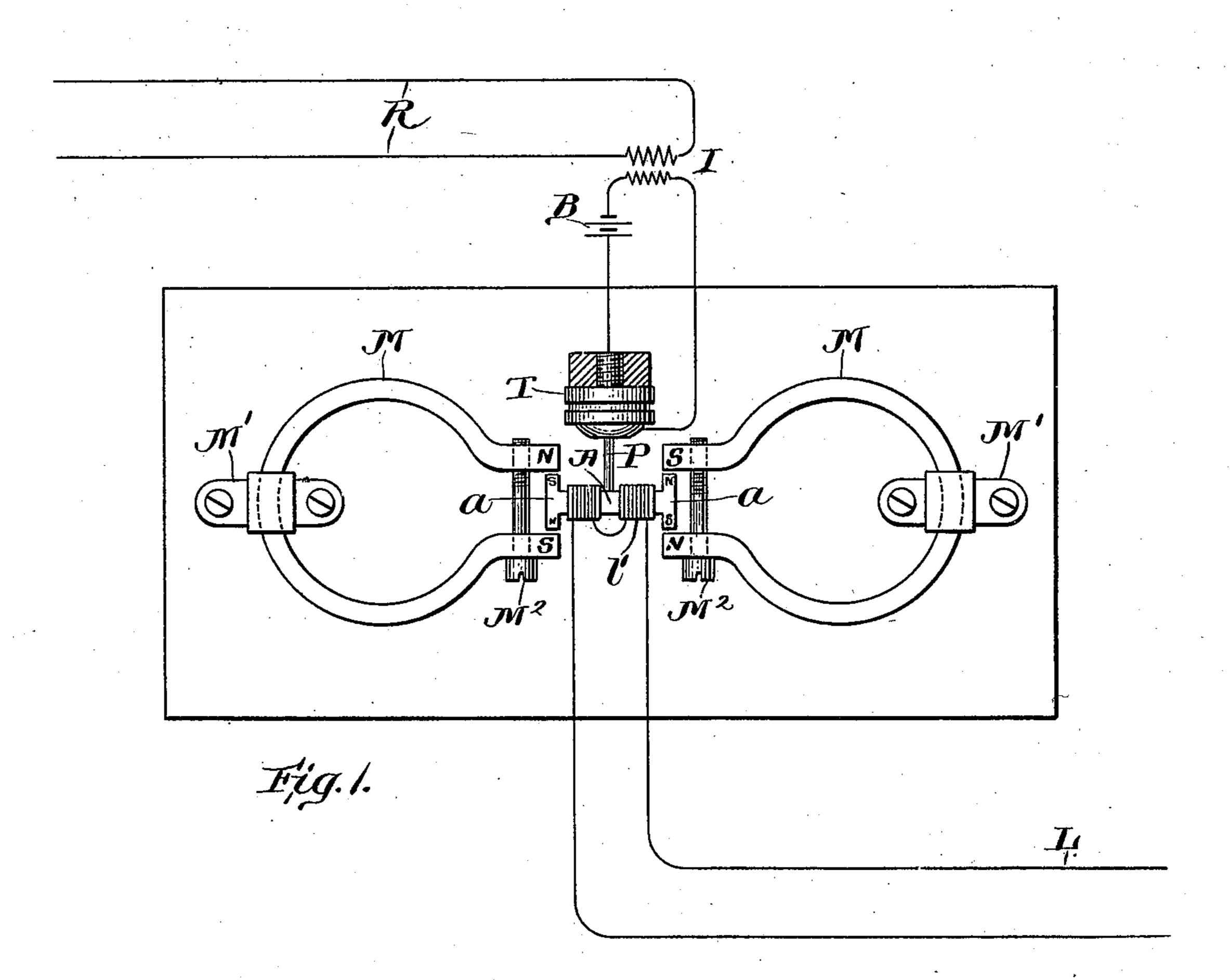
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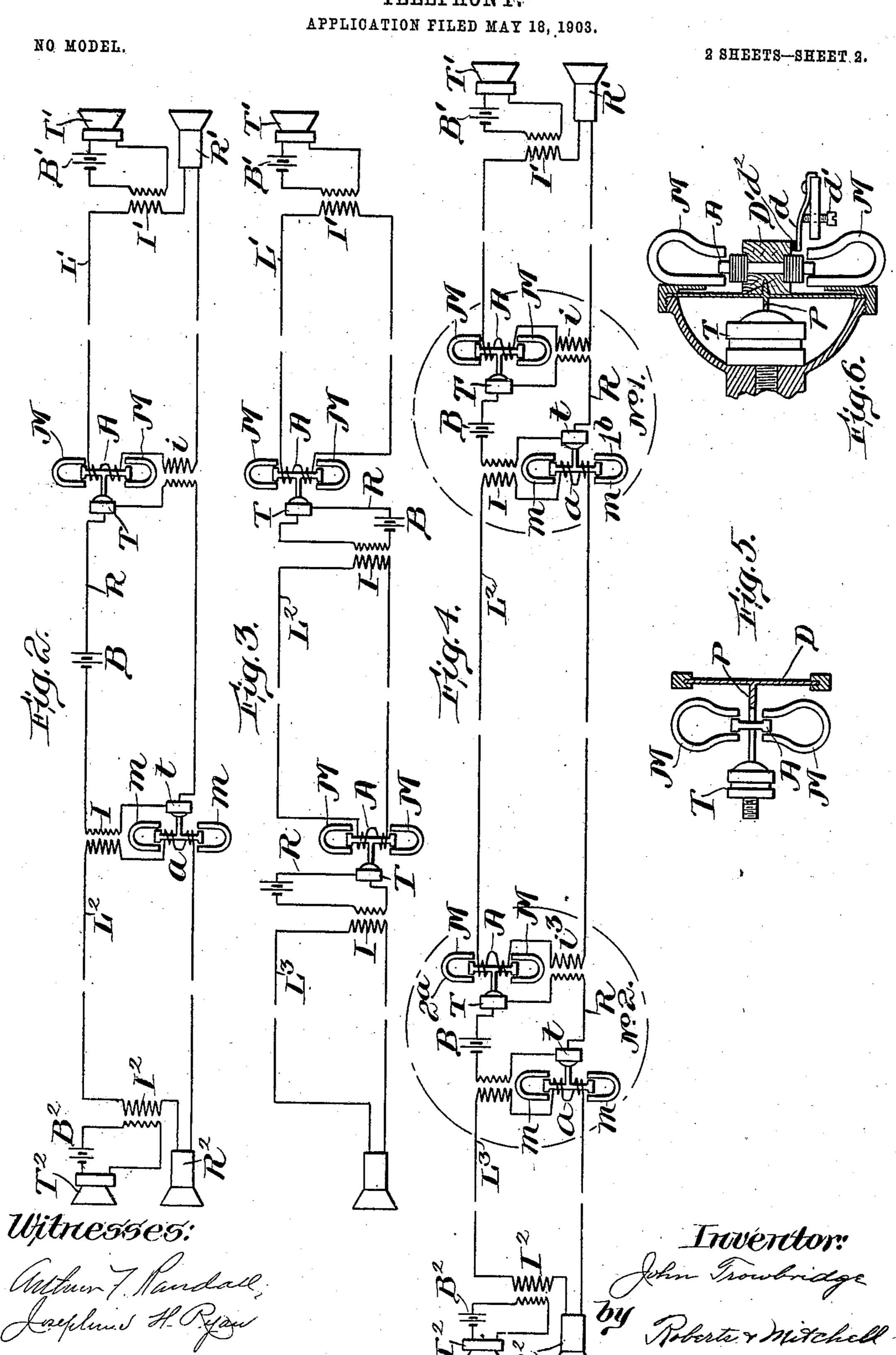
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John Trowbridge, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telephony, of which

