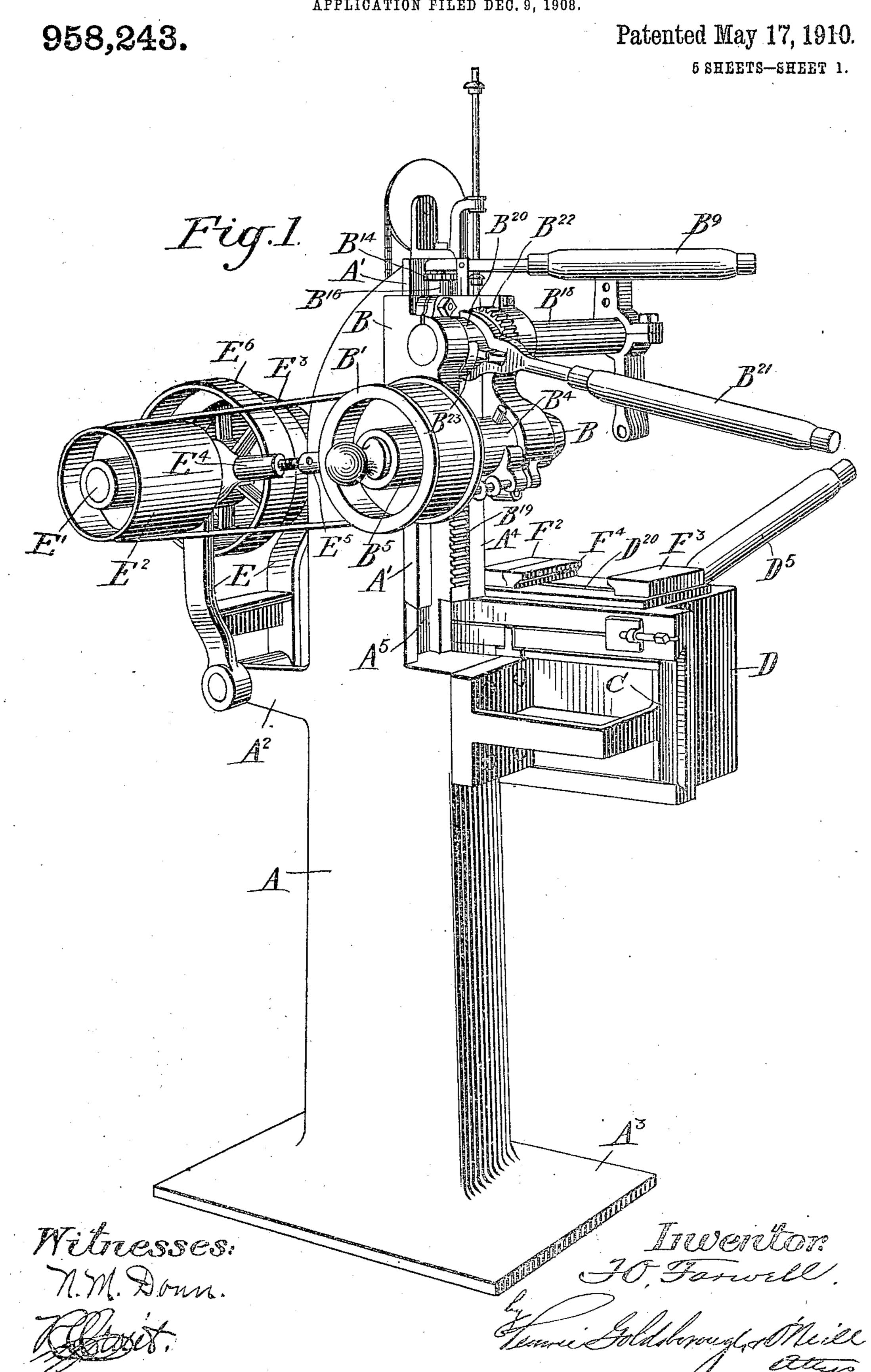
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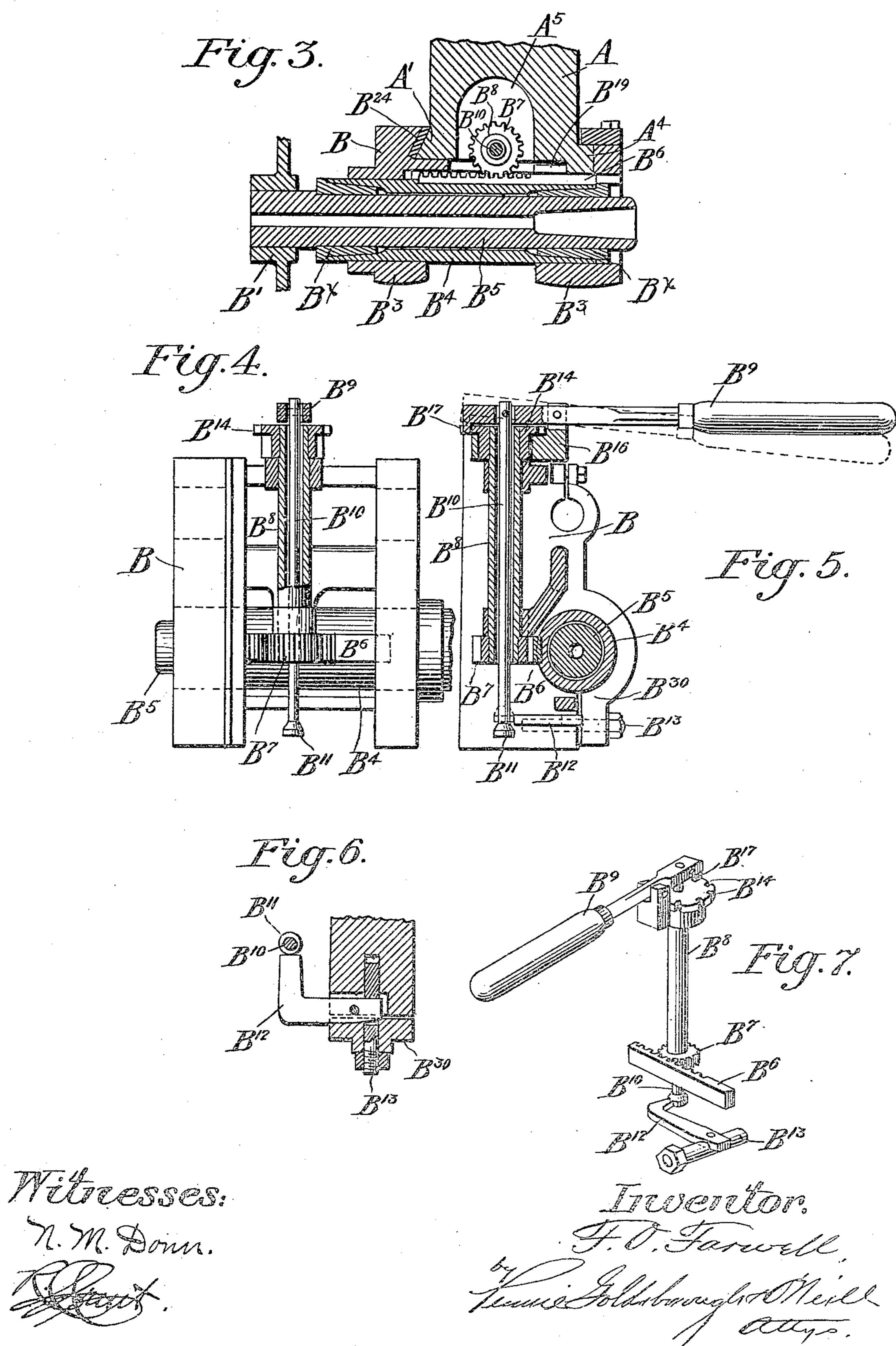
