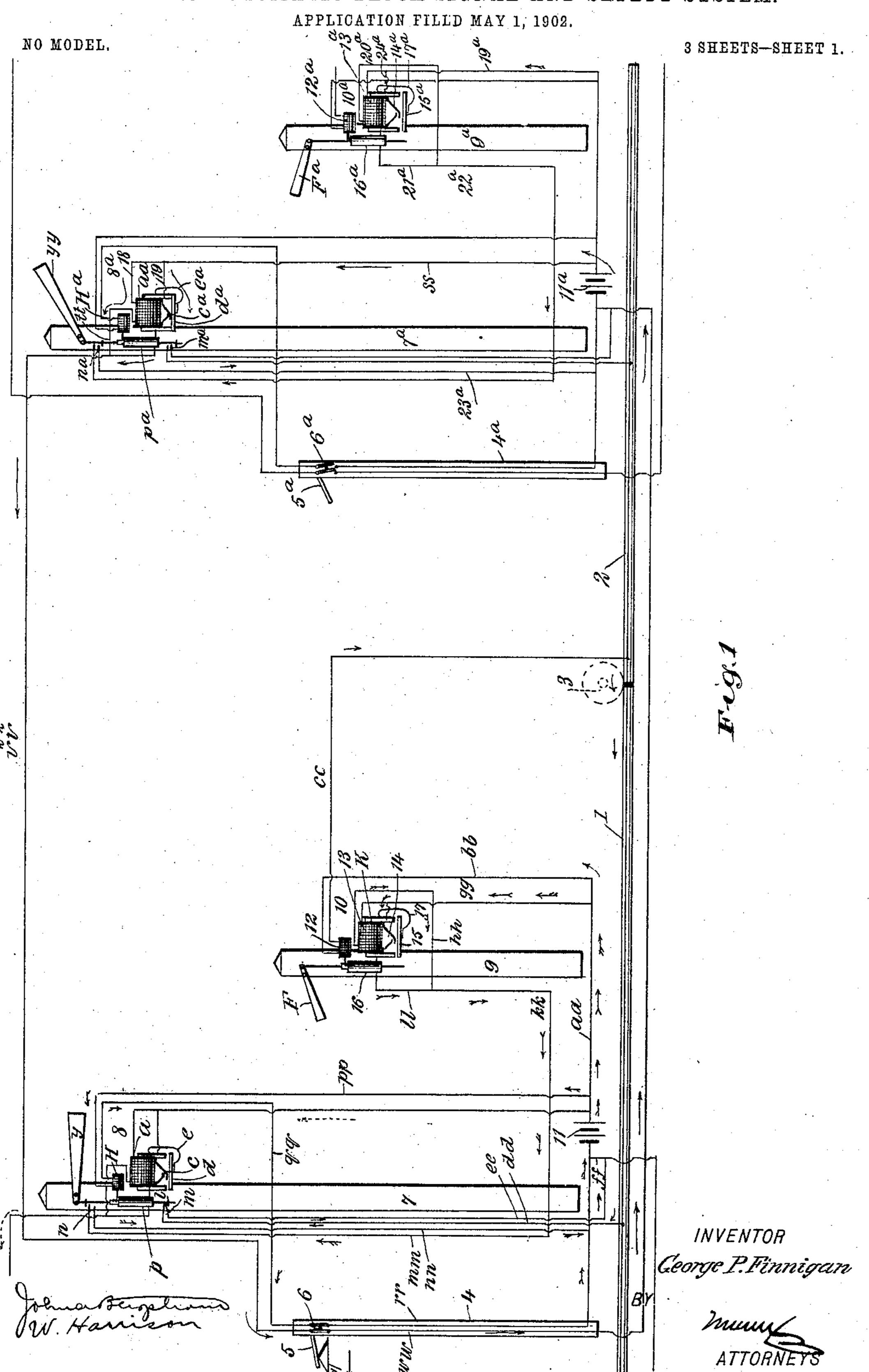
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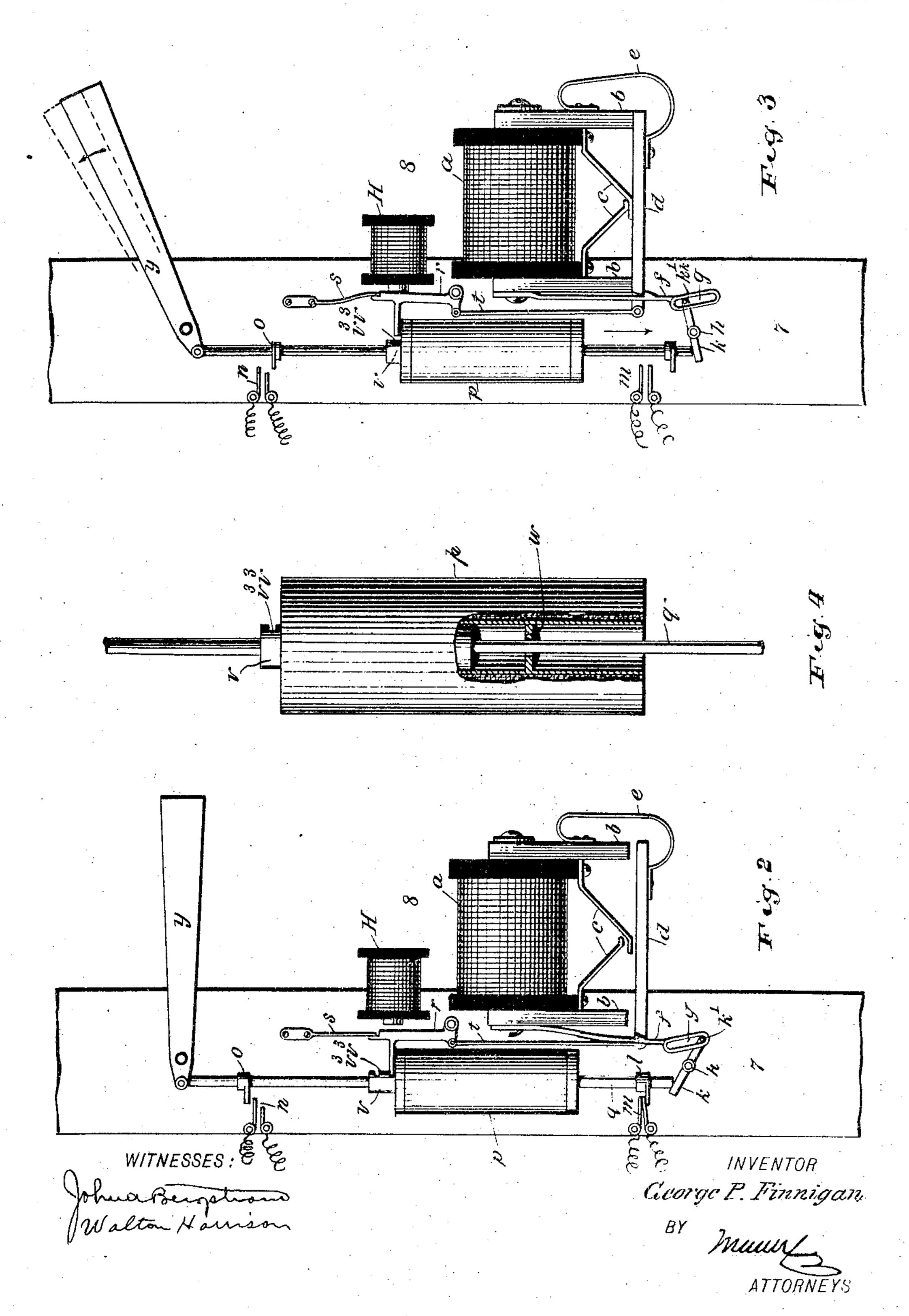


