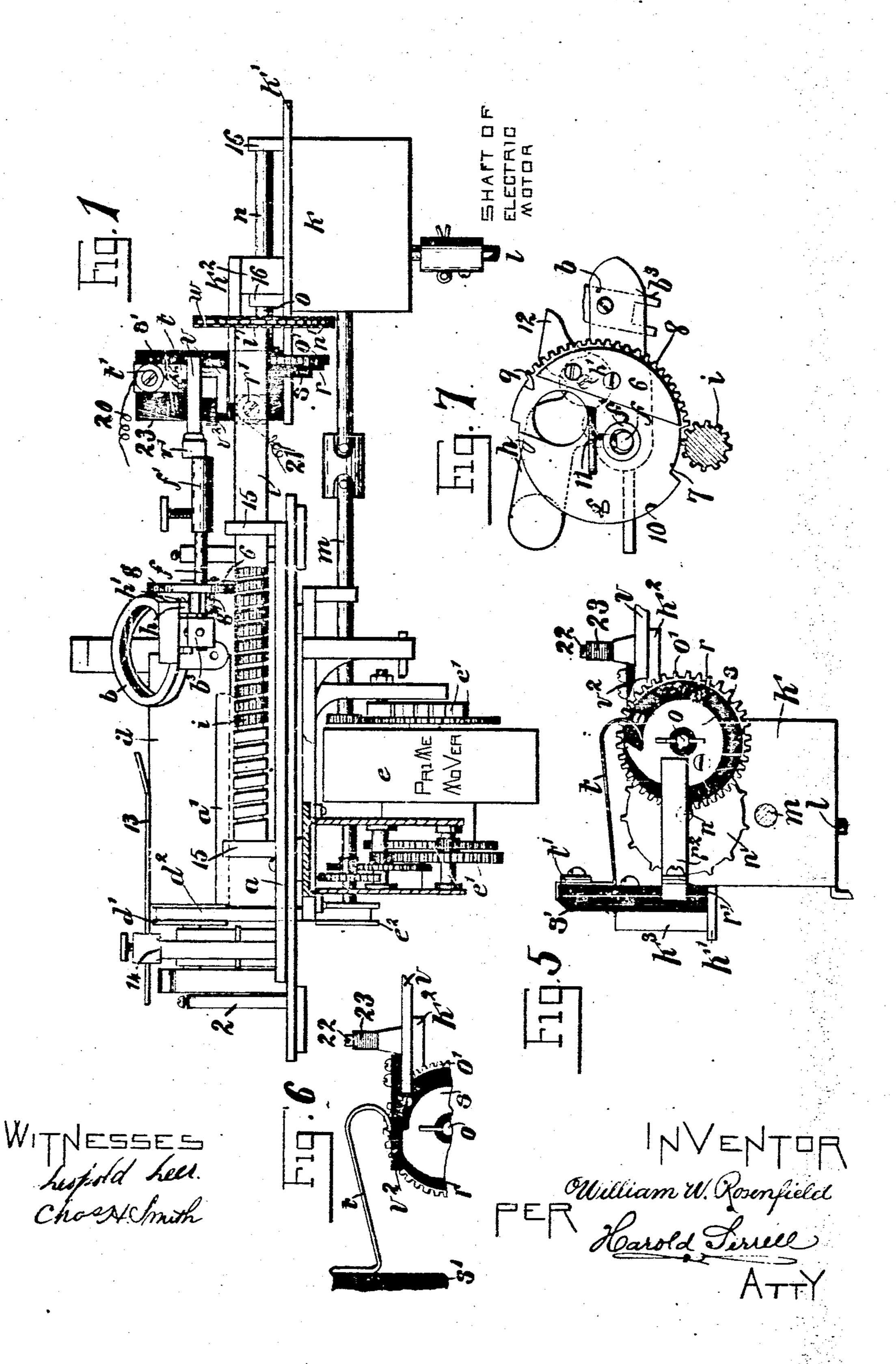
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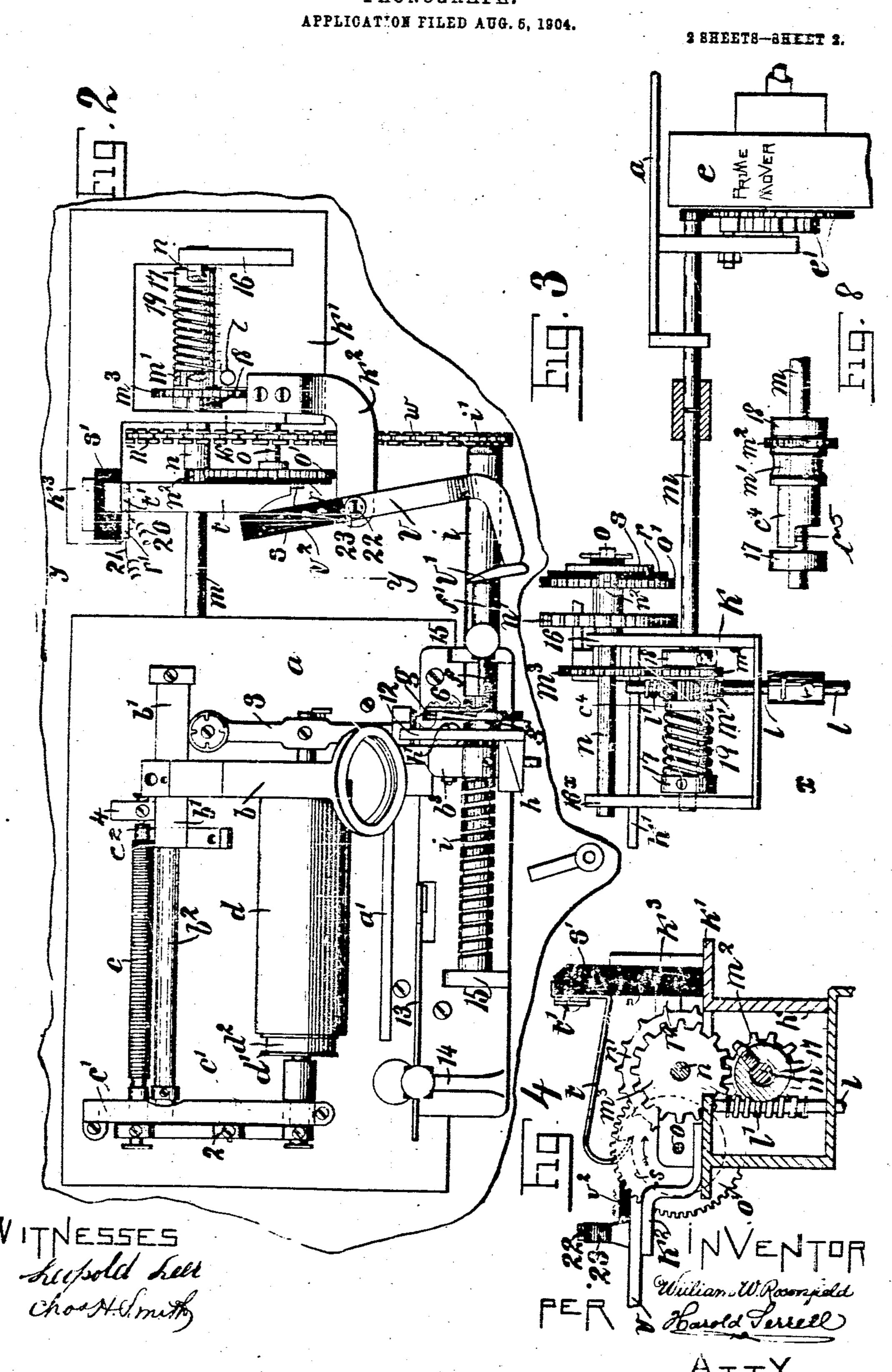
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. ROSEN-FIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, in the city, 5 county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Phonographs, of: which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to automatically