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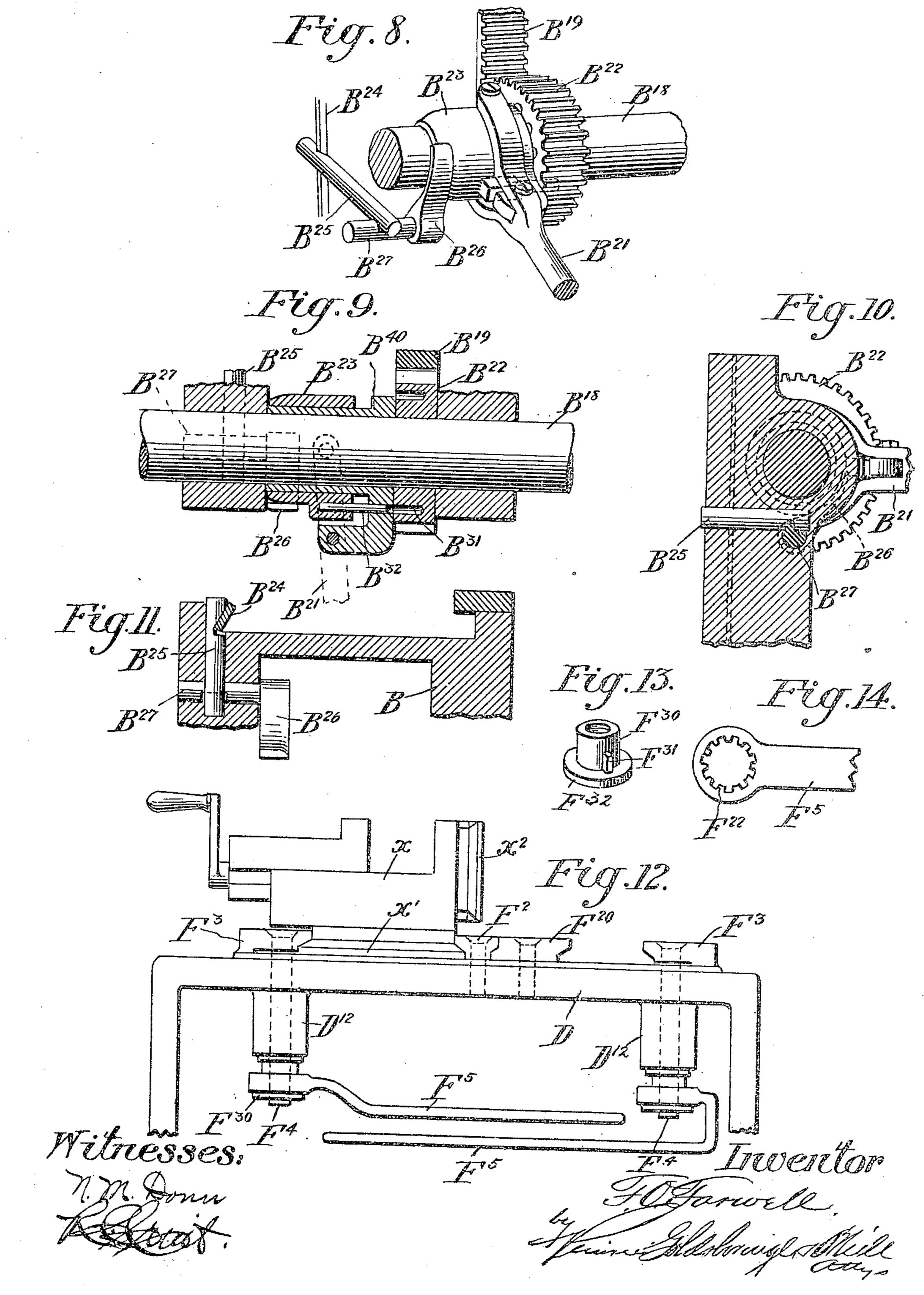


