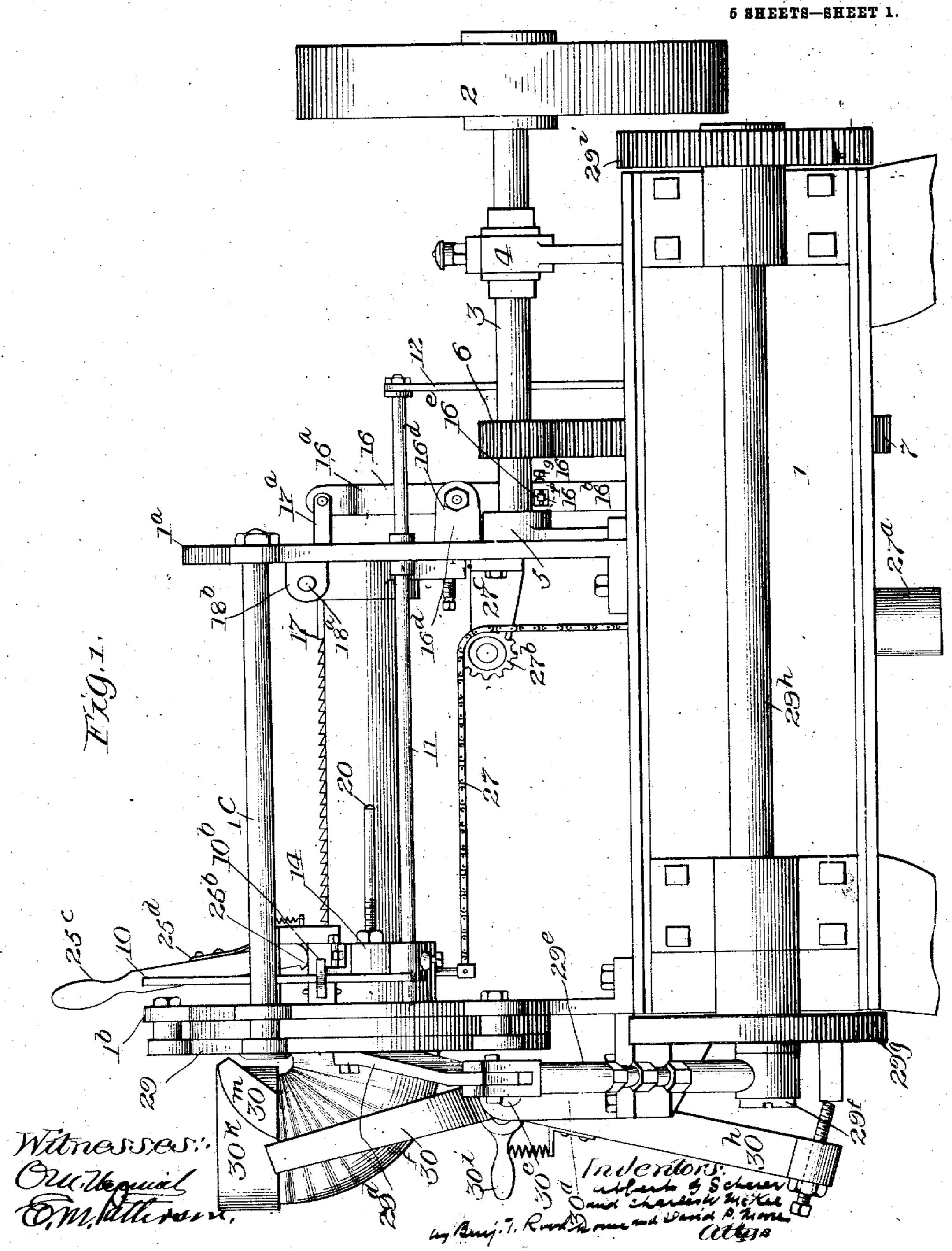
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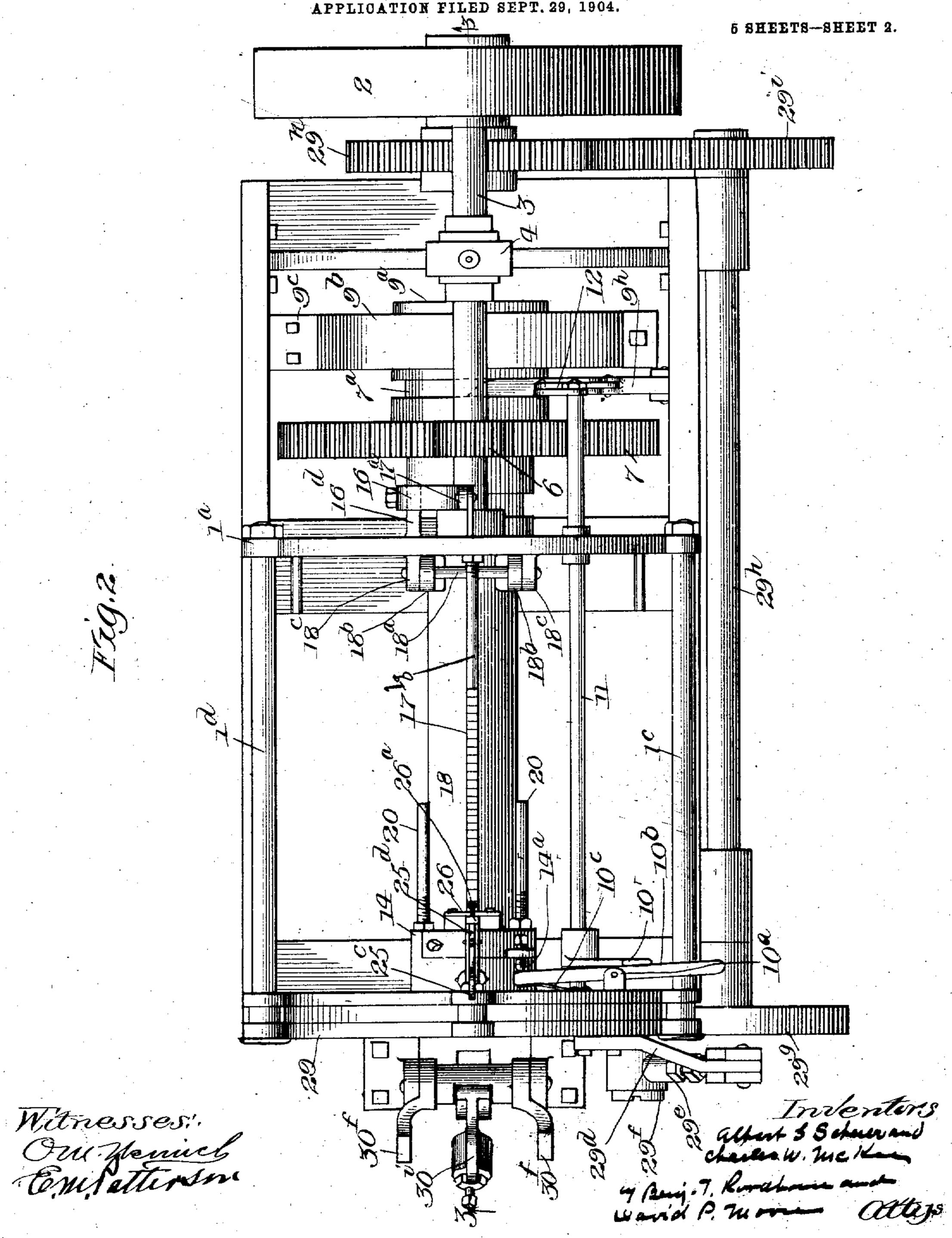
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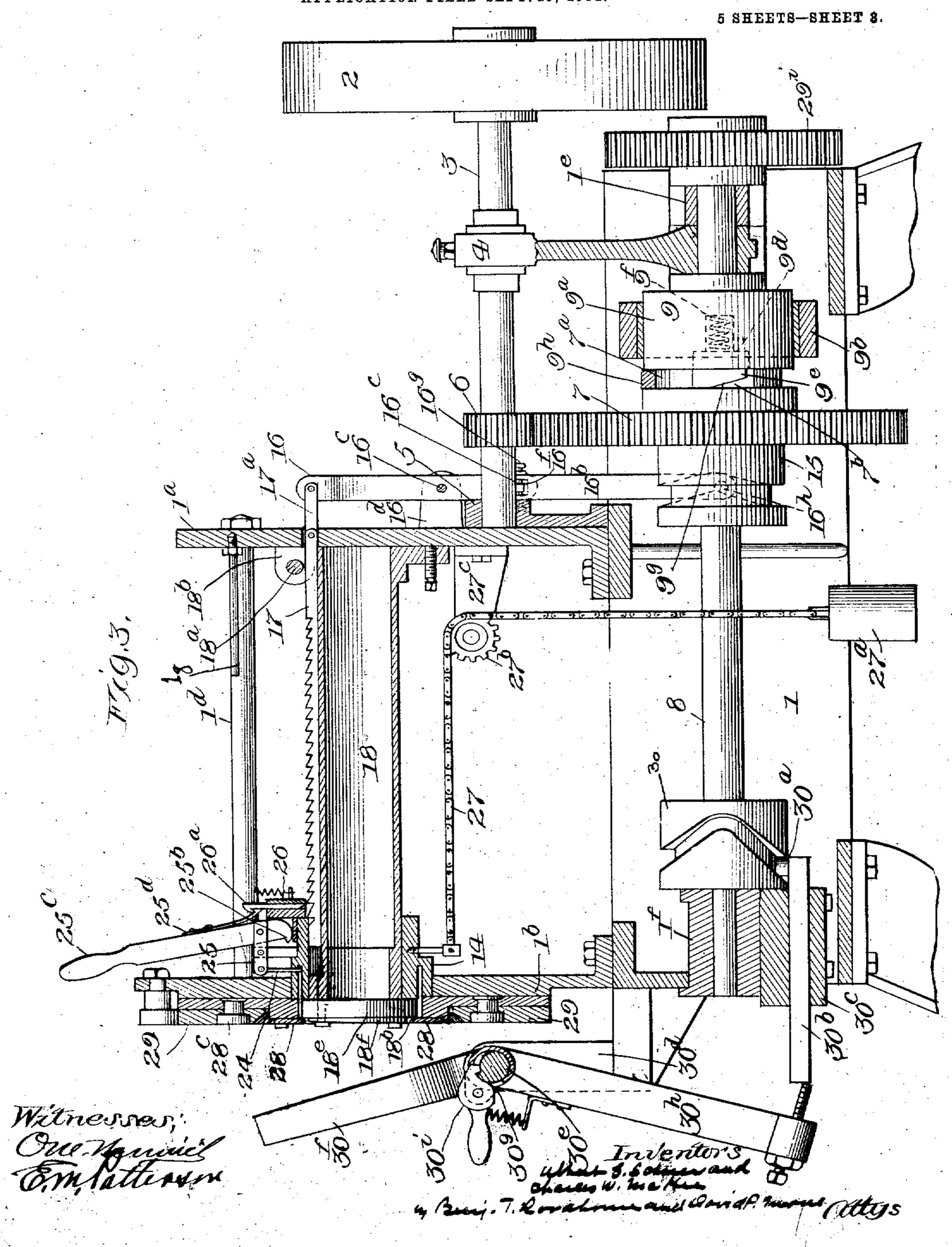
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