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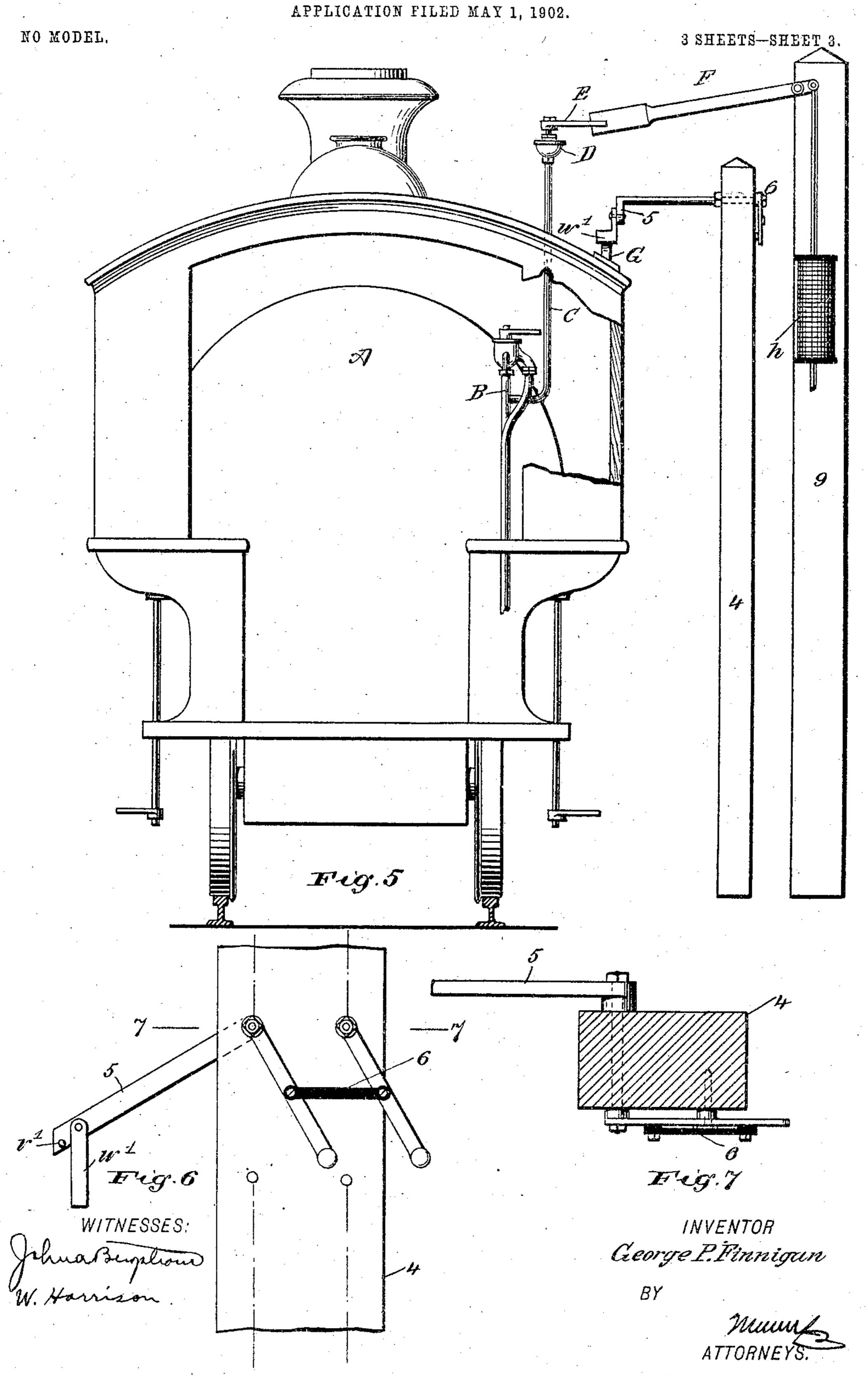
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George P. Finnigan, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greene, in the county of Chenango and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Electric Automatic Block-Signal and Safety System, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to electric block-signal and safety systems, more particularly for
use upon railroads, drawbridges, &c., where
it is desired that a moving member shall actuate an alarm adjacent thereto and also actuate an alarm at a distance.