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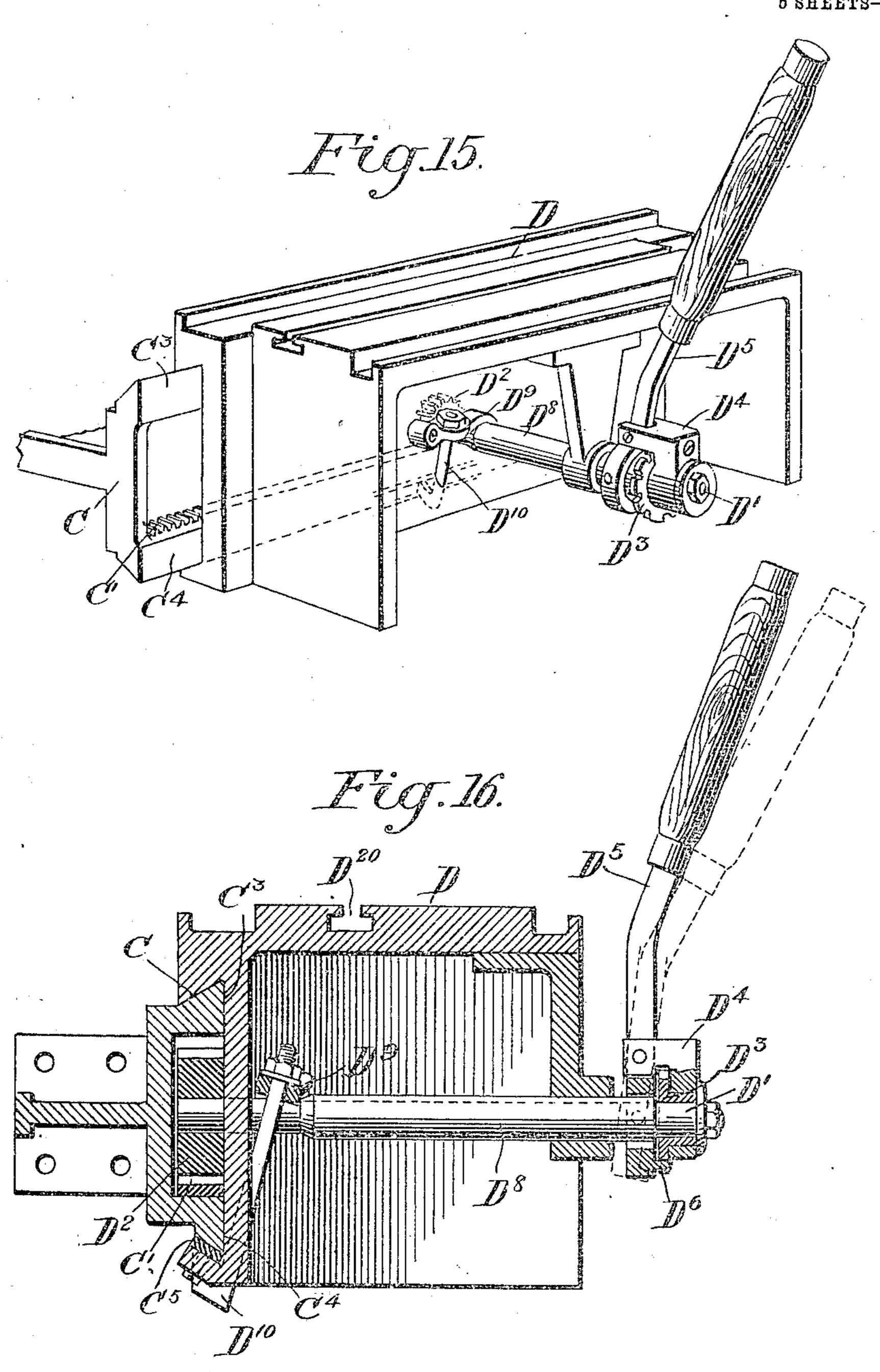