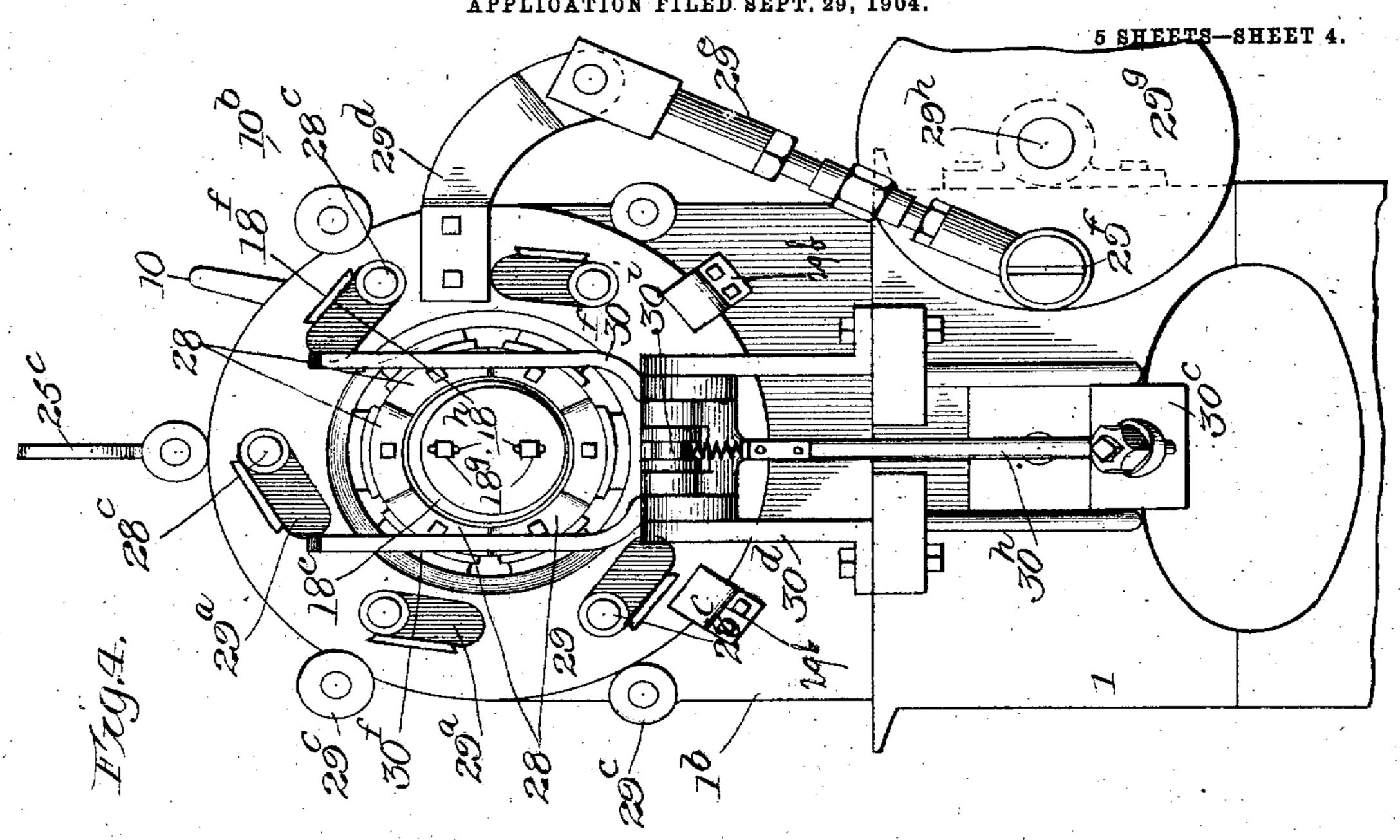
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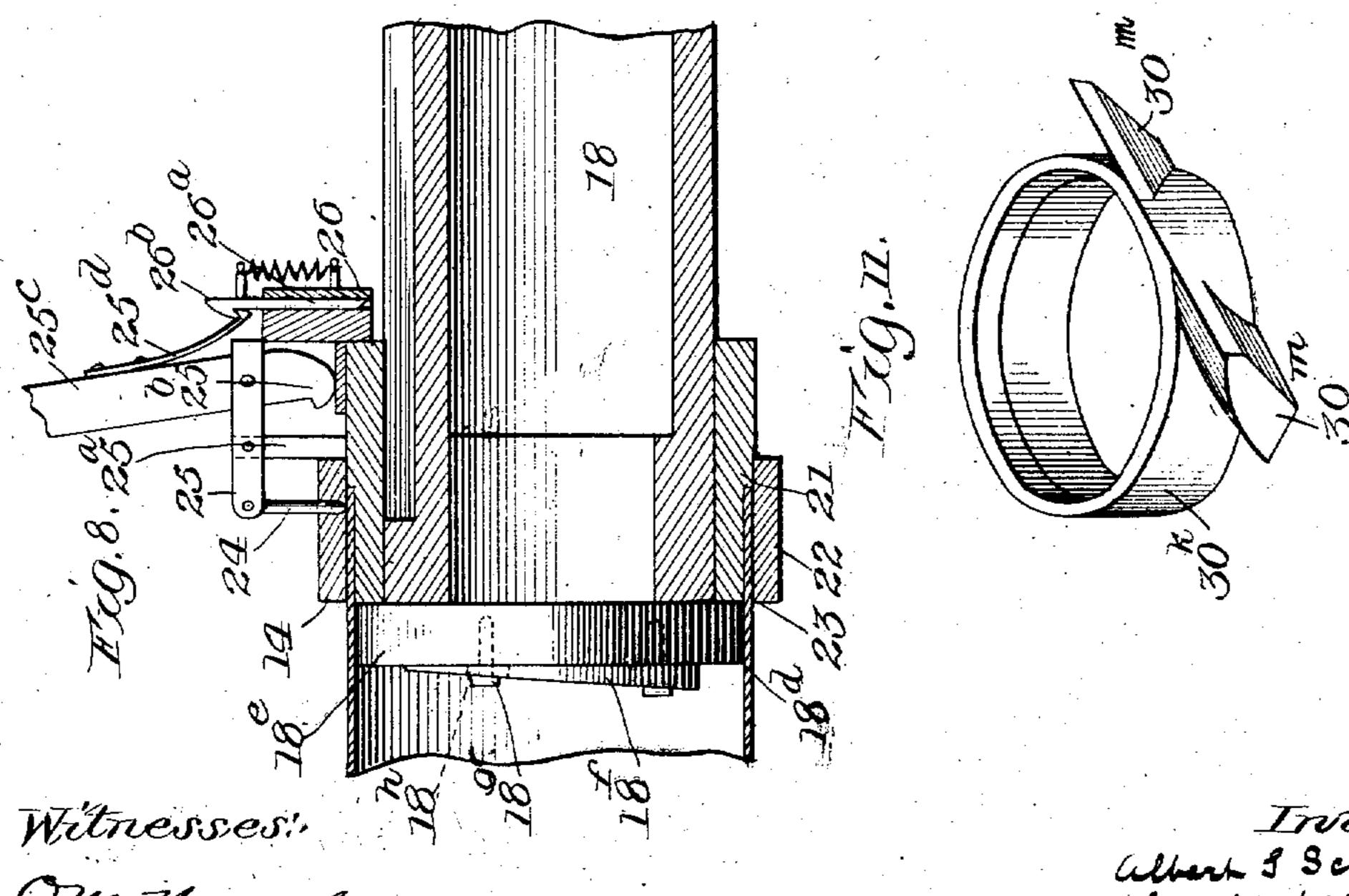
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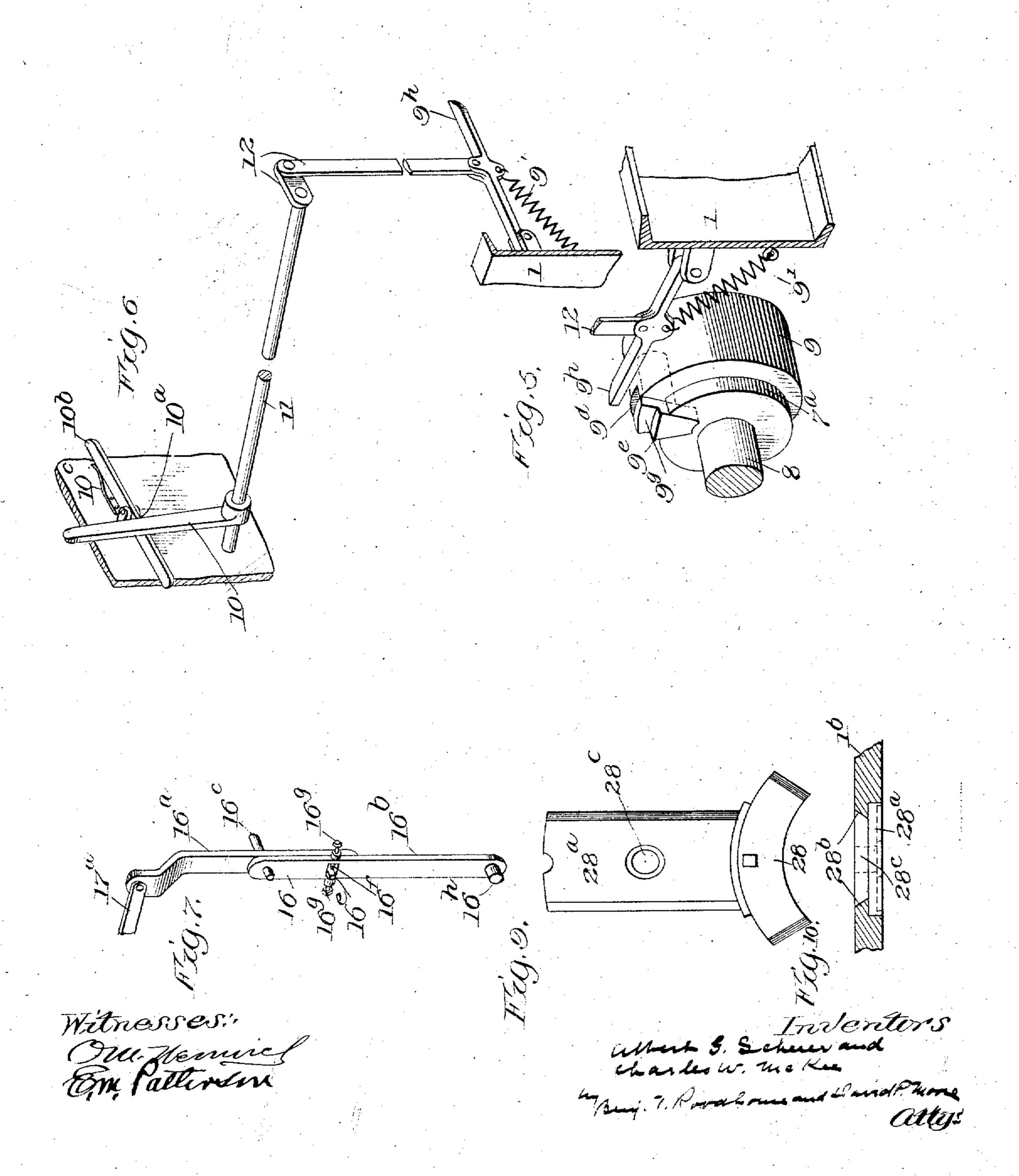
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Albert, G. Scherer and Charles W. McKee, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the 5 county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Machines for Manufacturing Sheet-Metal Elbows, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved machine for producing corrugated stovepipe-elbows; and the main object of the invention is to produce a machine in which after the blank of the elbow, has first been made into a tube or cylinder said cylinder will be received, corrugated, and bent into an elbow, as will presently appear.

