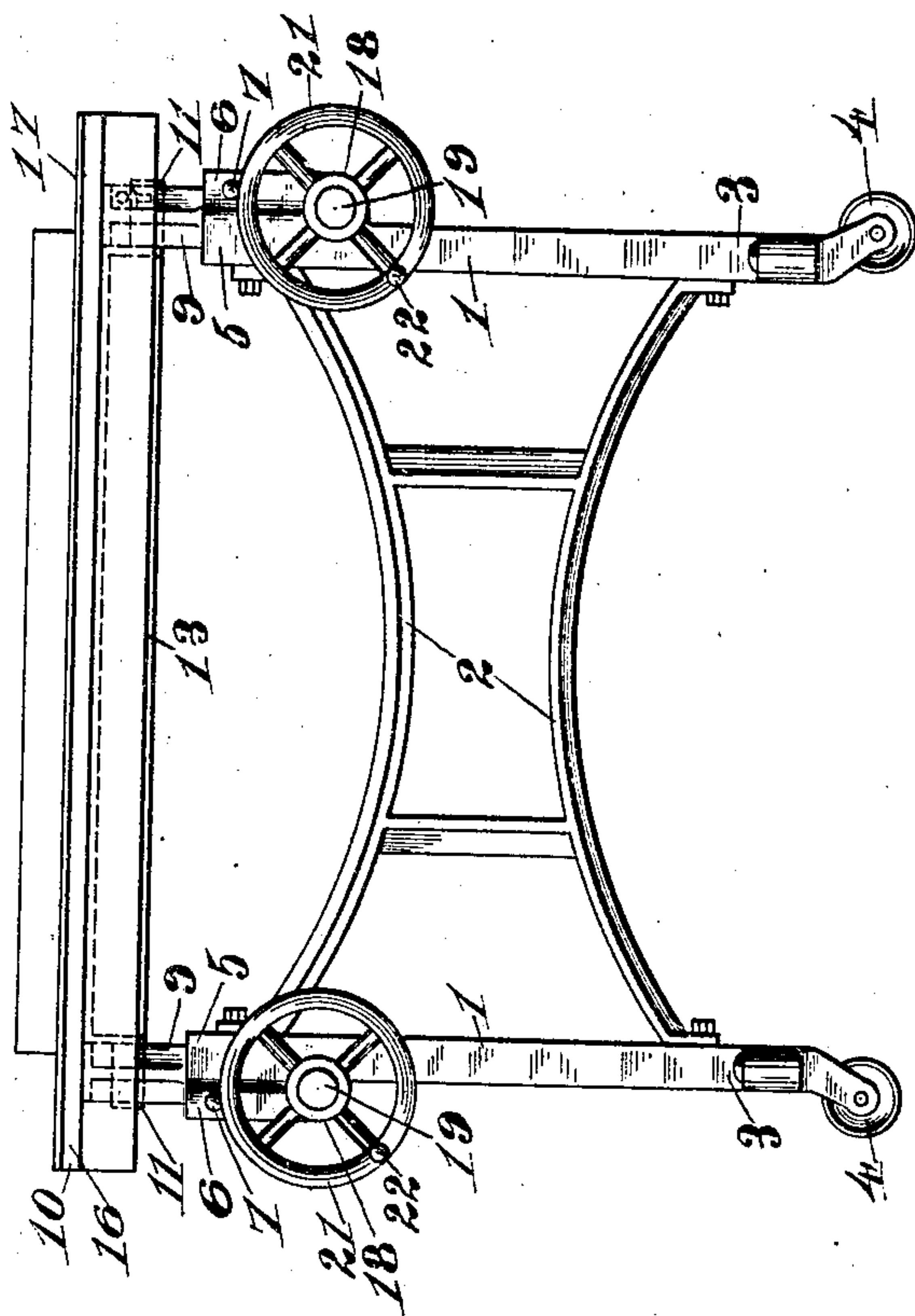


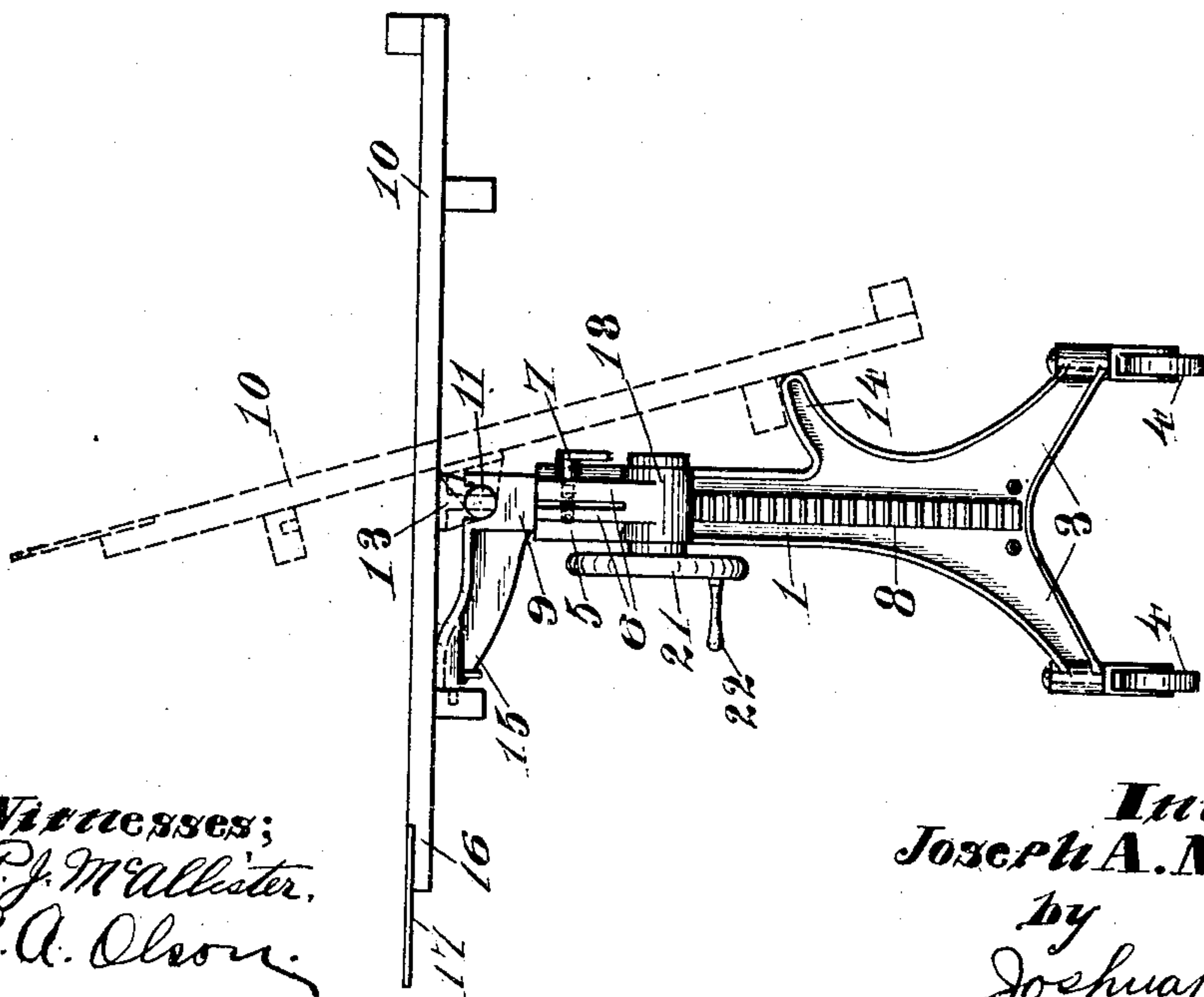
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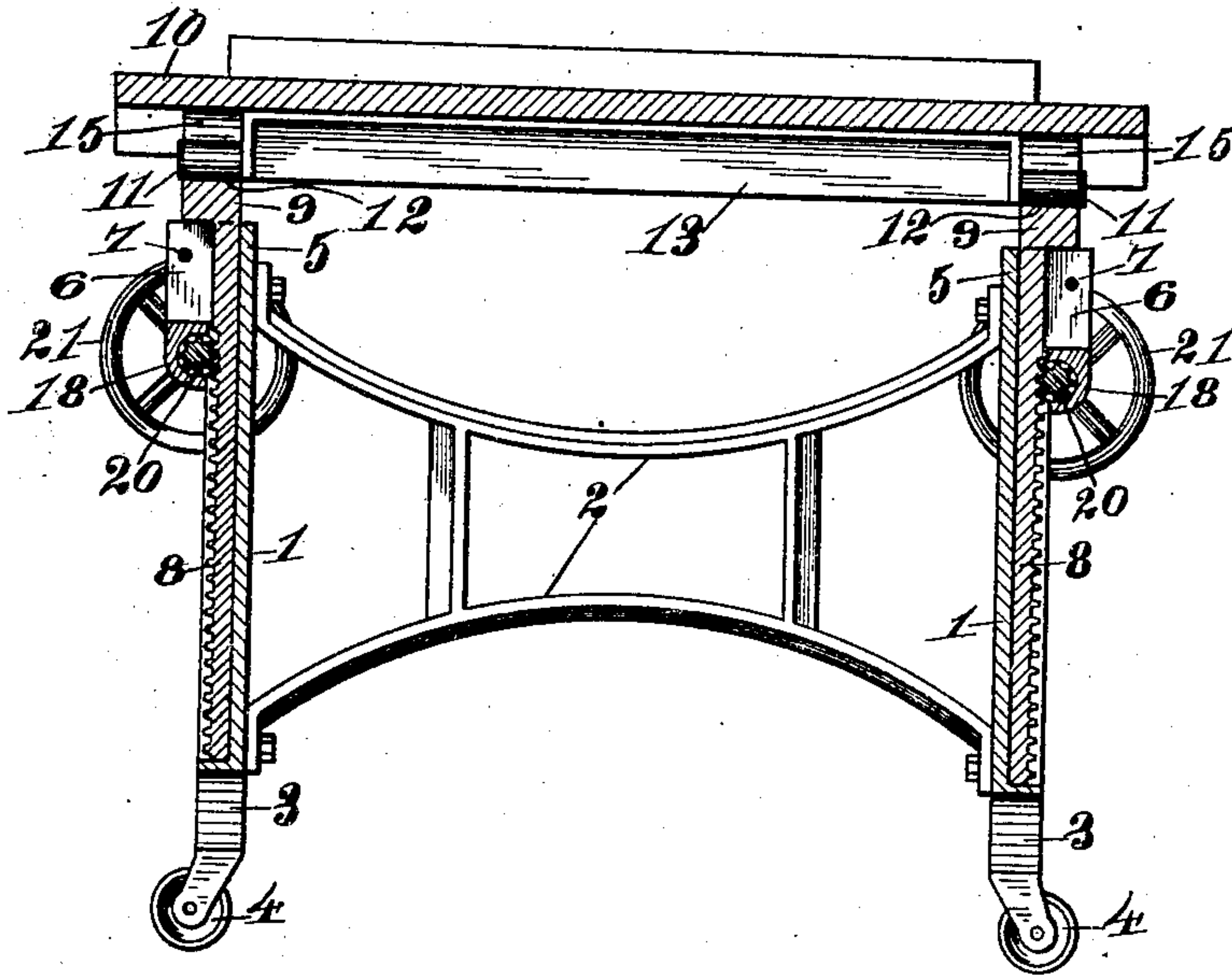