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

Figure 1 is a diagram showing my device 20 as applied to a railroad. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a semaphore-arm and electrical mechanism for actuating the same. Fig. 3 is a somewhat similar view showing the semaphore-arm in motion and practically at the 25 end of its upstroke. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the solenoid immediately connected with the semaphore-arm and partly broken away. Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of a locomotive as used in connection with my system. 3° Fig. 6 is a fragmentary front elevation of a double switch to be actuated by the locomotive or analogous object. Fig. 7 is a plan view of the subject-matter of Fig. 6 and showing the post in section on the line 77 in

35 Fig. 6. When my system is used upon railways, a number of abutting rail-sections 1 2 are insulated from each other in the usual manner. A wheel 3 of a locomotive or other piece of 40 rolling-stock is adapted to form a momentary connection between the rail-sections 1 and 2. A post 4 is provided with a movable arm 5, having a boss v' and a pendent lever w', and a double switch 6 is connected with said arm 45 and actuated thereby, the arm 5 being adapted to be tripped by an appropriate member disposed upon the locomotive. A post 7 is provided with magnetic mechanism 8 for the purpose of actuating the semaphore-army. Upon 5° a third post 9 is mounted a second movable

arm F, which I denominate a "trip." This trip is used for the purpose of automatically stopping the train in case the engineer fails to see the semaphore-arm y when the same is disposed in the position indicating "danger." 55 Magnetic mechanism 10 is provided for the purpose of actuating the trip and of maintaining the same in the predetermined positions indicating "danger" and "safety," respectively. A battery 11 is provided for the purpose of ac- 60 tuating the magnetic members, as hereinafter described. These parts are shown at the left of Fig. 1. The lever w' swings freely in one direction, so that the backing of a train does not disturb the arm 5. When, however, the 65 lever w' swings in the opposite direction, it raises the arm 5. (See Fig. 6.)