To attain these objects, the invention consists of a new and improved machine of this character embodying novel features of construction and combination of parts substantially as disclosed herein.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the complete machine.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the complete machine. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal central section of the complete machine on line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the machine. Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the detail of the clutch 9. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the mechanism adapted to operate the clutch 9 and throw the machine into and out of operation. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the lever for operating the

spline. Fig. 8 is a vertical sectional view of the outer end of the barrel or horn and the head 14 with a broken-off section of pipe held therein. Fig. 9 , a detail of a crimping-knife and the reciprocating arm for same.

40 Fig. 10 is a top plan view of Fig. 9, partially in section. Fig. 11 is a perspective view of head 30k.

The numeral 1 designates a base in which and upon which is mounted the improved 45 machinery for bending and corrugating the stovepipe-elbows. Bolted to the said base 1 are the vertical plates 1^a and 1^b. These plates are connected and secured rigidly together at the top of their sides by the rods 1^c and 1^d. Power is applied through a belt or any known means to drive the wheel 2, mounted upon a shaft 3, which is journaled in the boxings 4 and 5 and carries a small

gear 6, which meshes with a large gear 7, journaled upon a lower parallel shaft 8. The 55 shaft 8 is journaled in the frame 1 at 1° and 1° and is adapted to be thrown into operative connection with the gear 7 by means of the clutch 9.

The clutch 9 is composed of the cylinder 9a, 60 revolving in the bearing 9b, attached to the frame 1 at 9°. At 9d the cylinder is recessed to receive the clutch-dog 9°, which is actuated by the spring 9t toward the hub 7a of the gear 7. The hub 7ª is recessed at 7^b to re- 65 ceive and engage the clutch-dog 9°. The clutch-dog 9e is beveled at 9g, so that when the piece 9h is drawn between the cylinder 9a and the hub 7a by means of the spring 9i it strikes the bevel 9s and forces the clutch-dog 70 out of engagement with the recess 7^b and permits the gear 7 to rotate without rotating the shaft 8. The clutch 9 is adapted to be thrown into operation through the medium of the lever 10, the reciprocating rod 11, and, 75 links 12. The lever 10 is readily accessible to the operator at the operating or front end of the machine, as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4.