the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to relay or repeat telephonic current undulations in such manner that relatively feeble undulations in one telephone-line will be reproduced in another line with enhanced force and amplitude and without impairment of the essential telephonic character of the current undulations and consequent deterioration of articulation and to provide such a relay apparatus that the telephonic system as a whole, including relays, will reciprocate—that is to say, will transmit speech messages electrically in either direction, as in the case of the ordinary continuous line.

My invention also includes means for amplifying and strengthening the speech-producing articulate undulations as they are being transformed into mechanical vibrations and sound-waves—in short, involves the construction and mode of operation of an improved

telephone-receiver.

In United States Letters Patent to Samuel 3° Sheldon and myself, No. 407,799, dated July 30, 1899, there is described a device whereof the purpose was to utilize powerful electrodynamic currents to energize magnets in a relay apparatus. This apparatus was also in-35 tended for use as a receiving instrument. As the continuous current generated by a dynamo involves the employment of a commutator, there is set up in the current a rapidly-recurring series of pulsations or throbs, due to the 4° action of the commutator, and as was pointed | out in the said Patent No. 407,799 the inductive pulsations produced by the commutator wherever an armature-coil is employed which intersects the lines of force of the sur-45 rounding magnetic field (such as illustrated by Siemens's patent, No. 149,797, dated April 14, 1874) will if the armature be employed as part of a telephonic system overpower the more delicate undulations characteristic of a

telephonic current. Consequently, as the 50 specification of the Trowbridge and Sheldon patent, No. 407,799, sets forth in detail, the object was to arrange an armature wound and suspended in the field of a dynamo-currentexcited electromagnet in such a manner as to 55 elude the disturbing commutator influences, and thus be capable of transmitting speech as a relay or as a receiver. Unfortunately for the practical accomplishment of this purpose the hypothesis of the said Patent No. 407,799 60 failed to take account of other factors, both electromagnetic and mechanical, and consequently the apparatus as a whole, although it obviated the difficulties due to commutator disturbances, failed satisfactorily to transmit 65 the electrical undulations characteristic of and essential to the production of articulate speech sounds. The net failure of the said apparatus may be correctly characterized thus: The instrument of Patent No. 407,799 whether 70 used as a relay or as a receiver was incapable of transmitting through its several transforming members unimpaired and constant in character the telephonic undulations of the incoming line. The undulations emitted by the 75 instrument were more or less confused with disturbing undulations superposed upon the correctly-modulated incoming waves or pulsations, so that when finally transformed into sound-waves they lost in whole or in part the 80 essential quality of articulate speech. This imperfection was usually manifested by confused buzzing or rattling sounds, which always interfered with and often destroyed the pure essential articulate speech sounds. 85 The Patent No. 407,799, however, set forth a mode of enhancing or amplifying the feeble undulations of a nearly-exhausted telephonic current by converting the undulations thereof into magnetic undulations within a supple- 90 mental magnetic field, although, as I have pointed out and as experience proved, the mode of accomplishing this result shown in the said patent failed to take account of many then unsuspected conditions, and thus failed to pro- 95 duce the useful result of transmitting and forwarding with unimpared articulation the undulations of the incoming current.

I have discovered the electrical and mechanical causes of the defects of the instruments described in Patent No. 407,799 and have by my present invention herein set forth provided an 5 apparatus which by the aid of a supplemental magnetic field amplifies the feeble undulations of a nearly-exhausted telephone-line and repeats or transmits them unimpaired in articulate quality to a second line, thus preserving 10 the exact undulatory correspondence with the sound-waves of articulate speech. My invention consists of a novel method of repeating electrical undulations and also of an apparatus which employs my new method to transmit 15 and repeat telephonic messages. In an application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No.157,561, filed concurrently herewith, I have shown and claimed my said apparatus, and I therefore wish it to be understood that while 20 this specification for purposes of explanation involves a description of my apparatus I reserve the same in whole and part for claim in the said concurrent application.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 25 is a plan view, partly diagrammatic and conventional, of a telephonic repeating instrument or relay embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a diagram of a complete telephone-line with a single reciprocating relay-station. Fig. 30 3 is a diagram of a non-reciprocating telephone-line with two relays arranged tandem. Fig. 4 is a diagram of a reciprocating tandem

relay-line, and Figs. 5 and 6 show other forms of relays or repeating instruments. Referring to Fig. 1, upon a suitable base and by means of brackets M' M' are mounted a pair of horseshoe-magnets M M. These may be permanent magnets or electromagnets. In the latter case they should be energized by 40 a continuous and steady current, as from a primary or storage battery. Likewise mounted on the base is a telephonic transmitter T, which is here shown as a "solid-back" carbonbutton transmitter. Firmly and rigidly 45 mounted on the impulse-receiving member of the transmitter T, as by a stem P, there is an armature A, which is preferably composed of soft-iron rods or short wires. At the ends of the armature A are secured transverse pole-50 pieces a a, likewise of soft iron. I have found by experiment that these pole-pieces while not essential to the performance of my new method nevertheless increase the responsive delicacy of the instrument. The mag-55 nets M M are arranged with their north and south poles NS mutually opposite each other, or, in other words, the north poles of the magnets M M are diagonally opposite, as also are the south poles. The resulting induced 60 polarity of the armature pole-pieces α α is as shown in Fig. 1 by the letters n s. Adjusting-screws M² enable the operator to adjust the magnet-poles NS as close as desired to the armature pole-pieces. These screws should 65 be of brass or other diamagnetic material.