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Fay O. Farwell, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dubuque, county of Dubuque, Iowa, have 5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Milling-Machines; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates particularly to that class of milling machines, in which various movements and adjustments of the tool and 15 the work relatively to each other are effected manually by the operator, and has for its object to provide a machine of this character which is simpler in construction, more efficient in operation and less liable to 20 wear, derangement and deterioration under the heavy service imposed upon it than any other machines heretofore devised for the

same general operations.

To this end the invention comprises a 25 machine having a vertically adjustable spindle head, a horizontal tool holding spindle horizontally adjustable in said head, a table for supporting the work and adjustable at right angles to the adjusting move-30 ments of the spindle head and spindle, and means, each including an adjusting lever adapted to be manually operated, whereby the head, the spindle and the table may be independently moved or adjusted by the ap-35 propriate lever when the latter is moved to one position, and said parts are locked in such adjusted position by another movement of the lever, so that the adjustment and fixing of any of said parts may be performed 40 by one hand of the operator with exactness and expedition and under conditions that insure absolute accuracy of adjustment of the parts during the entire operation of the tool upon the work and complete suppres-45 sion of vibration, lost motion and back lash in the machine parts.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a machine embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view 50 looking from the opposite side. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the spindle head. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation, partly in section, of the spindle head. Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section through the spindle head.