opera ed phonographs.

The invention has been made especially with the idea of adapting a spring motor actuated phonograph to operate to make successive productions of a record or records. To this end I provide means for automatically 15 re-winding the motor by which the phonograph is given its reproducing movements, and means for automatically raising the reproducer from the record and for returning the parts to normal or starting position. 20 For re-winding the spring motor, I preferably provide an electric motor and means whereby the circuit is closed to such electric motor to cause the re-winding of the spring motor preferably after the reproduction of a record, 25 and the electric motor also preferably actuates the automatic return mechanism.

Phonographs operated by spring motors are now in common use, but other forms of stored power motors might be employed for 30 directly actuating phonographs for their reproducing movements, and this invention, so far as it relates to the feature of automatically re-winding or otherwise storing power in an actuating motor of a phonograph, con-35 sidered broadly, is not to be limited to any

particular form of such motor.

In the drawings Figure 1 is an elevation and Fig. 2 a plan representing a spring motor actuated phonograph of well known form 40 provided with rewinding and return mechanism in accordance with my present invention. Fig. 3 is an elevation of parts of the operating mechanism looking from the back of Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a transverse sec-45 tion and elevation at the aotted line x, x, of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is an elevation and partial | normally bears against the hub g'. Said section on dotted line y, y of Fig. 2 looking toward the right. Fig. 6 is an elevation representing some of the parts shown in Fig. 50 5, but in a different position. Fig. 7 is an · elevation in larger size of the eccentric disk and the parts associated therewith looking

and the motor for directly operating the phonograph with the friction spring omitted.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a represents the bed of the phonograph; a' the support rail for the free end of the reproducer-arm b 69 which is carried by a sleeve b' movable on a guide-bar b^2 . c represents the feed-screw, and c^2 the feed nut carried by the sleeve b'and engaging the underside of the feed screw for causing the reproducing movement of the 65 reproducer-arm: i represents the mandrel; c' gears within a case or housing connecting the shaft of the mandrel d with the shaft of the feed-screw c, and 2, 3, 4 are bearings for the respective ends of the shaft of the man- 70 drel and feed-screw. d' is a pulley on the mandrel shaft and d^2 a belt around the same and which extends down through the bed a to a pulley e^2 upon a shaft of the train of gears. e' of a spring motor e, by which the mandrel 75. is rotated and the reproducer-arm moved for the reproduction of a record. These parts are of usual and well known construction, and do not require further description.

Secured to the reproducer-arm b (see 80) especially Fig. 7) is a bracket-arm b^3 which carries an arbor f upon which an eccentric disk g is revoluble. The arbor f also supports an adjustable sleeve f' clamped thereto by the set-screw shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 7, 85 the office of which sleeve will be hereinafter

described.

. The eccentric or cam disk g is provided with a notched hub g', and has secured to its face a weight-plate 6, and its periphery is 90 formed with a notch or low portion 7, with a toothed portion 8 beyond the low portion 7 and extending to a high portion, with a tail-rib 9 beyond the toothed portion, and with a portion 10 which is smooth. Pivot- 95 ally connected to the bracket-arm b^3 is a latch h having a tooth 11 for engaging the notch in the hub g', said latch h being weighted or over-balanced by reason of the position of its pivot h' so that its tooth 11 100 arm also has an end 12 or the other side of the pivot from the tooth 11 for engaging a cam rod or arm 13 adjustable longitudinally on a support 14 secured to the bed a of the 105 phonograph.

A return feed screw i is mounted in beartoward the left in Figs. 1 and 2; and Fig. 8 is | ings 15 upon the bed of the phonograph. an elevation of the friction coupling inter- This screw shaft preferably has a spiral - 55 posed between the shafts of the electric motor | groove of coarse pitch compared with the 110

thread of the feed screw c and is provided | contact with the cam disk s by means of a with teeth between the convolutions of the rocker arm v pivoted at 22 to a bracket arm grows for a portion of its length. The shaft $|k^2|$. One end of this rocker as m is provided of the return feed screw carries fast thereon

5 a sprocket v.