As will be clearly seen in Figs. 2 and 6, 80 when the operating handle or lever 10 is thrown to the right the machine is put in operation through the withdrawal of the piece 9h from between the cylinder 9a and the hub 7ª and the engagement of the clutch-dog 9° 85 with the recess 7⁶. The handle or lever 10 is engaged and retained against the action of the spring 91 by the lever-arm of catch 10b, which arm is actuated by the spring 10°. The operation of the machine can be stopped at 90 any time by manipulation of the lever-arm of catch 10b, but it is also automatically stopped when the operation of corrugating the elbow has been completed by means of the bolt or projection 14^a (clearly shown in Fig. 2) on 95 the advancing head 14 contacting the leverarm of catch 10^b to disengage it from the lever 10, which permits the spring 9i to draw the piece 9h between the cylinder 9a and the hub 7ª and throw the clutch out of operation. 100

Upon the shaft 8 we mount a cam 15, which is adapted to reciprocate the lever 16, thereby imparting to the toothed spline 17 a reciprocating motion.

As clearly shown in Fig. 7, the lever 16 is rescomposed of two arms 16^a and 16^b. These

two arms are journaled upon the bolt 16c, carried by the bracket 16d, which said bracket is bolted to the rear face of the vertical plate 1ª. The top end of the arm 16ª is 5 connected with the toothed spline 17 by means of the link 17a. The lower end of the arm 16° is provided with the lug 16°. At the middle portion of the arm 16b is the aperture 16t, into which the lug 16e protrudes. The 10 set-screws 16s are provided to adjust the latitude of play to be allowed to the lug 16°. The lower end of the arm 16b is provided with the lug 16h, which engages with the cam 15. By limiting and adjusting the play of the lug 16° 15 by means of the set-screws 16° it is possible to regulate and change the latitude of reciprocation of the toothed spline 17, thereby making it possible to adjust the feed of the machine, the amount of metal in each corru-20 gation, and the number of corrugations in the elbow.

To the vertical plate 1ª is hinged the barrel or horn 18 by means of the bolt or pin 18a passing through the bifurcated bracket 18b, 25 integral with and forming a part of the end of said barrel or horn 18, and the brackets 18°, which are integral with and form a part of the plate 1a. This construction maintains the barrel or horn 18 in a horizontal position, 30 but permits of a vertical movement of said barrel or horn 18 during the operation of corrugating to be described hereinafter.

Traveling on the barrel or horn 18, in which the toothed spline 17 slides, is the head 14, 35 the rearward motion of said head being limited by means of the rods 20. As clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 8, the head 14 is provided with the annular shoulder 21, over which is driven the ring 22, thus leaving an 40 annular groove 23, in which to insert the end of the pipe to be corrugated. The pipe is corrugating by means of the pin 24, which is operated through the lever 25, pivoted to 45 the post 25° by means of the cam 25°, carried upon the lower end of the lever-handle 25°, which said handle is pivoted at a short distance above the cam 25^b to one end of the lever 25. The head 14 also carries a block 50 26, in which works a spring-actuated tooth or pawl 26a, the lower end of which engages the teeth of the toothed spline 17 and the upper end of which is provided with the tooth or pawl 26b. On the back of the lever-han-55 dle 25° is provided a spring-catch 25d, so that when the handle 25° is pushed backwardly to release the crimped elbow the spring-catch 25d engages the top pawl 26b of the pawl 26a. - When the handle 25° is brought forward to 60 again secure a fresh section of the pipe, the spring-catch 25d lifts the pawl 26d from engagement with the teeth of the toothed spline, permitting the head 14 to be returned

to its most rearward position. As the head 14

65 reaches this position the rod or projection 18

strikes the spring-catch 25d, thereby releasing the pawl 26°, which falls into engagement with the teeth of the toothed spline.

The pawl 26° is retained firmly against the teeth or the toothed spline 17, and the head 70 14 upon the withdrawal of the pawl 26a, as above set forth, is returned to its farthest rearward position by means of the chain 27 and the weight 27°, the said chain being adapted to pass over the sprocket-wheel 27b, 75

journaled on the arm 27°

The crimping of the pipe is performed by the plates or knives 28, (shown in Figs. 3, 4, 9, and 10,) which are carried upon one end of the arms 28a, which are slidably mounted 8o in the channels 28^b. The arms 28^a are each provided with the pins 28c, which extend outwardly into their respective diagonal slots 29a, provided in the circular plate 29. It is apparent that when the plate 29 is revolved 85 the arms 28° will be forced inward or outward, according to the direction of revolution, by reason of the pins 28c being in engagement with the diagonal slots 29a. The edges of the arms 28° are beveled and recip- 90 rocate in the oppositely-beveled channels 28b, provided in the face of the vertical plate 1b. The diagonal slots 29a are so cut that when the pins 28°, working in them, have spread the crimping knives or plates to their most 95 extended position a certain additional circular play is permitted in which the crimping plates or knives are neither opening nor closing. During this time the pipe is moved forward by means of the spline and its auxiliary roc mechanism, heretofore described, to the proper position for the next succeeding corrugation.