The entire mechanism of one block is duplicated in each of the other blocks, so that I do not deem it necessary to describe more 70 than one block, together with its connection with the block immediately adjacent thereto. The parts 4^a , 5^a , 6^a , 7^a , 8^a , 9^a , 10^a , and 11^a (shown at the right in Fig. 1) are therefore in every way similar to the corresponding parts 75 at the left in said figure. The magnetic mechanisms $10 \ 10^a$ are practically identical with those shown at $8 \ 8^a$, the only difference being that in the mechanisms $10 \ 10^a$ the contact-points $m \ n$ are omitted. It therefore appears 80 to be unnecessary to describe the mechanisms $10 \ 10^a$ in detail.

A description of the mechanisms 8 8 is as follows: Upon the posts 7 7^a are mounted magnets a a^a , provided with poles b and with 85 spring-contacts c, against which an armature d may be drawn when the magnet a or a^a is energized. Springs e e a are connected with this armature and with one of the poles b for firmly retaining the armature d in the posi- 90 tion indicated in Fig. 2. A spring-hook f is provided with a slot g of the shape indicated, which engages a boss k' upon the end of a lever k, pivoted at h on the post. A head l, carried by a stem q, is used for the purpose 95 of momentarily closing the contacts m whenever the core v of the solenoid p moves upward. A pair of contacts n are so disposed as to be closed when the solenoid-core v moves downward, but to remain open when the same 100

moves upward. This arrangement can be readily seen from an inspection of Fig. 2 and is due to the differential lengths of the members of the contacts. When the head o passes 5 upward, the lower member of the contact is unable to reach the upper member; but when the head o passes downward the upper member is bent downwardly and into momentary contact with the lower member. A dog r, 10 normally pressed to the left by a spring s and serving as an armature for the magnet H, is connected by a link t with the armature d. The $\log r$ may be forced to the right, and thereby withdrawn from engagement with the 15 apertures $v^3 v^3$ in the solenoid-core v. This movement of the dog to the right may be effected either by energizing the magnet H or the magnet a. When the magnet a is energized, the upward movement of the armature 20 d causes the dog r to act as a bell-crank. The springs, together with the weight of the armature d, normally retains the several parts in the position indicated in Fig. 2. When the magnet a is energized, the parts are thrown into the po-25 sition indicated in Fig. 3, and the armature dis engaged by the spring-hook f. A guide wis provided in the solenoid p, thus tending to maintain the core v always in proper alinement. The slot g in the spring-hook f is of 3° such shape as to allow a limited movement of the lever k without disturbing the position of the spring-hook f. When, however, the solenoid p is energized and the core v is drawn forcibly downward, the rod q trips the lever k, so 35 as to throw the spring-hook fout of engagement with the armature d, thereby releasing the same. When the rod q is again raised, the lever k, acted upon by gravity, assumes the position indicated in Fig. 2. For this 4º purpose one end of the lever k is made slightly heavier than the other, as indicated in Fig. 2. The contacts c when closed by the armature d of the magnet a act somewhat after the manner of the contact-points of a relay. 45 They shift the current from the magnet athrough the contact-points to the solenoid p, as indicated more particularly in Fig. 1. When the pendent lever w' and the switcharm 5 are raised by the member G upon the 5° engine, two circuits are automatically closed, as hereinafter explained. One of these circuits acting through the agency of the magnetic mechanism 8 lowers the semaphore-arm y into the position indicating "danger." The 55 other circuit acting through the agency of the magnetic mechanism 8° raises the semaphorearm y y of the rear block into the position indicating "safety." If now a wheel of the rolling-stock makes contact between the rail-60 sections 1 and 2, the magnetic mechanism 10 actuates the trip F to a position in which it may be encountered by the lever E upon the locomotive for the purpose of stopping the train in case the engineer has not observed 65 the position of the semaphore-arm y. When

the semaphore-arm y is up, indicating safety, the contact of the wheel 3 with the rail-sections 1 and 2 is unable to affect the trip F, for the reason that the circuit is not complete.

