, the end of the hoisting-rope cannot pass through the pulley F' and the hoisting-rope is carried out along with the carriage. The grip outhaul-rope C² is also carried out by the same 115 means, although the speed of the grip outhaul-rope will be twice that of the carriage and the hoisting-rope, because one end of it is secured to the grip, and the grip is at that time locked in position and prevented from travel- 120

ing outward upon the cableway.

In using a device of this character it is desired to have a certain amount of the hoistingrope extending beyond the carriage, so that logs may be drawn in from points extending 125 at some distance at either side of the cableway or beyond the tail-support. When the carriage has traveled a distance from the locked position of the grip equal to the amount of the hoisting-rope which it is desired to have 130 extend beyond the carriage, the trip is released by pulling upon the rope C4. The further travel of the carriage will thus result in drawing the grip outward with it, provided

the friction of the grip in traveling upon the cableway is less than the friction of the drum upon which the grip outhaul-rope is wound. This may be regulated by a brake, if neces-5 sary. The grip may also be caused to travel outward by winding in upon the grip outhaulrope. By one of these means the grip is caused to travel outward upon the cableway, so as to pull with it the hoisting-rope, and thus to to provide as much slack as necessary to reach the logs desired. If the amount of slack produced by this means is not quite sufficient for the purpose, it is a comparatively easy matter to pull out the hoisting-rope the short dis-15 tance desired by hand, as the grip will not engage the hoisting-rope except it is moved in one direction.

The rope C³ has herein been called a "hoisting-rope," although it is something more than 20 that. It is, in effect, a combined hoisting and load-pulling rope, as the travel of the carriage toward the head-support is caused by the pull upon the rope C³. We have therefore in some of the claims referred to this rope as a "load-25 pulling" rope, which is correct, as it is relied

upon to move the carriage in one direction. It is evident that our device might be operated without the main or trackway cable C, if desired, although the use of such cable has 30 some advantages. In such case the outhaul and hoisting ropes would serve in combination as the supporting-ropes. The carriage, the grip, and the tripping and holding devices might be much simplified without departing 35 from the spirit of our invention or changing their function.

It is evident that many of the parts of our device might be materially changed in appearance without changing their essential 40 characteristics. We do not, therefore, wish to be limited to the exact form of device herein shown nor to the exact method of operating the same. The omission of any elements in any claim is to be taken as a formal dec-45 laration that the omitted elements are not essential to the particular combination therein mentioned.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Let-50 ters Patent—

1. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a carriage, carriage-traversing means, an outhaul-rope, and a grip actuated by said outhaul-rope and adapted to 55 engage the load-pulling rope to draw it outwardly.

2. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a load-carriage, carriagetraversing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip ac-60 tuated by said outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to pull it outward, and means for automatically releasing the grip when it reaches a certain inward position.

3. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a load-carriage, carriagetraversing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip ac-

tuated by said outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to pull it outward, and a trip adapted to contact with and 70 release the grip from the load-pulling rope, at a certain point in the inward travel of the grip.

4. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a carriage, carriage-trav- 75 ersing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to pull it outward, and a trip and holding device adapted to both free the grip from the load-pulling rope and to 80 hold the grip.

5. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a carriage, carriage-traversing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said out haul-rope and adapted to engage the 85 load-pulling rope, to pull it outward, and a combined grip freeing and holding device located inwardly from the extreme travel of the load and adapted to automatically free the grip from the load-pulling rope and to hold 90 the grip.

6. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a carriage, carriage-traversing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the 95 load-pulling rope, a trip and holding device adapted to both free the grip from the loadpulling rope and to hold the grip, and manually-operative means for releasing the grip from said holding device.

7. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, a carriage, carriage-traversing means, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the load-pulling rope, a combined grip free- 105 ing and holding device located inwardly of the extreme travel of the load and adapted to automatically free the grip from the loadpulling rope and also to engage and hold the grip, and manually-operative means for re- 110 leasing the grip from said holding device.

8. In a conveying device in combination, a load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and normally operative to engage the load-pulling rope to pull 115 it outward, mechanism for freeing the grip from the load-pulling rope at a fixed point in its inward travel, and means for reëngaging the grip upon the load-pulling rope as desired.

9. In a conveying device in combination, a 120 load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and embracing the load-pulling rope, and normally operative to hold the load-pulling rope against movement therethrough in one direction, means for au- 125 tomatically releasing the grip from the loadpulling rope when it reaches a certain point, and means for reëngaging the grip upon the load-pulling rope when desired.

10. In a conveying device in combination, 130 a load-pulling rope, a movable supportingguide therefor, means for moving said guide, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and normally operative to hold the

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load-pulling rope against movement therethrough in one direction, a trip and a holding device adapted respectively to free the grip from the load-pulling rope and to en-5 gage and hold the grip, and means for releasing the grip, when desired, to permit its engagement with the load-pulling rope.

11. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, a movable supportingto guide therefor, means for moving said guide, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and normally operative to engage the load-pulling rope between its guide and the power, a combined grip freeing and hold-15 ing device adapted at a fixed point to automatically free the grip from the load-pulling rope and to engage and hold the grip, and manually-operative means for releasing the

20 12. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, an outhanl-rope, a movable support for both of said ropes, means for moving said support, and a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and adapted to auto-25 matically grip the load-pulling rope to prevent passage of said load-pulling rope through it in one direction and to permit its free passage therethrough in the other direction, sub-

stantially as described.

grip from its holding device.

13. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a supporting and guiding member for both of said ropes and means for moving said member as desired, a grip secured to the outhaul-rope, 35 and adapted to automatically grip the loadpulling rope to prevent passage of said loadpulling rope through it in one direction and to permit its free passage therethrough in the other direction, and a stop adapted to engage

40 said grip to free the load-pulling rope at a certain point in its inward travel.

14. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a support and guide for both of said ropes, and 45 means for moving said guide as desired, and a grip secured to said outhaul-rope adapted to automatically grip the load pulling rope to prevent passage of said load-pulling rope through it in one direction and to permit its 50 free passage therethrough in the other direction, and a combined stop and holding device adapted at a fixed point to engage the grip to free it from the load-pulling rope and to hold it against return.

55 15. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a supporting-guide for both of said ropes, means for moving said guide as desired, a grip secured to said outhaul-rope and adapted to au-60 tomatically grip the load-pulling rope to prevent passage of said load-pulling rope through it in one direction and to permit its free passage therethrough in the other direction, a combined stop and holding device adapted 65 to engage the grip in its inward movement to free it from the load-pulling rope and to hold it against return, and a manually-operative l

means for releasing the grips from said stop

and holding device.

16. In a conveying device in combination, 70 a load-pulling rope, an outhaul-rope, a grip secured to the outhaul-rope and adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to draw it outward, and means for pulling out the load-pulling rope independent of the said outhaul- 75

rope.

17. In a hoisting and conveying device in combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said carriage, a 80 grip adapted to engage the hoisting-rope and movable upon the trackway, and a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon the

carriage.

18. In a hoisting and conveying device in 85 combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said rope, a grip movable upon the trackway and adapted to automatically engage the load-hoisting rope 90 to prevent its being pulled inward through the grip but permitting its free outward movement therethrough, and a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon the carriage.

19. In a hoisting and conveying device in 95 combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said carriage, a grip between the carriage and the inner end of the trackway adapted to engage the hoist- 100 ing-rope and movable upon the trackway, and a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-sup-

port upon the carriage.

20. In a hoisting and conveying device in combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, 105 a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said carriage, a grip between the carriage and the inner end of the trackway adapted to engage the hoisting-rope and movable upon the trackway, a 110 grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon the carriage, and means for independently actuating said outhaul and hoisting ropes.

21. In a hoisting and conveying device in 115 combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said carriage, a grip between the carriage and the inner end of the trackway, movable upon the trackway 120 and adapted to automatically engage the loadhoisting rope to prevent its being pulled inward through the grip but permitting its free outward movement therethrough, and a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon 125 the carriage.

22. In a hoisting and conveying device in combination a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon said carriage, a 130 grip between the carriage and the inner end of the trackway, movable upon the trackway and adapted to automatically engage the load-hoisting rope to prevent its being pulled

inward through the grip but permitting its full outward movement therethrough, a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon the carriage, and means for independently sactuating said outhaul and hoisting ropes.

23. In a hoisting and conveying device in combination, a trackway, a carriage thereon, a carriage outhaul-rope, a hoisting-rope having a guiding-support upon the carriage, a grip movably supported upon the trackway between the carriage and the inner end of the trackway and adapted to engage the hoisting-rope, a fixed trip for releasing the grip from the hoisting-rope, a grip-holding device, and a grip outhaul-rope having a guiding-support upon the carriage.

24. In a conveying device in combination, a support or trackway cable, a load-pulling cable, a grip having a guiding-support upon the supporting-cable, a cam-dog and an abutment therefor adapted to grip the load-pulling rope between them, and a grip outhaul-rope.

25. In a conveying device in combination, a supporting or trackway cable, a load-pulling cable, a grip having a guiding-support upon the supporting-cable, a cam-dog and an abutment therefor adapted to grip the load-pulling rope between them, means acting to normally move the dog into gripping position, and a grip outhaul-rope.

26. In a conveying device in combination, a supporting or trackway cable, a load-pulling cable, a grip having a guiding-support upon the supporting-cable, a cam-dog and an abutment therefor adapted to grip the load-pulling rope between them, a stationary stop adapted to engage the grip to release the load-pulling rope, catches thereon for retaining the grip, means for releasing the catches, and a grip outhaul-rope.