? represents the shaft from an electric motor, positioned vertically, and having at its upper end a worm l' meshing with a gear m' mounted free to rotate upon a shaft m 10 extending horizontally and having bearings in the sides of a casing k. The gear m' is The other end of the rocker arm is provided formed with a gear m^2 , and these together are loose upon the shaft m. The shaft m is driven by the rotation of the gear m'15 through a siip coupling which will permit the gear to slip on the shaft when a certain resistance is offered to the rotation of the shaft. Any suitable form of friction coupling, or driving device, may be provided 20 for this purpose. In the preferred form of friction coupling shown, a collar 18 is mounied fast on the shaft m at one side of the gears m' and m^2 , and at the other side of said gears is a collar 17 also fast on the shaft, 25 while between the collar 17 and the gears is a notched flanged sleeve c4 held against rotation relatively to the shaft m by a pin c^5 passing through the shaft and pressed against the face of the gear m' by a helical spring 19 30 one end of which bears against the collar 17 and the other end against the flange of the sleeve c^{*} . (Figs. 3 and 8). The shaft mis continued by means of a coupling shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and terminates in a pinion 35 meshing with a gear through which the

spring motor ϵ may be rewound. A shaft n is mounted above the shaft m in bearings 16. Fast on this shaft is a gear m^2 meshing with the gear m^2 ; also fast on this 40 shuft mis a sprocket n', a chain w passing around the sprocket n' and to and around the sprocket i' on the shaft of the return feed screw for rotating said shaft. The shaft n also has fast thereon a pinion n² meshing 45 with a gear o' mounted upon an arbor o which is secured in a lug of the casing k. A cam disk s of conducting material is mounted to rotate with the gear o' and is insulated from the gear o' and the arbor o by being 50 mounted on an insulating disk r secured to the gear o'. A spring contact arm t for engaging the periphery of the cam disk s is secured by a binding-post clamp, t' to an insulating post s' fast to a post k^3 rising from 55 the top plate k' of the casing k. A contact spring r² which constant'y bears against the fally driven through the friction coupling face of the cam disk s is also secured by a | formed by the collars 17 and 18, the sleeve s'. To the binding-post clamps t and r' are spring motor e. Simultaneousy the gear connected wires 20 and 21 respectively of $|m^2|$ causes the rotation of the gear m^3 and the 125 the circuit to the electric motor, so that in | shaft n, which through he sprocket n', the the operation of the machine when the con- | chain w and the sprocket i' drives the return

with an insulating block v^2 adapted to move beneath the contact arm t when the latter 70 has been raised by the high point of the camdisk s, and the rocker arm is under tension of a spring 23 which tends to swing the rockerarm on its pivot to move the block v^2 toward and beneath the end of the contact arm. 75 with a foot piece v' which lies in the path of movement of the sleeve f' carried by the arbor f in position to be engaged thereby as the reproducer arm approaches the endefits 80 reproducing movement.

The position of the parts as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is that assumed by them at the end of the reproducing movement of the phonograph preparatory to the return of the re- 85 producer arm to an initial or original position either to repeat the record or to reproduce from another record. In these figures the position of the rocker-arm v and the spring contact-arm t is as represented in Fig. 90 5, while the position of these parts during the reproduction of the record and before the arbor f and its sleeve f' reach the limit of their movement is that represented in Fig. 6that is to say—with the insulating-block 95 v^2 moved beneath and supporting the free end of the spring-arm t in which position the electric circuit is broken and the electric

motor not running.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the extreme ad- 100 vance movement of the reproducer-arm and arbor f have brought the end of the sleeve f' in contact with the foot-piece v' and the rocker-arm v has been thereby swung on its pivot to remove the insulating-block v2 from 165 beneath the end of the spring-arm t, allowing the same to drop into contact with the periphery of the cam-disk s so as to complete the electric circuit through the wire 20, binding post clamp t', arm t, cam-disk s, con-110 tact spring r^2 , binding-post clamp r' and wire 21, thereby starting the electric motor. The insulating block v^2 is then held against the side of the arm t by the action of the spring 23 until the arm t is again raised by 115 the cam disk s to permit the block v2 to again move beneath the arm t. The electric motor being thus started, the rotation of the shaft l and worm wheel l' drives the gears m', m^2 together, and the shaft m is friction- 120 binding-post clamp r' to the insulating-post | c' and the spring 19, thereby winding up the fact arm i engages the cam disk s the circuit | feed screw i, and the shaft n through the will be closed for operating the motor - pinion n^2 also rotates the gear n' and the The contact arm t is normally held out of Jean-disk's, these parts being so timed and tea

proportioned that the cam-disk is not given | record which the machine is adapted to rea complete rotation until the return feed produce. The return feed screw will thus screw has been given a rotation more than continue to rotate after the reproducer arm sufficient to effect the raising of the report has been returned and lowered; and to prez ducer-arm and its complete return movement z vent, the eccentric disk g, which then rests 70