The general operation of my device is as 7° follows: Suppose that all the parts are in the position indicated in Fig. 1, in which a train is supposed to be moving to the left from section 2, indicating one block, to section 1, indicating another block. In moving into sec- 75 tion 1 the train does two things. First, it raises the arm 5, thereby closing the double switch 6; second, it forms a metallic contact between the rail-sections 1 and 2. In raising the arm 5, thus closing the double switch 6, 80 the two following circuits are established: from battery 11 up wire pp to the magnet H, thence downward to wire qq, right-hand member of switch 6, wire rr back to the battery, as indicated by the single-tuft darts. This 85 causes the magnet H to attract its dog r, thereby releasing the core v of the solenoid p. This allows the arm y to drop by its own gravity to a position indicating "danger," as shown at the left of Fig. 1. The spring s, which normally 9° presses the dog r, constituting the armature of the magnet H to the left, as indicated in Fig. 2, normally locks the core v firmly in position, thus preventing the semaphore-arm y from being raised by any accidental cause. 95 The dropping of this arm, whenever it occurs, causes a head o on the stem q to pass upward, and thus to bend the contact upward. As the lower member of the contact is shorter than the upper one, as shown, the lower one is 100 raised only a slight distance for the upward passage of the stem and is released without making contact with the upper one. The head l, at the lower end of the stem q, closes the contacts m. The purpose of having the 105 contacts m closed is to partially complete the circuit of the battery 11 through the magnetic mechanism 10 of the trip, so that only the entry of the wheel 3 to complete the circuit is necessary. In other words, no circuit 110 can normally be formed, for the reason that there are two breaks, one of which is closed by the touching of the contacts m and the other closed by the entry of the wheel of a train into the block. The other circuit men- 115 tioned as being closed by the switch 6 is a much longer circuit, extending back to the rear block, and is as follows: from the battery 11^a of the rear block, (indicated at the right hand of Fig. 1,) up through the wire 120 s s to the magnetic mechanism 8°, where it first passes through the wire 18, magnet aa, wire t to the wire v^2 v^2 , thence to the lefthand member of the switch 6, thence through the wire w w back to the battery 11^a. (See 125 the long plain darts at the left in Fig. 1.) In passing through the magnet a^{a} it energizes the same, thus raising the armature d^{a} , closing the contacts c^{a} contrary to the tension of the spring e^a . This makes a short circuit, so 130

that the current instead of going through the short wire 18 and through the magnet a^a , as above described, is shunted off and passes through the short wire 19, contacts c^{a} , and so-5 lenoid p^a to the wires v^2v^2 , finishing its course, as above described, thus raising the semaphore-arm y y. The movement of the solenoid-armature incidental to raising this arm in the rear block causes the contacts m to open. ro The opening of these contacts prevents the closing of the trip of the rear block by the entry into that block of a wheel of a train. In other words, a train now entering the block shown at the right of Fig. 1 is unable to close 15 the circuit through the magnet 12a, and therefore unable to lower the trip-arm Fa to its lowermost position. It is clear, therefore, that the raising of the arm 5 by a train going out of the block shown at the right of Fig. 1 20 and into the block shown at the left of said figure leaves the semaphore-arm y y of the rear block in such a position as to indicate safety" and also leaves the arm of a trip of the rear block raised, so that the said arm will 25 not be in the path of any part of the rollingstock of the road. By this means so long as a train is in the block shown at the left of Fig. 1 the semaphore-arm of the same block at the left of Fig. 1 indicates "danger." The trip-3° arm of this block, owing to the contacts m of the semaphore being closed, will be ready to drop into the position indicated at the left of Fig. 1 the instant the circuit is completed by a wheel of another train making contact between 35 the rail of the block in question and block 2 to the right. Suppose now that a train is standing upon the block indicated at the left of Fig. 1 and that another train proceeds to enter the block from the rear, moving toward the left. 4° The engineer, noticing the semaphore-arm y in a position indicating "danger," as shown at the left of Fig. 1, should stop his engine. Should he fail to observe the semaphore-arm, however, and run his engine into the block indi-45 cated at the left, the instant one of the wheels of the engine forms a metallic bridge from one rail-section 2 to rail-section 1 the following circuit is completed: from the battery 11, wire b b, magnet 12, wire c c, rail-section 5° 2, wheel 3, rail-section 1, wire dd, contacts m, wires e e and f f, to the battery 11. (See the short plain darts at the left in Fig. 1.) As above explained, this circuit cannot be completed unless the semaphore-arm y is down, in-55 dicating "danger," for the reason that the contacts m would otherwise be open. It is owing to the low position of the semaphore-arm y due to the presence of a train that the contacts mare closed. The circuit just described having been 60 completed, the magnet 12 attracts its armature, thus releasing the trip-arm F and allowing the same to fall by its own gravity. As soon as the wheel passes onward, breaking the contact, the spring of the armature forces the same 65 into engagement with the core of the solenoid |