Fig. 6 is a detail of the means for locking 55 the spindle to the head. Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of the means for adjusting and locking the spindle. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the means for adjusting and locking the spindle head. Fig. 9 is a 60 longitudinal section through the mechanism illustrated in Fig. 8. Fig. 10 is a vertical transverse section through the spindle head showing the lock. Fig. 11 is a horizontal section through the same showing the lock 65 in plan. Fig. 12 is a side elevation of the work supporting table. Figs. 13 and 14 are detail views of the locking lever mechanism for the table clamps. Fig. 15 is a perspective of the table and its support. 70 Fig. 16 is a transverse vertical section through the same. Fig. 17 is a perspective view of a convenient form of work holding vise or clamp for use in connection with the machine. Fig. 18 is a perspective view of a 75 centering chuck to be secured to the table.

Referring to the drawings A, Figs. 1 and 2, indicates a column or support for the machine, the lower end of which is provided with a broad flat base by means of which it 80 is secured to the floor or other foundation. The upper front portion of said column is provided with finished guideways or slides upon which is mounted, for vertical adjustment, a spindle head or carriage B, and 85 about midway of the height of the column there is provided a rail or guiding support C, which may be formed either integrally with the column or as a separate element suitably secured to said column, said rail C 90 constituting a support upon which a work holding table D is adjustable horizontally. Said rail C has its front vertical faces C³ and C⁴ and upper and lower rearwardly inclined flanges or edges finished smooth to 95 engage the rear wall and oppositely inclined flanges of the table D with a snug fitting dovetail joint, which admits of the table being freely slid along the rail, and, because of the broad bearing surface between the 100 front face of the rail and the rear face of the table and the relatively long bearing between the flanges of the rail and table, completely suppresses any lost motion and tendency of the table to sag out of its proper 105 horizontal adjustment, the bearing surfaces between the rail and table being held in

close and accurate contact by the weight of

the table. Upon the lower inclined flange of the rail C is secured a gib or wear strip

 C^5 , (see Fig. 16). The spindle head or carriage B comprises 5 a frame-like casting, the rear wall of which is provided with suitable flanges which engage and slide upon the rails or guides A', A^4 on the upper face of column \bar{A} , and the side walls of which are provided with 10 alining bearings for a loose shaft B¹⁸ and a longitudinally adjustable spindle B⁵. Both the upper bearings for the shaft B18 and the parallel lower bearings B³ for the spindle B⁵ are formed in part by cap pieces or cover 15 plates B^{30} which are either secured to the body of the head or carriage B by bolts or formed integrally with said body and slotted above the upper bearings, so that when the bolts are set up the shaft B¹⁸ is clamped 20 in place. In case the cap pieces are formed integrally with the carriage, the right hand bearing for spindle B is similarly slotted to permit bolt B¹³ to clamp the spindle and its quill against longitudinal movement as 25 will be hereinafter particularly explained. The spindle B⁵, as indicated, is journaled in a quill B4 which is slidably mounted in the bearings B³ in the carriage, and between the said quill B4 and the spindle B5 are inter-30 posed cone bushings Bx (see Fig. 3) which serve to take up all wear between the spindle and quill. The quill B4 is provided on its rear face with a rack B6 which is operatively engaged by a pinion B7 to adjust the 35 quill and the spindle longitudinally in the bearings B³.

On the outer end of the spindle B⁵ is secured a driving pulley B' which is engaged by driving belt E³ which in turn passes over 40 a relatively long pulley E2 mounted on a countershaft E'. Said countershaft E' is journaled in swinging bracket E which is pivoted to an arm A² extending rearwardly from the column A. Mounted on the shaft 45 E' is a cone pulley E adapted to engage a belt from a similar pulley mounted on a power shaft located at any appropriate point. In order to keep the driving belt E³ sufficiently tight to transmit power from the 50 shaft E' to the spindle B5, there is provided an adjusting rod E4 provided with a nut or turn buckle E⁵, by means of which the shaft E' and the spindle B⁵ are rigidly and adjustably connected. It will be apparent 55 that by operating the nut or turn buckle E⁵ the shaft E' may be adjusted toward or from the spindle B^5 .