10 Fig. 7) and the disk is thereby rotated to against which the disk g then rests is circum- 75 thereby raising the bracket arm b* and reproducer-arm b to raise the reproducer from the 15 record and move the feed nut from the feed serew c until the teeth 8 have paid out and [the tail-rib 9 of this eccentric-disk has set-20 into the notch of the hub g' and holds the precord, the electric motor meanwhile remain- 85 25 until the end 12 of the latch h under-runs the the block of from under the contact arm t and 96 bent end of the arm 13 whereby the end 12 of the latch is pressed down and the tooth 11 withdrawn from the notch in the hub g'. The eccentric disk g is thereby released and 30 resting on the return feed screw it is turned thereby to bring successive portions of the portion 10 of its cam periphery in engagement with the shaft, whereby the bracket arm h^3 and the reproducer-arm are gradually 35 lowered until the reproducer is returned to operative position and the feed nut is again in engagement with the feed screw c. The turning of the disk g will continue until its periphery clears the return feed screw, after 40 which, during any further rotation of the return feed screw and during the next reproducing movement of the reproducer-arm, the disk will be held by the weight 6 in position with its low portions 7 opposite the re-45 turn feed screw and with the shoulder formed by the first of its teeth 8 bearing against the return feed screw ready to be engaged by the teeth of the return feed screw when the latter is rotated for the next return 50 movements

The rotation of the return feed screw continues until the end of the contact arm this raised by the cam disk s to permit the block v^2 of the rocker arm v to move under the end 55 of the contact arm and until the high point . of the cam disk has then moved beyond and . out of contact with the contact arm, thereby tric motor.

60 To insure the full return movement of the leach operation of the electric motor will 125

and lowering again to its operative position; with the first of its teeth 8 bearing against When the return feed screw i begins to I the return feed screw, from being turned by rotate, the teeth thereof engage and mesh such further rotation of the return feed with the teeth 8 of the eccentric disk g (see | screw, the portion of the return feed screw cause successive portions of its toothed cam | ferentially smooth, the gear teeth of the reperiphery to engage the return feed screw turn feed screw extending only for a part of the length of the screw from the other end thereof.

If the spring motor e is allowed to continue 80 in operation after the return of the reproducer arm and the feed nut to operative tled into the groove of the return feed screw | position, the phonograph will be again aci. The tooth 11 of the latch h then drops | touted thereby for again reproducing the eccentric disk against further turning, and | ing at rest until the reproducer arm nears the the disk, the arm b^3 and the reproducer arm | end of its reproducing movement, at which b are then by the continued rotation of the | time the sleeve f' will again engage the foot return feed screw given a return movement! piece v' to swing the rocker arm v to carry permit the confact arm to spring into contact with the periphery of the cam disk s, thereby again closing the circuit for causing the electric motor to operate to rewind the spring motor and to rotate the return feed screw 95 for again returning the reproducer arm to its initial or starting position. Evidently, however, suitable means may be provided for stopping the operation of the spring motor before the return movement of the re- 100 producer arm has been completed, and when such means is provided the entire mechanism will remain at rest after the return movement of the reproducer arm has been completed and until the spring motor is 105 again put in operation, whereupon the reproducing and return movements of the phonograph and the rewinding of the spring motor will again be effected in order and repeafed until the spring motor is again 110 stopped.

> By adjustment of the sleeve f' and the cam red 13, the extent of operation of the spring motor before being rewound may be varied, and the mechanism shown may be adapted 115 for records of varying length so that the reproducing devices shall operate only over the length of the actual record, thus avoiding waste of time and unnecessary movement of the parts.

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To insure full rewinding of the spring motor with the longest record which the mabreaking the circuit and stopping the elec- | chine is adapted to reproduce, the amount of rotation given to the worm gear m' at reproducer arm, the amount of rotation preferably be more than sufficient to rewind given to the return feed screw is preferably, I the spring motor to the tension to which it and as before probled out, more than suffi-1 was wound before the commencement of the eient to effect the cherelies, return and lowers reproducing movement, and the friction 35 ing of the representation with the longest, coupling between the worm year and the re- 130

winding shaft m is provided for the purpose of permitting continued movement of the worm gear after the spring motor has been fully rewound, the resistance to the rotation of the 5 shaft m being sufficient to cause the parts of the coupling to slip.