The circular plate 29 is revolubly mounted upon the face of the vertical plate 1b by 105 means of the brackets 29b and the flanged held in the groove during the operation of | and unflanged roller 29°. The circular plate 29 is reciprocally revolved by means of the arm 29d, integral with or bolted to said plate 29 through the connecting-rod 29°, the lower 11c end of which is journaled upon the pin 29f, set into the face of the wheel or disk 29g. The wheel or disk 29g is integral with the shaft 29h, which carries upon its other end the cog 29ⁱ. The cog 29ⁱ meshes with the 115

cog 29k, carried by the shaft 8.

As will be seen in Fig. 3, the top plates or knives 28 are about one-eighth of an inch thick where the deep narrow corrugations of the throat of the elbow are formed. The 120 plates gradually thicken toward the bottom, where they are about five-eighths of an inch thick where the broad shallow corrugations at the back of the elbow are formed. These plates are adapted to press the material of 125 the pipe positively over the annular shoulder 18d to form the corrugations.

On the outward end of the barrel or horn 18 is mounted the disk 18°, having a slightly smaller diameter than the pipe to be corru- 130

gated, the outer edge of which forms the of the reciprocating toothed spline and its manner the plate or disk 18f is vertically adjustable. The top of the disk 18t is narrow, being about one-quarter of an inch thick, and the bottom broadens out to a thickness of o one-half of an inch. The disk 18r is vertically adjusted upon the face of the disk 18°, so that the bottom of the disk 18t is above the annular shoulder 18^d a distance equal to the depth of the broad shallow corrugations 15 at the back of the elbow. In the operation of corrugating all of the crimping knives or plates contract or are pushed toward the center equally; but when the broad bottom plates 28 have accomplished the corrugating 20 of the broad shallow corrugations at the back of the elbow their continued action upon the broad lower edge of the disk 18f elevates the entire pivoted barrel or horn 18 and in this manner assists in forming the deep narrow 25 corrugations in the throat of the elbow already commenced by the contraction of the narrow top crimping or corrugating plates or knives.

For bending the elbow the following mech-30 anism is provided: Upon the forward end of the shaft 8 is mounted the cam 30, into which projects the lug 30°, carried by the piece 30°, the said piece 30b being reciprocated in the boxing 30° by the revolution of the cam. 35 Upon the outer surface of the plate 1b and between the outer end of the piece 30^b and the circular plate 29 are provided the brackets 30d, in which is journaled the axle 30e, which has the arms 30^t integral therewith. 40 Between the arms 30f the axle 30e is provided with a longitudinal depression or angular recess 30g. Pivoted upon said axle 30e is the lever 30^h, the lower free end of which comes opposite the outer end of the reciprocating 45 piece 30^b. The upper end of the lever 30^h is recessed through to the axle 30° and carries in said recess the spring-actuated catch 30i, which engages with the angular recess 30s when the arms 30^f are elevated, so that the 50 motion of the reciprocating piece 30b causes the arms 30° to move toward the plate 1b.

A head 30k, provided with the wings 30m, is placed upon one end of the tubular piece of metal to be corrugated. The other end of ;5 said tubular piece is secured in the annular groove 23 of the head 14, and through this peration the head 14 is returned to its most rearward position by the action of the weight 27a, as heretofore described. This brings the o lugs or wings 30^m directly above the arms 30^t, and when said arms are elevated to a point to cause the engagement of the spring-catch 30ⁱ with the recess 30s the arms and lugs are brought into operative proximity. When

shoulder 18d, heretofore referred to. To the mechanism, as heretofore explained, the face of the disk 18° is bolted the disk 18° by | wings 30° contact and throw forward the means of the bolts 18g passing through ver- | arms 30f; but as the crimping operation is tically-elongated bolt-holes 18h. In this taking place the cam 30 throws forward the 70 piece 30b, which impinges upon the lever 30b, thus through the caten 30° rotating the axle 30° and throwing back said arms 30° to the same position they occupied before being thrown forward. This results in bending the 75 elbow the proper amount at the same time the corrugations are being formed.

After the pipe is made into an elbow the arms 30f can be depressed in order to remove the elbow by depressing the spring-catch 30ⁱ. 80

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, it will be seen that a section of stovepipe will be corrugated and bent to the form of an elbow automatically after being inserted in the described ma- 85 claine.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is—

1. A machine for manufacturing sheetmetal elbows having corrugated means, feed- 90 ing means and means for adjusting the coaction of the forementioned means to vary the number of corrugations in elbows of the same angle.

2. In a machine for manufacturing sheet- 95 metal elbows, corrugating means, receiving means, means for actuating the receiving means to feed metal to the corrugating means and means for adjusting the latitude of motion imparted to the receiving means.

3. In a machine for manufacturing sheetmetal elbows, corrugating means, receiving means, means for actuating the receiving means to feed metal to the corrugating means and means for adjusting the location and lati- 105 tude of feed imparted to the receiving means.

4. In a machine of this character, the combination of a barrel, a spline mounted in said barrel, a receiving-head mounted on said barrel, means for adjustably connecting said II2 head with said spline to move said head upon said barrel, corrugating means, bending means and mechanism adapted to coact with the above-mentioned means to corrugate and bend a stovepipe.