16, thereby firmly holding the trip-arm F in its lowermost position. As the train now passes forward (see Fig. 5) the trip-arm F is struck by the lever E, thus turning the airvalve D, mounted upon the tube C, which is 70 connected with the train-pipe B, and, if desired, with the throttle of the engine. This abruptly stops the engine regardless of the engineer's intentions. Of course if the engineer heeds the semaphore-signal and stops 75 before entering the block the trip-arm F does not move downward, for the reason that the wheel 3 of the engine is unable to complete the circuit except when the contacts m are closed by the fact of the semaphore-arm be- 80 ing down. In other words, the engine can run freely into any block in which the semaphore-arm indicates "safety," but is automatically stopped in case the engineer fails to observe the danger-signal. In moving from 85: the rail-section 2 to the rail-section 1, or, in other words, in moving from one block to another, it is of course desirable that the semaphore-arm in the block just evacuated by the train should be raised to the position indicat- 90 ing safety. Also that the trip-arm, if it chances to be down, (as is sometimes the case,) should be raised to a position in which it is unable to stop the train. The trip-arm is of course seldom lowered, for the reason that 95 the engineer should heed the signal.

The manner in which the semaphore-arm and the trip-arm are raised by the train leaving the block is as follows: The raising of the arm 5 by the train entering a given block— 100 say block 1—sends a current from the rear battery 11^a through the circuit above described, and indicated by the long plain darts. The consequent lowering of the core of the solenoid p^a causes a momentary closing of 105 the contacts n^a , thereby completing a local circuit from the battery 11° through wire 19°, magnet 13^a, wire 20^a, wire 22^a, contacts n^a, back to the battery 11^a. This energizes magnet 13° and causes the same to act as a sort of 110 relay, whereby the current is shunted from the wire 19^a, through the wire 24^a, contacts 14^a, solenoid 16^a, and wire 21^a, to wire 22^a, the rest of the circuit being as just described. This energizes the solenoid 16° and causes the 115 trip-arm F^a to be thrown up. It is retained in position by the armature of the magnet 12a in precisely the way above described with reference to the mechanism shown in Fig. 2. The semaphore-arm and the trip-arm are 120 therefore locked in a position indicating 'safety."

It will be observed that the magnetic mechanism of one block when actuated by a train in that block affects the magnetic mechanism of the semaphore of the block immediately to the rear, and the magnet a^a of this mechanism acts as a relay, thereby affecting the magnetic mechanism 10^a .

From an inspection of Fig. 3 it will be seen 130

that while the magnet H is free to release the movable core v by attracting the armature or dog r the magnet a can also effect the release of the solenoid-core by attracting the arma-5 ture d, thus raising the link t. The downward movement of the solenoid-core v does not disengage the spring-hook f until said downward movement is practically completed, as the boss k' has a limited play in the 10 slot g. The boss k' then moves upward and to the left, pulling the hook to the left and leaving the armature d free to drop, thereby causing the $\log r$ to lock the core v in its lowermost position, so as to maintain the arm y 15 in a position indicating "safety."

I do not limit myself to the mechanism above described. My invention may be used in other relations and is applicable to drawbridges and switches, as stated in the begin-

20 ning of this specification.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a block-signal, the combination of an electric signaling member disposed in each 25 block and provided with a contact, a relay for actuating said signaling member, an electrically-operated trip-arm disposed in each block, a relay for actuating said electrically-operated trip-arm, electric connections from said 30 contact of said signaling member to said lastmentioned relay for actuating the same, and an electrical supply for energizing said signaling member, said trip-arm and both of said relays.

2. In a block-signal, an electrically-operated signaling member, and mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for actuating the same, in combination with an electrically-operated trip mechanism connected 40 with said signaling member and provided with

a movable arm for automatically stopping movements of the rolling-stock, a normally open electric circuit connected with said trip mechanism for energizing the same, and sepa-45 rate contacts controllable respectively by

movements of said signaling mechanism and by movements of the rolling-stock for closing

said normally open circuit.

3. In a block-signal, the combination of a 50 movable semaphore-arm, electric mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for actuating the same, electrically-operated trip mechanism provided with a movable arm for automatically stopping movements of the 55 rolling-stock, a normally open electric circuit connected with said trip mechanism for energizing the same, and means controllable partly by said semaphore-arm and partly by the rolling-stock for closing said electric circuit.