The magnets MM should be of equal strength, so as to maintain substantial equilibrium in the field and with respect to the armature A.

The mode of mounting the magnets M M in polar opposition, as shown, establishes a field 7° which may be described as quadrilateral and symmetrical or balanced, and the armature A is normally in a state of equilibrium, the balanced forces of the magnetic field exerting no stress upon the impulse-receiving member of 75 the transmitter T. This condition I regard as important, because the transmitter T, whatever be its specific character, is thus maintained in precisely the same delicately-responsive state that characterizes a transmitter 80 which is prepared in the usual and proper way for the reception of sound-waves. I have found by careful experiment that with an armature in an unbalanced magnetic field connected directly to a transmitter—say to a dia-85 phragm—the constant pull of the magnetic field causes a distortion of the impulse-receiving member of the diaphragm, and consequently produces disturbing effects, which obscure the proper articulation of the instru-9° ment.

The incoming telephonic line L we will suppose to be at such a distance from the transmitting devices at its remote end that the electrical undulations are feeble, so that repro- 95 duction of audible speech thereby in the usual manner is impracticable. In circuit with the line L, I wind an armature-coil l' on the armature A, preferably bunching the coil in two parts near the ends of the armature, leaving 100 the middle portion thereof bare of coil, and thus obtaining practically all the electromagnetic effect of the coils l', while saving weight.

The transmitter T is wired in the usual manner, having a battery B of proper strength in 105 its immediate circuit. In this circuit is also located the primary of an induction-coil I, whereof the secondary is in the outgoing or re-

lay line R. When the incoming line L is quiet and no 110 electrical undulations are passing on it, the relay instrument is in equilibrium; but when electrical undulations are set up in this line the polarity of the armature A is varied in exact correspondence and consonance with the elec- 115 trical undulations in the line L, and an undulating or vibrating magnetic field is generated in the supplemental field of the magnets M. The resulting effect is the product of the armaturecoil effects and the supplemental field effects, 120 and the magnetic, and consequently the mechanical, results are enhanced and amplified. Within quite generous limits the strength of the supplemental magnetic field may be raised and the consequent product effects increased. 125 Moreover, by means of the polar relationship of the field and armature coil all torsional moments are in equilibrium, and the resultant mechanical vibrations are in a straight line and are exerted in this straight line perpen-130

dicularly to the impulse-receiving member of the transmitter T and perpendicularly to the planes of contact between the resistance-varying members of the transmitter. This same 5 rectilinear transmission of mechanical effects and perpendicular impact may readily be secured, whatever be the structural character of the transmitter. By preserving these conditions the relay or repeating instrument sends 10 to the outgoing or relay line R undulations precisely corresponding to the incoming undulations of the line L, which excite the armature-coil l' and bring into action the vibration-amplifying forces of the supplemental 15 field of the magnets M. Thus the transmitter T is impressed with undulating impulses which are essentially the same in articulate character as the sound-waves which excited the sending instrument at the remote end of the line L, and consequently transmits to the line R unimpaired in articulate quality undulations essential to the production of intelligible articulate speech, which may then be made manifest by a proper telephonic re-25 ceiver at the remote end of the line R.

The relay or amplifying effect sensible at the receiver end of the line R is due to several conditions: first, the product magnetic amplifications of the armature-coil undulations by means of the supplemental magnetic field, whereby the mechanical impress upon the transmitter T is emphasized; second, to the relay-battery B, which supplies fresh electrical energy for transmission of undulations along the line R, and, third, to the preservation and transmission unimpaired and unobscured by extraneous influences of the articulation of the original telephonic current.