5. In a mac, ine of this character, the combination of means for receiving a cylindrical tube, means for producing circumferential corrugations thereon and adjustable means for feeding the tube to the corrugating means 120 consisting of two members pivoted upon the same bearing one end of one of said members being in operative connection with the receiving means the other end of said member protruding into an aperture in the second 125 member, said second member being provided with means for adjusting the size of said aperture and for engaging an operative cam.

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pipe, adjustable means for limiting the inward movement of the pipe, a form for receiving the other end of the pipe, means for corrugating the pipe, means for engaging the last-mentioned form to bend the pipe to form an elbow and automatic means for stopping the operating mechanism.

7. In a machine of this character, the combination of a barrel, corrugating means adapted to press the metal of a section of pipe over the end of said barrel to form a corrugation and a plate adjustably attached to the end of said barrel adapted to coact with the corrugating means to produce deeper corru-

.5 gations upon one side of said pipe. 8. In a machine of this character, the combination of a frame, a power-shaft mounted therein, another shaft mounted in the frame, a clutch mechanism to cause the last-men-20 tioned shaft to receive motion from the power-shaft, a barrel mounted in the upper portion of the frame, a spline mounted in the barrel, a cam, a lever connected with said cam and said spline to reciprocate said spline, 25 means slidably mounted upon said barrel to receive the pipe to be corrugated adapted to be thrown forward by the motion of said spline, means for limiting the forward motion imparted by said spline, means carried 30 by said receiving means to operate the clutch and stop the machine, means adapted to engage the outer end of the pipe and mechanism for coacting with said last-mentioned means to bend the pipe.

9. In a machine of this character, the combination of corrugating means, a barrel for supporting the material while subject to the action of the corrugating means, a head slidably mounted upon said barrel to receive the 40 material and hold it in proper relation to the barrel and the corrugating means, a spline slidably mounted in said barrel, means for reciprocating said spline, means carried by said head adapted to engage and receive motion from said spline upon its forward stroke and means for preventing said stroke from driving said head too far forward consisting of a weight carried by a chain attached to said head and running over a sprocket in a 50 position opposite to the direction of said stroke.

10. In a machine of the character described, the combination of a frame, a power-shaft mounted therein, an auxiliary shaft provided with means for connecting it operatively with the power-shaft, a pair of cams carried by the auxiliary shaft, a barrel mounted in said frame, a spline movably mounted in said barrel, a lever connecting said spline with one of said cams, a head mounted upon the barrel, and adapted to receive motion from said spline, to carry the material to be operated upon, a head adapted to engage the opposite end of the material provided with oppositely-arranged lugs, a yoke provided

with upwardly-projecting arms for engaging the lugs, and an arm extending downwardly and operated upon by the other of said came to operate the yoke and bend the pipe.

11. In a machine of this character, convu-7c gating means in combination with a vertically-movable barrel or horn whereby certain of the corrugating members, after having formed the broad shallow corrugations at the back of the elbow, operate to press the barrel 75 carrying the pipe upward into a position where the other corrugating members form the deep corrugations necessary at the throat of an elbow.

12. In a machine of this character, the 80 combination of means for holding a section of pipe, means for feeding the section forward and means for forming circumferential corrugations upon said pipe consisting of corrugating-plates each of which forms a segment of a circle, radiating arms carrying said plates, and means for radially reciprocating said arms so that the plates are moved to form a corrugation,

13. In a machine of this character, corru- 90 gating means in combination with means for supporting the metal while subject to the action of the corrugating means adapted to coact with said corrugating means and to be moved thereby so as to present the metal un- 95 equally to the action of the corrugating means.

14. In a machine of this character, the combination of means for holding a section of pipe, means for feeding the section forward, noo means for forming corrugations upon said section consisting of corrugating-plates each of which forms an arc of a circle, radiating arms carrying said plates, a pin carried by each of said radiating arms and a reciprocally-ros revoluble member provided with oblique slots into which said pins project.

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18. In a machine of this character, in combination with corrugating means, means for holding the pipe to be corrugated, means for feeding said pipe to the crimping means, and means for automatically connecting and positively disconnecting said holding means and said feeding means consisting of a springactuated tooth or pawl, a spring-catch carried by said holding means to engage said tooth or pawl and positively disengage it from said feeding means, a rod carried upon the frame of the machine to contact with said spring-catch to disengage it from said tooth or pawl and permit said tooth or pawl and permit said tooth or pawl and permit said feeding means.

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20. In a machine of this character, in combination with corrugating means, feeding means, means for holding a pipe while being corrugated, means for preventing the forward action of the feeding means from feeding the pipe irregularly and returning the holding means to its farthest rearward position consisting of a sprocket-chain attached to said holding means and carried over a

sprocket located in the direction of the de- 50 sired pull and a weight attached to the other end of said sprocket-chain.

21. In a machine of this character, the combination of corrugating means, feeding means, means for holding a section of pipe 55 while being corrugated, means for preventing the section from being fed irregularly, and means for actuating said holding means to return it to its farthest rearward position upon being released from the feeding means. 60

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