The longitudinal movement of the quill B⁴ and spindle B⁵ is effected and controlled 60 by means of pinion B7 which engages rack B⁶. Said pinion B⁷ is mounted on a hollow shaft B⁸ journaled in vertical alining bearings in the spindle carriage B, as more particularly illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. 65 On the upper end of said spindle B^s is se-

cured a notched head B14 upon which is swiveled a collar B¹⁶ in which is pivoted a handle B⁹, the inner end of which is provided with a tooth or finger B17 adapted to engage the notches in the head B14 when the 70 handle is in elevated position, and turn the shaft B⁸ backward or forward. When the handle B⁹ has been moved laterally in either direction to the limit of its throw, said handle may be released or moved downward to 75 disengage tooth B¹⁷ from the notched head B¹⁴, after which the handle is moved backward and again elevated to engage another notch in the head B14 to complete the rotary movement of said head B14 and shaft B8 to 80 effect the desired adjustment of quill B4

and spindle B⁵ in either direction. The handle B9 normally occupies the position indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 5, viz. with its outer end depressed and its in- 85 ner end elevated, and this action of the handle B⁹ is availed of as affording an efficient means for locking the spindle B⁵ and the quill B4, in which it is journaled, in adjusted position in the spindle carriage B. 90 To produce this locking effect there is provided a vertically movable rod B¹⁰ which passes through the hollow spindle B⁸ and is connected to hand lever B9 at its upper portion, so that when the outer end of said 95 lever falls, the rod B¹⁰ is lifted, thereby causing a cone-shaped cam piece B¹¹ on the lower end of said rod B10 to engage the end of an angle lever B¹², which is pivoted near the forward edge of the carriage B and is 100 engaged at its other end in a slot in bolt B13 which holds one of the cover plates or cap pieces B³⁰ to the carriage. When the cam piece B¹¹ engages angle lever B¹², the latter is moved on its pivot, thereby drawing the 105 bolt B¹³ inward and causing cap piece B³⁰ to tightly engage the quill B4 and lock the same in position, so that said quill and the spindle B⁵ journaled therein, are rigidly held against longitudinal movement. The 110 reverse or lifting movement of the handle B⁹ moves the rod B¹⁰ downward to disengage cam piece B11 and angle lever B12, which has the effect of releasing the clamping engagement between cap piece B30 and 115 the quill, so that a subsequent horizontal movement of the handle B⁹ in either direction will be effective in rotating shaft Bs, pinion B⁷ and thereby adjusting the horizontal position of the quill and the spindle 120 in the carriage B, as hereinbefore explained.

As hereinbefore indicated, means are provided for adjusting the spindle carriage B vertically on the column A to bring the tool in proper position to engage the work and 125 also to admit of a vertical feed of the tool with respect to the work. In order to admit of these operations being quickly and readily effected by the workmen, there is provided on the face of column A, in the 130

rear of the carriage B, a stationary rack B¹⁹ which is adapted to be engaged by a pinion B^{22} loose on the shaft \overline{B}^{18} . Also loosely mounted on said shaft B18 is a collar B40, 5 to which is pivoted for laterally swinging movement a hand lever B21, the inner forked end of which is connected by pivot screws with a sliding cone collar B23 which is mounted on the collar B40 and capable of 10 longitudinal movement on the same. The pinion B²² is provided on its side adjacent collar B⁴⁰ with a peripheral series of sockets B³¹ which are adapted to be engaged one at a time by a pin B³² carried by the collar B²³ 15 and passing through an opening in collar B⁴⁰, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 9, thereby effectively locking the collar $B^{\overline{4}0}$, and associated hand lever B²¹ to pinion B²². After the hand lever is thus locked to the pinion 20 B²², vertical movement of said hand lever will rotate the pinion on the shaft, and as said pinion engages the stationary rack B¹⁹, the effect will be to raise or lower the spindle head or carriage B to the desired 25 extent. To effect this locking movement the hand lever B²¹ is moved to the left. To release the engagement between the pinion B²² and hand lever B²¹, the latter is swung to the right which has the effect of moving 30 the pin B^{32} from pinion B^{22} and at the same time sliding the cone collar B²³ to the left. This movement of the cone collar effects a locking of the carriage to the stand- | ployed in connection with the spindle adard or column A by the following means. 35 Pivoted in the left hand side frame of carriage B is a short shaft B²⁷ upon the outer end of which is secured a finger B²⁶, so that when said collar is moved to the left the finger B²⁶ is vertically rotated toward the 40 front of the machine. The shaft B²⁷ is notched intermediate its length to provide a rib or shoulder which engages a notch in a locking rod B²⁵, which is slidably mounted in the side frame of the carriage B and is 45 provided near its outer end with a beveled notch which coöperates with a gib or liner B²⁴ which is secured to the left hand guideway A' of the standard, so that when the rod B²⁵ is drawn forward by the coaction of 50 cone collar B²³, finger B²⁶ and shaft B²⁷, the beveled face of the notch in said rod B²⁵ is clamped against the gib B²⁴ and securely locks the carriage B against vertical movement. To release this lock, it is only neces-55 sary to swing lever B21 to the left, thereby retracting cone collar B²³, and at the same time causing pin B32 to engage one of the sockets B³¹ in pinion B²². It will therefore be seen that whenever the handle B²¹ is op-60 eratively engaged with the pinion B22 to adjust the stationary carriage, the lock between the carriage and the column is released, and conversely, whenever the handle and pinion are disengaged, the lock is ren-65 dered operative to prevent any movement of