It will be seen that with the construction shown, the return movement of the recipro- | reproductions of a record or records, subcating part of the phonograph, that is the stantially as described. 16 reproducer arm in the construction shown, is effected entirely by the power of the elec- | and a motor for actuating the phonograph in tric motor and does not add at all to the | re; roducing a record, of a second motor and work to be performed by and cannot affect

the operation of the spring motor.

It will be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the exact construction and arrangement of parts shown in the drawings and to which the foregoing description has been mainly confined, but that it in--20 cludes changes and modifications thereof within the claims. It will be understood also that features of the invention may be employed independently of other features thereof, and that the invention or features 25 thereof may be applied to other forms of phonographs from that shown.

It will be understood also that the trem "phonograph" is used herein as a broad term to include all sound reproducing muchines to 30 which the invention is or may be found ap-

plicable.

Features of invention disclosed but not claimed herein are claimed in Patent No. 859,114 granted to me on an application motor by the operation of the second motor, 35 filed as a division of this application, and in | said connections including means for per- 100 my pending applications No. 243,612 and No. 385,388.

I claim as my invention

1. The combination with a phonograph 40 and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of means for automatically storing power in said motor in the interval between successive reproductions of a record or records, substantially as described.

45 2. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for automatically storing power in said mo-

50 tor, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor, and means controlled by the movement of a part 55 of the phonograph to cause power to be stored in the first motor by the operation of the second motor, substantially as described.

4. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in 60 reproducing a record, of a second motor for storing power in the first motor, and automatically operated means for causing the second motor to operate in the interval between successive reproductions of a record or 65 records, substantially as described.

5. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor for storing power in the first motor, and means controlled by the movement of a part of the 70 phonograph for causing the second motor to operate in the interval between successive

6. The combination with a phonograph 75 automatically operated means for crusing power to be stored in the first motor by the operation of the second motor after the re- so production of a record, substantially as de-

scribed.

7. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor for 85 storing power in the first motor, means controlled by the movement of a part of the phenograph for causing the second motor to operate after the reproduction of a record, and adjustable means for varying the time so at which the second motor is caused to operate with relation to the operation of the phonograph, substantially as described.

8. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in 95 reproducing a record, of a second motor, and connections between the second motor and the first motor for storing power in the first mitting a slipping of the parts after the desired tension has been applied to the first

motor, substantially as described.

9. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in 105 reproducing a record, of a second motor, and connections between the second motor and the first motor for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the second motor. said connections including a friction driving 110

device, substantially as described.

10. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a recerd, of a second motor, connections between the second motor and 115 the first motor for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the second motor, said connecti. .. Bridding a friction driving device, and means for starting the second motor and for automatically stopping it after 120 an operation more than sufficient to restore to the first motor the power exerted by the first motor in actuating the phonograph for the reproduction of a record, substantially as described.

11. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, and automatically operated means for causing power to be stored in the first motor by 139

the operation of the electric motor in the interval between successive reproductions of a record or records, substantially as described.

12. The combination with a phonograph ! 5 and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, and means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph to cause power to be stored in the first motor by the operation of 10 the electric motor, substantially as described.

13. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections for storing power in the first 15 motor by the operation of the electric motor, and means for automatically closing the circuit to the electric motor after the reproduction of a record, substantially as described.

14. The combination with a phonograph 20 and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, means for automatically closing the circuit 25 to the electric motor after the reproduction of a record, and adjustable means for varying the time of closing the circuit, with relation to the operation of the phonograph, substantially as described.

15. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, 25 and means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for closing the circuit to said motor, substantially as described.

16. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in 40 reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, means for closing the circuit to the electric motor, and means for automatically opening 45 said circuit after a predetermined operation, substantially as described.

17. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, 50 connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for closing the circuit to said electric motor, and means for opening 55 said circuit after the shaft of the electric motor has made a predetermined number of revolutions, substantially as described.

18. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in 60 reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections between the electric motor and the first motor for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, said connections including means for permit-

tension has been applied to the first motor, automatically operating means for closing the circuit to the electric motor, and means for opening said circuit after the shaft of the electric motor has made a number of revolu- 70 tions greater than is required to store power in the first motor, substantially as described.

19. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric 75 motor, connections between the electric motor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring motor, said connections including means for permitting a slipping of the parts after the desired tension has been applied to 80 the first motor, means for closing the circuit to the electric motor after the reproduction of a record, adjustable means for varying the time of operation of the circuit closing means for records of different lengths, and means 85 for opening said circuit after the shaft of the electric motor has made a predetermined number of revolutions not dependent on the operation of the spring motor, substantially as described.

20. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, and automatically operated means for causing the spring motor to be rewound 95 by the electric motor after the reproduction of a record, substantially as described.

21. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric 100 motor, connections between the electric motor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring motor, and means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for closing the circuit of the electric motor, sub- 105 stantially as described.

22. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections between the electric mo- 110 tor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring motor, means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for closing the circuit to the electric motor after the reproduction of a record, and adjustable means 115 for varying the time of closing the circuit with relation to the operation of the phonograph, substantially as described.

23. The combination with a phonograph having a reciprocating reproducer carrier 120 and with a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections between the electric motor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring motor, and means controlled 125 by the movement of the reproducer carrier for closing the circuit to the electric motor, substantially as described.

24. The combination with a phonograph 65 ting a slipping of the parts after the desired | and a spring motor for actuating the phono- 130

graph in reproducing a record, of means controlled by the movement of a part of the phonograph for rewinding the spring motor, substantially as described.

25. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor and connections for rewinding the spring motor, and means controlled by the 10 movement of a part of the phonograph for causing the second motor to operate after the reproduction of a record, substantially as described.

26. The combination with a phonograph 15 and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor, connections between the second motor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring motor, said connections including 20 means for permitting a slipping of the parts after the desired tension has been applied to the pring motor, substantially as described.

27. The combination with a phonograph and a spring motor for actuating the phono-25 graph in reproducing a record, of a second motor, connections between the second motor and the spring motor for rewinding the spring metor, said connections including a friction driving device, substantially as described.

30 28. The combination with a phonograph having a reciprocating reproducer carrier and with a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of a second motor for storing power in the first motor, and 35 means controlled by the movement of the reproducer carrier for causing the second motor to operate after the reproduction of a record, substantially as described.

29. The combination with a phonograph 40 having a reciprocating reproducer carrier and with a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor, 45 and means for closing the circuit to the electric motor when the reproducer carrier of the phonograph has reached a certain point in

means for determining the point in the repro-50 ducing movement of the reproducer carrier at which the circuit to the electric motor shall be closed, substantially as described.

its reproducing movement, and adjustable

30. The combination with a phonograph and a motor for actuating the phonograph in reproducing a record, of an electric motor, 55 connections for storing power in the first motor by the operation of the electric motor. a circuit closing device for closing the circuit to the electric motor, a member adapted to be moved by the movement of the repro- 66 ducer carrier of the phonograph as it approaches the end of its reproducing movement for causing the circuit to be closed by said circuit closing device, and means operated by the electric motor for consing the 65 circuit to be opened by said circuit closing device, substantially as described.

31. The combination with a phonograph having a reciprocating representer carrier and with a motor for actuating the phonograph 70 in reproducing a record, of an electric motor. connections between the electric motor and the first motor for storing power in the list motor by the operation of the electric motor, a cam disk of conducting material turned by 75 the electric motor, a spring contact ama housing against the cam portion of said disk, a contact device bearing against another portion of said disk, circuit connections with said contact arm and comact device for com- & pleting the circuit to the electric motor through said disk, a spring laten for entering beneath the contact arm when the latter has been raised by the cam disk, and means controlled by the movement of the reproducer 85 carrier for moving said latch to release the contact arm, substantially as described.

33. The combination with a phonograph having a record and a reproducer carrier mounted to travel across the record in the 90 reproducing operation and to be raised from the record and returned to its starting point. and a spring motor for actuating the phonograph during the reproducing operation, of automatic means operating in the intervals 95 between the reproducing operations to rewind the said motor and return said reproducer carrier to its starting position.

Signed by me this 26 day of July 1904.

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