In Fig. 2 there is illustrated by diagram an 4° arrangement for obtaining reciprocal relay effects between two distant stations. At one station is located the usual transmitter T', with battery B' and the primary of the induction-coil I' in its circuit. The line L', includ-45 ing the secondary of the induction-coil I', armature-coil at A, the secondary of the induction-coil i, and the receiver R', leads to the relay-station. At this relay-station two instruments similar to that shown in Fig. 1 and 5° above described are set up, the instrument M M A T in adjustment to receive and repeat. impulses from transmitter T' and the instrument m m a t to receive and repeat impulses. from transmitter T², which is at the end of 55 the line remote from the transmitter T'. The two relay instruments at the relay-station are arranged as follows: The same circuit R includes the two transmitters T and t, the relaybattery B, and the primaries of induction-60 coils I and i. At the station remote from the instrument T' and R' is located the transmitter T², with the battery B² and the primary of the induction-coil I^2 in circuit. The line L^2 includes the secondary of induction-coil I2, the 65 receiver \mathbb{R}^2 , armature a, and the secondary of |

induction-coil I. The operation of this system is as follows:

Speech vibrations stimulate current undulations in the primary of coil I' and generate corresponding undulations in the line L'. 70 These electrical undulations are converted into magnetic undulations at the armature-coil A, and these again are supplemented by reciprocal magnetic effects of the field of magnets M M. As above described in connection with 75 Fig. 1, these magnetic undulations are reconverted into electrical undulations precisely corresponding to the original speech vibrations at the transmitter T', and these undulations in circuit R set up corresponding undu- 80 lations in the circuit L², which are in the usual manner finally reconverted into sound-waves at the receiver R², where the speech delivered at the transmitter T' is reproduced.

The current undulations of the circuit L' 85 passing through the secondary of the coil *i* produce in its primary no sensible effect. Thus the resistance to the transmission of undulatory effects backward, as we may say, through the relay instrument m m a t is pracegoritically prohibitory.

When speech is made at transmitter T², the reciprocal effect is perfect. The relay m m a t receives, amplifies, and transmits the undulations to the line L' through the induction- 95 coil i, and the receiver R' reconverts them into speech. Whatever be the source of undulations, the effective relay instrument takes the message and repeats it. One relay works in one direction, the other in the opposite direction tion, and each automatically to the exclusion of the other. The practical results, therefore, which appeal to the users of the instruments at the ends of the line are the same as if they were conversing over a simple telephone-line 105 short enough to render the direct communicating undulatory current effective.

The preservation of the exact articulate character of the undulatory current, which is peculiar to my method of repeating, enables 110 one to use several relays like that shown in Fig. 1 or relay-stations like that shown in Fig. 2 in tandem. I illustrate a simple non-reciprocating tandem relay-line in Fig. 3. Therein the impulses from transmitter T' excite the relay 115 at station 1. Thence the undulatory current is passed on amplified to station 2 and thence to receiver R².

In Fig. 4 I illustrate an arrangement of complete reciprocating relay-stations in tandem. In this system the arrangement of terminal station T' R' with relation to relay-station 1 and that of terminal station T² R² with relation to relay-station 2 is the same as the relations of the respective terminal stations of Fig. 2 to the relay system. The secondary of the induction-coil I, the armature-coil of relay instrument 2^a, the secondary of induction-coil i³, and the armature-coil of relay instrument 1^b are in the line which stretches between re-

lay-stations 1 and 2. I have constructed a system of this character in which the line resistances were analogous to a line from New York to Chicago as between terminal T' R' 5 and relay-station 1, a line from Chicago to Omaha as between relay-stations 1 and 2, and a line from Omaha to Denver as between relay-station 2 and terminal station T² R² and have maintained clear, audible, and unim-10 paired a conversation with an assistant over the said line, which transmitted speech reciprocally as readily as an ordinary short tele-