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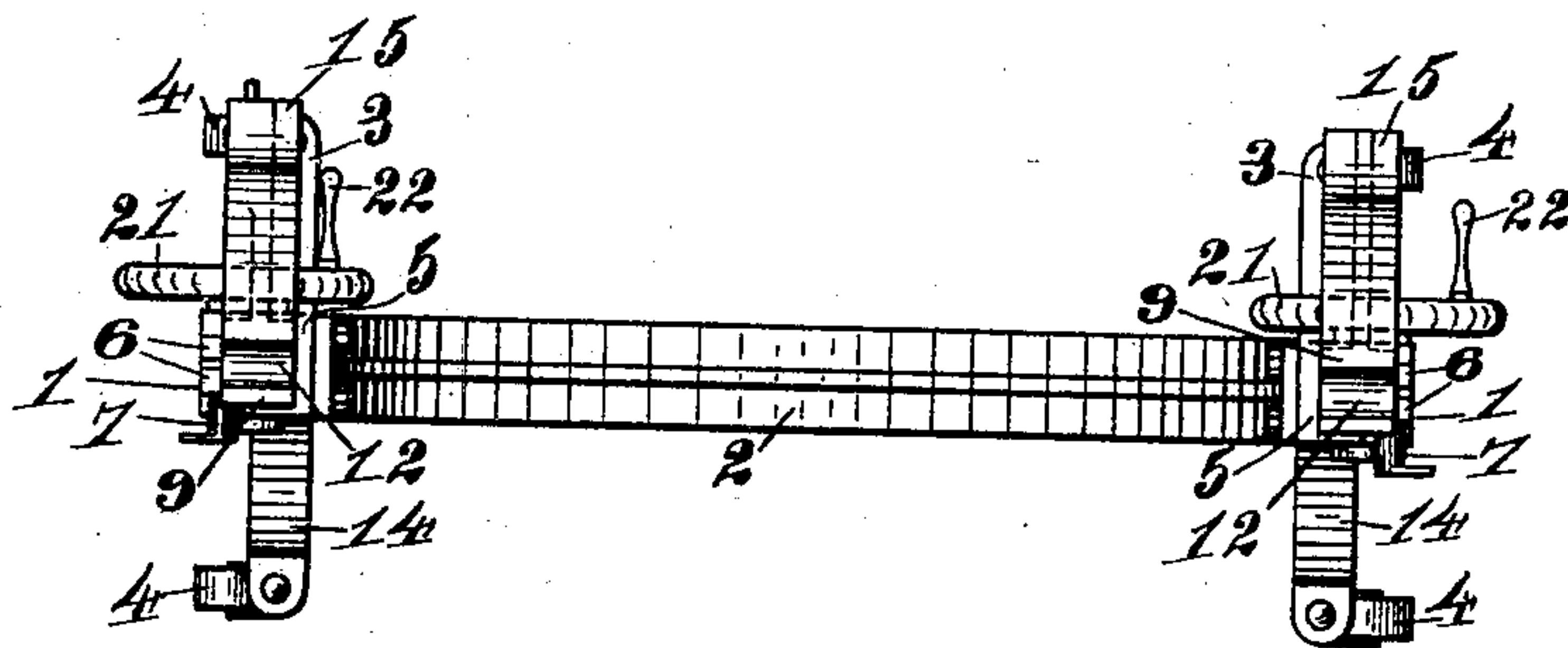
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*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ALBERT MASHEK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Printers' Form-Trucks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to form trucks for printers' use, that is to trucks for carrying forms from the table to the press and from the press to the table.