the carriage on the standard. This latter circumstance admits of the carriage being quickly and accurately adjusted to any desired position. For example, should a single movement of lever B21 in a vertical plane 70 be found insufficient to adjust the carriage to the desired position, it is necessary only to swing the lever to the right, thereby locking the carriage and then move the lever to the desired position to engage another socket 75 or recess in the side of pinion B22, after which the lever is again swung to the left and subsequently moved in a vertical plane to continue the rotary movement of the pinion B^{22} .

The horizontal adjustment and the locking of the work holding table D is also effected by successive movements of a single hand lever D⁵. It will be noted that the table D is formed as a hollow casting, with- 85 out a front wall or bottom, and that the carriage is rigidly supported on the rail C, as hereinbefore particularly explained. Journaled in the rear wall of said table D and in a pendent bracket attached to the 90 lower side of the table top is a shaft D', on the inner end of which is secured a pinion D² which meshes with a rack C' secured to the rail C, as clearly indicated in Figs. 2, 15 and 16. On the other end of 95 the shaft D' there is secured a notched collar D³, generally similar to the collar B¹⁴ emjusting means. Rotatably mounted on said collar D³ is a second collar D⁴ on which the 100 handle D⁵ is pivoted, and the latter has a dog or finger D⁶ on its lower end which cooperates with the notches in the collar D³ to rotate the same and the attached shaft D', which has the effect of rotating pinion 105 D² against the stationary rack C', thereby adjusting the table D longitudinally of the rail C. Obviously if a single rotatory movement of lever D⁵ is not sufficient to move the table to the extent desired, it is only neces- 110 sary to swing said lever to the right to disengage dog D⁶ from the notched collar D³, and then move said lever in a reverse direction to engage another notch in said collar D³, after which the adjusting movement of 115 said lever may be continued.

Surrounding the shaft D' is a sleeve D⁸, the inner end of which is tapered, and the outer end of which is pinned to the lever D⁵, so that when the latter is moved to the 120 right, to the position indicated in dotted line in Fig. 16, the sleeve D⁸ is moved inward, causing the tapered end thereof to engage a pivoted finger D⁹, mounted on the rear wall of the table, which finger engages 125 a hook rod D^{10} , the lower end of which is adapted to be drawn into clamping engagement with the gib C⁵ on the lower face of rail C, thereby rigidly locking the table to the rail, in a manner quite similar to the 130

operation of the device for locking the car-

riage to the column.