27. In a conveying device in combination, a supporting or trackway cable, a load-pulling cable, a grip having a guiding-support upon the supporting-cable, a cam-dog and an abutment therefor adapted to grip the load-pulling rope between them, a pulling-rope sheave at the inner end of the trackway, a stop secured to said sheave and adapted to engage the grip to release the load-pulling rope, catches thereon for retaining the grip, means for releasing the catches, and a grip outhaul-rope.

28. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, a grip outhaul-rope, a mov55 able guiding-support for both said ropes, a grip adapted to engage the load-pulling rope, a yielding stop adapted to engage and release the grip from the load-pulling rope, catches swung by engagement with the grip to lock60 ingly engage therewith, and engaged by the yielding stop to hold them in locking position, and means for manually retracting said stop to free the grip.

29. In a conveying device in combination a load-pulling rope, a guiding-sheave therefor, a grip outhaul-rope, a movable guiding-sup-

port for both said ropes, a grip adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to prevent its running back through it, a grip stop and holding device secured to said sheave and having 70 a guide for the load-pulling rope, a retractable member in said stop device adapted to engage and free the clamping member of the grip, a catch mechanism carried by said stop device and adapted to engage the grip to prevent its return and locked in place by said retractable member, and means for retracting said member to free the grip from the catches when desired.

30. In a conveying device in combination, 80 a load-pulling rope, a grip adapted to engage the load-pulling rope to prevent its running back through it, a grip outhaul-rope, movable supporting-guides for both said ropes, a grip stop and holding device at the inward 85 end of the conveying device and having a guide for the load-pulling rope, a retractable member in said stop device adapted to engage and free the clamping member of the grip, a catch mechanism carried by said stop device 90 and adapted to engage the grip to prevent its return and locked in place by said retractable member, and a rope secured to said retractable member whereby it may be retracted to free the grip from the catches when de- 95 sired.

31. The combination with a grip adapted to be secured to a rope and having side projecting ribs or flanges, and a trip member, of a stop therefor comprising a frame having there- 100 on a retractable member adapted to engage the trip to release the grip, bell-crank levers pivoted on the frame and having one end normally lying between the retractable member and the grip and adapted under pressure of 105 the grip to swing backward and outward to clear the said retractable member, the other end of said bell-crank being thereby hooked over the rib or projection on the grip to hold it, a spring acting to normally project said re- 110 tractable member, and independent means for withdrawing said retractable member to free the grip.

32. A grip for use with cable-conveying devices comprising two side frame members, a ream-dog pivoted between the frames and swung into engagement by gravity, a clamping-block between the frames and cooperating with the dog to grip the rope, and an outhaulrope attached to the grip.

33. A grip for use with cable-conveying devices, comprising two side frame members, supporting-wheels on the frame, a cam-dog pivoted between the frames, a clamping-block between the frames and coöperating with the 125 dog to grip the rope, and means for attaching an outhaul-rope to the grip.

34. A grip for use with cable-conveying devices comprising two side frame members, a cam-dog pivoted between the frames and having a projection adapted to contact with an object to release the grip, a clamping-block

coöperating with the dog to grip the rope, and an outhaul-rope secured to the grip.

35. A grip for use with cable-conveying devices comprising a frame, a gripping-block. 5 movable by gravity to normally grip a rope to prevent its movement in one direction only, and an outhaul-rope secured to said frame.

36. In a conveying device the combination with a load-pulling rope, of two independ-10 ently-operative outhaul devices for said load-

pulling rope.

37. In a conveying device the combination with a load-pulling rope, of two independently-operative outhaul-ropes adapted to draw 15 out the load-pulling rope, and means for operating all of said ropes from a common point.

38. In a conveying device the combination with a load-pulling rope, and a movable guiding-support for said rope, of two independ-20 ently-operative outhaul-ropes adapted to draw

out said load-pulling rope.

39. In a conveying device the combination with a carriage and means for traversing it, with a load-pulling rope having a guiding-25 support upon said carriage, and a limitingstop therefor, and an outhaul-rope having a movable clamping connection with the load-

pulling rope between the carriage and the

power.

40. In a conveying device the combination 30 with a load - pulling rope, an outhaul - rope therefor, and an auxiliary outhaul-rope, of a guiding connection between the main outhaulrope and the load-pulling rope, a guiding connection between the two outhaul-ropes, and 35 a shiftable connection between the auxiliary outhaul-rope and the load-pulling rope.

41. In a conveying device the combination with a load-pulling rope and two separate outhaul-ropes, of a sliding connection between 40 one of said outhaul-ropes and the load-pulling rope, a sliding connection between the two outhaul-ropes and a controllable grip connection between the other outhaul-rope and the

load-pulling rope.

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