phone-line. It will be observed that in contrast with the 15 instrument and mode of operation described in Patent No. 407,799 I have by my present invention produced the following electrical, magnetic, and mechanical conditions: Instead of converting the product effects of an 20 armature and surrounding field into rotary movements by means of unbalanced torsional magnetic product effects characteristic of the said patent I have maintained torsional balance in magnetic effects and produced direct 25 rectilinear mechanical movements. Whereas in the instrument of Patent No. 407,799 the curvilinear mechanical impulses of the suspended armature caused distortions and disturbances in the transmitter, in my present 30 invention no such distortion or disturbance takes place. Instead of making contact between the armature-coil and the receiving members of a transmitter by means of initial pressure (itself a cause of mechanical distor-35 tion and confusion of articulate with inarticulate electrical undulations) I have secured the armature-coil directly and rigidly to the receiving member of the transmitter, thus avoiding any confusing stresses and also eliminat-4c ing the effect of individual non-electric vibrations of the independently-suspended armature. In short, I have by my present invention contrived a method and apparatus whereby a symmetrical or balanced magnetic field 45 as an independent source of power is enabled, in coaction with an exciting-armature, to repeat unimpaired the articulate undulations of a telephonic circuit with fresh and amplified transmission-impulses in a second or relay cir-50 cuit, whereas by the apparatus and mode of operation shown in Patent No. 407,799 this functional result could not be obtained; also I have by my present invention contrived a method and apparatus whereby the symmet-55 rical or balanced magnetic field, in connection with an exciting-armature, may be employed to directly produce the mechanical vibrations of a receiver-diaphragm, so that the resulting sounds will be clear undistorted articulate 60 speech free from disturbing sounds.

In solid-back microphone-transmitters now in general use the metallic diaphragm D is, as shown in Fig. 5; rigidly clamped at its edges to a casing, on which the electrode-holder is 65 also rigidly fixed. The stem P is fixed rigidly

at one end to the middle of the metallic diaphragm and at its opposite end to the middle of the usual mica diaphragm closing the end of the electrode-holder and against which the movable electrode of the microphone bears. 70 This is the usual construction, and in carrying my invention into effect the only change necessary to make in the microphone-transmitter as at present constructed is to mount the small iron armature A on the stem P be- 75 tween the metallic and mica diaphragms and fix the two magnets M within the casing of the transmitter, properly disposed with relation to the iron armature A.

In Fig. 6 I have shown another form of 80 instrument, which differs from that above described in that a block D' of white wood is fixed to the middle of the metal diaphragm, and in this block D' the armature A is mounted with only its two ends projecting there-85 from. By thus practically burying the armature in the block of wood D independent conflicting vibrations of said armature are prevented, the inclosing body of wood tending to smother the same without itself being 90

vibrated.

In telephone systems comprising a plurality of repeating instruments I find that it is desirable to make each adjustable—that is, to provide some means by which the action of 95 each instrument may be regulated or "tuned," so as to work in harmony with the other instruments of the system. To this end I may provide each instrument with a spring-finger d, fixed to any suitable support and arranged 100 to press through a block of rubber d^2 upon the side of the block D'. The pressure of the spring-finger d may be regulated by means of a screw d', by means of which the action of the instrument may be regulated to accord 105 with the other instruments of the system. The arrangement shown in Fig. 5 has the advantage of supporting the vibrating armature A at both sides, so that the slight bending effect due to the weight of the armature is wholly 110 obviated. Any support at the side away from the transmitter T will serve for this purpose; but I prefer to employ a diaphragm clamped at its periphery for two reasons: First, the diaphragm does not tend to confuse the pure 115 articulate vibrations of the armature by independent tremors of its own, and, moreover, the diaphragm itself used in the manner described produces audible speech, which enables the listening operator to detect any disturbing in- 120 fluences which may be at work, and thus to ascertain if the instrument is working properly to relay the message. A damping device, such as indicated in Fig. 6, may be thus employed to suppress any undesirable vibrations.

With a single relay-station in line the disturbing effects due to local vibration in my relay instruments are so slight as to be negligible; but with a tandem arrangement employing several relay-stations the local dis- 130

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turbances negligible with a single station are liable to accumulate at each relay and should be suppressed.

What I claim is—

1. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualita-10 tively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively 15 enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations.

2. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical un-20 dulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, establishing and maintaining 25 a symmetrical relation between the forces of the supplemental field and the electrically-induced magnetism respectively, and transforming the resultant magnetic product undulations into qualitatively corresponding me-

30 chanical vibrations.

3. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental 35 magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, equilibrating the torsional effects of the resultant magnetic product undulations and causing thereby qualitatively cor-4º responding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the 45 original electrical undulations.

4. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental 50 magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations and producing by means of the said product undulations rectilinear mechanical vibrations quantitatively propor-55 tionate to the resultant magnetic products and qualitatively corresponding to the original

electrical undulations.

5. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical un-60 dulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, and causing qualitatively cor-65 responding mechanical vibrations quantita-

tively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations, and causing 70 qualitatively corresponding electrical undulations by means of said mechanical vibrations.

6. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding 75 magnetic undulations within a supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, equilibrating the torsional effects of the resultant magnetic product undu- 80 lations and causing thereby qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserv- 85 ing therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding electrical undulations by means of said mechanical vibrations.

7. The method of transmitting telephonic 90 messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental magnetic field, and producing by means of the said resultant magnetic product 95 undulations rectilinear mechanical vibrations, quantitatively proportionate and qualitatively corresponding to the resultant magnetic product undulations and causing qualitatively corresponding electrical undulations therewith. 100

8. The method of transmitting telephonic messages, which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations in a normally symmetrically balanced supplemental mag- 105 netic field, and thereby causing magnetic undulatory product effects, equilibrating the torsional tendencies of the magnetic product undulations or disturbances, and transforming the resultant of the said magnetic product un- 110 dulations into qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations.

9. The method of transmitting telephonic messages, which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corre- 115 sponding magnetic undulations in a normally symmetrically balanced supplemental magnetic field, and thereby causing magnetic undulatory product effects, equilibrating the torsional tendencies of the magnetic product un- 120 dulations or disturbances, and transforming the resultant of the said magnetic product undulations into qualitatively corresponding rectilinear mechanical vibrations.

10. The method of transmitting messages 125 which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental substantially constant magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding re- 130

sultant magnetic product undulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, 5 thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations.

11. The method of transmitting messages 10 which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a substantially constant supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding re-15 sultant magnetic product undulations, establishing and maintaining a symmetrical relation between the forces of the supplemental field and the electrically-induced magnetism respectively and transforming the resultant 20 magnetic product undulations into qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations.

12. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding 25 magnetic undulations within a substantially constant supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, equilibrating the torsional effects of the resultant 30 magnetic product undulations and causing thereby qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechan-35 ical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations.

13. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical un-40 dulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a substantially constant supplemental magnetic field, producing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations and pro-45 ducing by means of the said product undulations rectilinear mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic products and qualitatively correspond-

ing to the original electrical undulations. 14. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a substantially constant supplemental magnetic field, produc-55 ing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, 60 thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical undulations, and causing qualitatively corre-

sponding electrical undulations by means of said mechanical vibrations.

15. The method of transmitting messages which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding, magnetic undulations within a supplemental substantially constant magnetic field, produc- 7° ing thereby qualitatively corresponding resultant magnetic product undulations, equilibrating the torsional effects of the resultant magnetic product undulations and causing thereby qualitatively corresponding mechan- 75 ical vibrations quantitatively proportionate to the resultant magnetic product undulations, thereby quantitatively enhancing the mechanical result while preserving therein the characteristic quality of the original electrical un- 80 dulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding electrical undulations by means of said mechanical vibrations.

16. The method of transmitting telephonic messages which consists in transforming elec-85 trical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations within a supplemental substantially constant magnetic field, and producing by means of the said resultant magnetic product undulations recti- 90 linear mechanical vibrations quantitatively proportionate and qualitatively corresponding to the resultant magnetic product undulations, and causing qualitatively corresponding elec-

trical undulations therewith.

17. The method of transmitting telephonic messages, which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corresponding magnetic undulations in a normally symmetrically balanced substantially constant 100 supplemental magnetic field, and causing magnetic undulatory product effects, equilibrating the torsional tendencies of the magnetic product undulations or disturbances, and transforming the resultant of the said magnetic 105 product undulations into qualitatively corresponding mechanical vibrations.

18. The method of transmitting telephonic messages, which consists in transforming electrical undulations into qualitatively corre- 110 sponding magnetic undulations in a normally symmetrically balanced substantially constant supplemental magnetic field, and causing magnetic undulatory product effects, equilibrating the torsional tendencies of the magnetic prod-115 uct undulations or disturbances, and transforming the resultant of the said magnetic product undulations into qualitatively corresponding rectilinear mechanical vibrations.

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