The object of my invention, is to provide a form truck which may be readily adjusted and brought into alinement with the top of the table or the bed of the press to transfer the form to or from the truck as desired.

A further object of my invention is to provide a form truck which may be folded to occupy but little space when not in service.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists generally in a substantially flat frame portion arranged in a vertical plane, a table top trunnioned on said frame and adapted to swing down against one side thereof when not in use, an arm extending from the opposite side of the frame at the upper part thereof to support the table top when in horizontal position.

Hereinafter, the side of the frame from which the supporting arm extends will be called the front and the edge of the table which swings upwardly to folded position, the front edge.

My invention further consists in a form truck comprising a vertically disposed frame mounted upon rollers, or casters, a swinging table trunnioned on said frame and means for adjusting the table vertically.

My invention further consists in a form truck as mentioned, equipped with means for adjusting either or both ends of the table separately or simultaneously.

My invention further consists in a form truck comprising a frame mounted upon casters, a table adjustably mounted on said frame and an overhanging ledge on the front edge of the table to rest upon the edge of the imposing table while transferring the form.

My invention further consists in various details of construction and arrangements of parts all as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily under-

stood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a form truck embodying my invention in its preferred form, Fig. 2 is an end elevation illustrating the table top in both horizontal and folded positions, Fig. 3 is a central, vertical, longitudinal section of the truck, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the frame portion with the table top removed.

The frame of the device comprises a pair of upright end members 1—1 rigidly connected by a longitudinal frame 2, forming a substantially flat but vertically disposed frame. The lower ends of the members 1 are forked forming the legs 3 which give the device a spread footing and great stability.

4 indicates casters arranged upon the ends of the legs 3.

The upper ends of the members 1 are formed with the split sleeves 5 having the flanges 6 through which a clamping screw 7 is arranged.

Slidably mounted through each of the sleeves 5 is a vertically disposed rack bar 8 each provided with a head 9 upon which the table of the truck is swingingly mounted or trunnioned.

10 indicates the table top. This is provided with a pair of trunnions 11 which rest in grooves or bearings 12 formed for them in the top of the heads 9. The trunnions are formed upon the ends of a longitudinal bar or member 13 secured to the underface of the table. The trunnions are arranged beneath the table and at a sufficient distance below the underface thereof to have the table clear the heads 9 when it swings to folded position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. Extending from one side of each of the members 1 is an arm 14 which forms a stop for the table top when it swings to folded position. Extending horizontally from the front of the heads 9 are a pair of arms 15. These are upon the opposite side of the frame from the arms 14 and form a support for the table when in horizontal position and ready to receive the form.

Secured to the front edge 16 of the table is a plate 17. This is arranged with its upper face flush with the table top and projects beyond the edge of the table forming a ledge to rest upon the edge of the imposing table surrounding the stone.



Formed upon each of the members 1 below the sleeves 5 is a horizontally disposed sleeve 18 in which is rotatably mounted a short shaft 19 having a gear 20 meshing with the rack 8. The shafts 19, are each provided with a hand wheel 21 having a handle 22 for turning the same. It is obvious that by turning the wheel 21, the table top may be raised or lowered, also, as the wheels may be operated simultaneously or separately either of the ends of the table top may be raised or lowered independently of the other or together. After the table top is properly adjusted, the clamping screws 7 are tightened, binding the rack bars and holding the table top in adjusted position.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A printer's form truck comprising a substantially flat frame portion arranged in a vertical plane and mounted upon rollers, a table top trunnioned on said frame and adapted to swing down against one side thereof when not in use, and an arm for supporting the table top when in horizontal position, substantially as described.

2. A printer's form truck comprising a vertically disposed frame mounted upon rollers, a swinging table trunnioned on said frame and means for adjusting the table vertically, substantially as described.

3. A printer's form truck comprising a frame in combination with a table top trunnioned on said frame and means for raising or lowering the ends of said table simultane-

ously or independently of each other, substantially as described.

4. A form truck comprising a frame mounted upon casters, a table adjustably mounted on said frame and an overhanging ledge on the front edge of said table, substantially as described.

5. A form truck comprising a frame in combination with a table top trunnioned thereon, the front edge of said table top having an overhanging ledge, substantially as described.

6. A form truck comprising a frame mounted upon casters in combination with a pair of rack bars slidably mounted in said frame, a table top trunnioned to the upper ends of said rack bars and means for raising or lowering said rack bars, substantially as described.

7. A form truck comprising a frame mounted upon casters in combination with a pair of rack bars slidably mounted in said frame, a table top trunnioned to the upper ends of said rack bars, means for raising or lowering said rack bar and an arm extending horizontally from one side of the upper end of each of said rack bars to support the table top in horizontal position, substantially as described.

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

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