4. In a block-signal, the combination of an electric signaling member, mechanism controllable by movements of a train for actuating the same, electrically-operated trip mechanism provided with a movable arm for auto-65 matically stopping movements of another

train, a normally open rail-contact to be closed by movements of such other train, electric conductors connected with said rail-contact and with said trip mechanism, and a normally open contact connected with said electric con- 7° ductors and actuated by said signaling member.

5. In a block-signal, the combination of a signaling member, means for actuating the same upon the arrival of rolling-stock, a trip-arm 75 for automatically stopping movements of said rolling-stock, electric mechanism for shifting said trip-arm to different positions, locking mechanism for normally retaining said triparm in predetermined positions, and an elec- 80 tric circuit connected with said signaling member, said trip-arm and said locking mechanism, said electric circuit being provided with two separate contacts normally open, one of said contacts being free to close by the opera-85 tion of said signaling member, and the other being free to close by movements of the rolling-stock.

6. In a block-signal, the combination of a series of electric signaling members disposed in 9° different blocks, mechanisms controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for actuating said signaling members, electrically-operated trip mechanisms similarly disposed in different blocks and provided with movable arms 95 for automatically stopping the movements of the rolling-stock, and a series of normally open electric circuits connected with said trip mechanisms for energizing the same and provided with contacts actuated by said signaling 100 members for partially closing the circuits and with other contacts actuated by the rolling-

stock for completely closing said circuits. 7. In a block-signal, the combination of a signaling member provided with a movable arm, 105 locking mechanism for normally maintaining said arm in different predetermined positions, an electric circuit for controlling said locking mechanism, a magnetic member for shifting said arm, a magnetic relay provided with a 110 contact and with an armature, said armature being connected mechanically with said locking mechanism for the purpose of actuating the same, and said contact being connected electrically with said magnetic member used 115 for shifting said arm, an open-circuit source of electricity connected with said relay for energizing the relay, and also connected with said contact of said relay for energizing said magnetic member used for shifting said arm, 120 and means controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for closing the circuit through said relay.

8. In a block-signal, the combination of a signaling member provided with a movable arm, 125 locking mechanism for normally maintaining said arm in definite positions, a magnetic member for shifting said arm, a magnetic relay provided with a contact and with an armature, said armature being connected mechanically 130

with said locking mechanism for the purpose of actuating the same, and said contact being connected electrically with said magnetic member used for shifting said arm, a contact con-5 nected with said arm and actuated simultaneously therewith, an electrically-operated triparm, open-circuit electrical conductors connected with said last-mentioned contact and with said electrically-operated trip-arm, one ro of said conductors being provided with a normally open contact to be closed by movements of the rolling-stock of a trespassing train, and a source of electricity for energizing said relay, said magnetic member and said electric-

15 ally-operated trip-arm.

9. In a block-signal, the combination of a signaling member provided with a movable arm, locking mechanism for normally maintaining said arm in definite predetermined po-20 sitions, a magnetic member for shifting said arm, a magnetic relay provided with a contact and with an armature, said armature being connected mechanically with said locking mechanism for the purpose of actuating the 25 same, and said contact being connected electrically with said magnetic member used for shifting said arm, a contact connected with said arm and actuated simultaneously therewith, an electrically-operated trip-arm con-30 nected with said last-mentioned contact and free to drop by its own weight when said contact is closed, and electrical mechanism provided with a contact controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for energizing said 35 relay.

10. In a block-signal, the combination of an electrical signaling member, mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for actuating the same, a contact connected 40 with said signaling member, and electricallyoperated trip mechanism connected with said contact and energized thereby for stopping

movements of the rolling-stock.

11. In a block-signal, the combination of a 45 movable signaling member, mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for actuating the same, contacts connected with said signaling member and actuated by movements thereof, a trip-arm, magnetic 50 mechanism connected therewith for actuating the same, electrical connections extending from said contacts of said signaling member to said magnetic mechanism of said trip-arm, a plurality of longitudinal conductors insu-55 lated from each other and provided with separate contact-surfaces to be electrically connected together by engagement with the rolling-stock, and electrical connections from one of said longitudinal conductors to said con-60 tacts of said movable signaling member and from another of said longitudinal conductors to said magnetic mechanism of said trip.

12. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable signaling member, means for tempo-65 rarily securing the same in different prede-

termined positions, contacts connected with said signaling member and opened and closed by the mechanical movements thereof, a triparm at a little distance from said signaling member, magnetic mechanism connected with 70 said trip-arm for actuating the same, electrical connections extending from said contacts of said signaling member to said magnetic mechanism of said trip-arm, longitudinal conductors insulated from each other and provided 75 with separate contact-surfaces to be bridged by engagement of the rolling-stock upon said separate contact-surfaces, and electrical connections from one of said longitudinal conductors to said contacts of said movable sig- 80 naling member and from another of said longitudinal conductors to said magnetic mechanism of said trip.

13. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable signaling member, mechanism for ac- 85 tuating the same, contacts connected with said signaling member and opened and closed by movements thereof, a trip - arm, magnetic mechanism connected therewith for actuating the same, electrical connections extending 90 from said contacts of said signaling member to said magnetic mechanism of said trip-arm, a plurality of longitudinal conductors insulated from each other, contact mechanism connected with said longitudinal conductors and nor- 95 mally open but free to close by engagement of the rolling-stock, and separate electrical connections extending from said contact mechanism to said contacts of said movable signaling member and to said magnetic mechanism. 100

14. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable signaling member, a contact connected therewith, a movable trip-arm, magnetic mechanism for actuating the same, opencircuit connections from said contact to said 105 magnetic mechanism, and mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for closing the circuit through said open-circuit

connections.

15. In a block-signal, the combination of a 110 movable signaling member, a contact connected therewith and actuated thereby, electrically-operated trip mechanism for stopping the movements of the rolling-stock, electric connections from said contact to said electric- 115 ally-operated trip mechanism, and means controllable at will by movements of the rollingstock for closing a circuit from said contact to said electrically-operated trip mechanism.

16. In a block-signal, the combination of a 120 movable signaling member, mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling-stock for throwing the same into different positions, a contact connected with said signaling member and actuated by movements thereof, trip 125 mechanism for stopping movements of the rolling-stock, magnetic mechanism connected with said trip mechanism for actuating the same, electrical connections extending from said contact of said signaling member to said 130

magnetic mechanism, a plurality of longitudinal conductors insulated from each other and provided with separate contact-surfaces to be electrically connected together by en-5 gagement with the rolling-stock, an electrical connection from one of said longitudinal conductors to said contact of said movable signaling member, and means for establishing electrical communication from another of said 10 longitudinal conductors to said magnetic

mechanism of said trip.

17. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable signaling member, means for temporarily securing the same in different pre-15 determined positions, a contact connected with said signaling member and opened and closed by mechanical movements thereof, a device for stopping movements of the rolling-stock, magnetic mechanism connected with said de-20 vice for actuating the same, means for establishing electrical communication between said contact of said signaling member and said magnetic mechanism, longitudinal conductors insulated from each other and provided with 25 separate contact-surfaces to be bridged by engagement of the rolling-stock therewith, an electrical connection from one of said longitudinal conductors to said contact of said movable signaling member, and means for estab-30 lishing electrical communication from another of said longitudinal conductors to said contact and to said magnetic mechanism for energizing the same.

18. In a block-signal, the combination of a 35 movable signaling member, mechanism for actuating the same, a contact connected with said signaling member and opened and closed by movements thereof, trip mechanism for stopping movements of the rolling-stock, mag-40 netic mechanism connected with said trip mechanism for actuating the same, means for establishing electrical communication from

said contact of said signaling member to said

magnetic mechanism, a plurality of longitudinal conductors insulated from each other and 45 provided with contact mechanism normally open but free to close by engagement of the rolling-stock therewith, and separate electrical connections for establishing communication between said contact mechanism, said 50 contact of said movable signaling member, and said magnetic mechanism.

19. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable semaphore-arm, electric mechanism controllable by movements of the rolling- 55 stock for actuating the same, electrically-operated mechanism for automatically stopping movements of the rolling-stock, a normally open electric circuit connected with said electrically-operated mechanism for energizing 60 the same, and means controllable partly by said semaphore-arm and partly by the rollingstock for closing said electric circuit.

20. In a block-signal, the combination of a movable signaling member, mechanism con- 65 trollable by movements of a train for actuating the same, electrically-operated mechanism for automatically stopping movements of another train, a normally open rail-contact to be closed by movements of such other train, 7° electric conductors connected with said railcontact and with said mechanism for automatically stopping movements of such other train, and a normally open contact actuated by said signaling member for establishing 75 communication between said signaling member and said mechanism for automatically stopping the movements of such other train.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 80 two subscribing witnesses.

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