In milling machines as heretofore constructed, it has been customary and neces-5 sary to secure the chucks and fixtures to the table by means of bolts held in T-slots formed in the table. This necessitated the use of wrenches and special tools for locking the chucks and fixtures in position and 10 the operation of securing and adjusting the work on the table was slow and difficult. In the present invention, special means are provided for effecting a quick and ready attachment and adjustment of the work holding 15 vises, chucks or like elements to the table, and to accomplish this purpose, I provide the top of the table with clamping members F³ at each end of the table, which members run transversely of the table and 20 coöperate with stationary clamping means F² and F²⁰ located intermediate the length of the table. The inner edges of the clamping elements F^3 , F^3 are adapted to be drawn down toward the surface of the table by 25 means of bolts F4 which pass through the bodies of the clamps and through the bearings D^{12} on the under face of the table. On the lower end of each of the bolts F⁴ is mounted a nut F³⁰ provided with a flange 30 F^{32} and a lug F^{31} , and surrounding the nut and supported by the flange thereon is a handle F⁵ provided with a series of notches F²² about the peripheral edge of the socket which fits over the nut F³⁰, which notches 35 are adapted to be engaged by the lug F³¹ to permit the nut to be turned up and down on the screw threads of the bolt F⁴, thereby tightening or loosening the clamp F³. It will be noted that by simply raising the 40 lever F^5 on nut F^{30} to disengage lug F^{31} from notches F^{22} , the lever may be turned to engage said lug F³¹ with another notch. This admits of the levers F⁵ being adjusted so as to lie out of the way under the table. 45 The work holding vises or chucks, which may be of any suitable character or form and which are typically represented by the constructions shown in Figs. 17 and 18, are provided with base portions X' and X^2 in 50 Fig. 17, and Y' and Y² in Fig. 18, the edges of which are beveled to fit under the oppositely beveled edges of the clamping members F^3 and F^2 or F^3 and F^{20} on the table, as indicated in Fig. 12. For example, 55 taking the clamping vise X, indicated in Fig. 12, it will be seen that the larger base portion X' is adapted to fit under and be en-

gaged by the clamping members F^3 and F^2 . Should it be found desirable to use the vise 60 in upright position, the foot piece X^2 may be engaged under the beveled edges of the right hand clamping member F³ and stationary clamp F²⁰. By operating the levers F5, the work holding chucks, vises or 65 the like may be immediately clamped in po-

sition on the table or quite as readily released.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that the entire adjustment and operation of the machine to perform any char-70 acter of work possible on machines of this general type may be effected by simple, direct movements of the hand levers B9, B21 and D⁵. As both the vertical and transverse feeds of the cutter are independent of 75 the table, or the weight of the work upon the table, small cutters may be sensitively fed both in and down, with heavy or bulky work upon the table without danger of breaking the cutters. Furthermore, the ad- 80 justment of the table feed is readily effected whether the work on the table be heavy or light. The feed levers not only move the table, the spindle and the head or carriage, but also lock these elements by a simple 85 angular movement of said levers. The spindle head is preferably counterbalanced by adjustable weights in the column, so that by regulating the weights the movement of the spindle head or carriage up or down may 90 be made substantially automatic, that is to say, by removing part of the weights, the spindle head will move down by gravity when it is released from its locking engagement with the carriage, and by adding to the 95 weights until the latter overbalance the spindle head or carriage, the latter will be fed up. By means of the special clamping device on the table, the old forms of cumbersome, slow and troublesome work holding 100 devices may be entirely dispensed with. In short, the machine as hereinbefore described is designed to perform quickly and accurately, not only the small work usually done on hand milling machines, but to perform 105 accurately and more expeditiously, much of the work usually done on shapers, on the larger and more expensive power fed milling machines, or on profilers and cam cutting machines.

What I claim is:—

1. In a milling machine, the combination of a fixed member, a slidable member, rack mechanism for adjusting said members with respect to each other, mechanism to lock the 115 movable member in adjusted position, and a lever having different movements to effect the operation of the rack mechanism and the locking member respectively.

2. In a milling machine, the combination 120 with relatively fixed and slidable parts, of means for adjusting the sliding part and locking it in position, said means comprising a rack and pinion, a lock, and means which when moved in one direction engages the 125 pinion and when moved in the other direction disengages the pinion and operates the lock.

3. In a milling machine, the combination with relatively fixed and slidable parts, of 130

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means for adjusting the sliding part and locking it in position, said means comprising gearing for moving the parts, a lock, and means movable in one direction to engage 5 one member of the gearing, in another direction to operate the gearing, and in third direction to disengage the gearing and operate the lock.

4. In a milling machine, the combination 10 of a spindle head, a spindle journaled therein, rack mechanism for adjusting the spindle longitudinally, locking mechanism for the spindle, and a single means to operate

the rack and locking mechanisms.

5. In a milling machine, the combination of a spindle head, a spindle journaled therein, rack mechanism for adjusting the spindle longitudinally, means to lock the spindle in its adjusted position, and a single lever to 20 operate both the rack mechanism and said

locking mechanism.

6. In a milling machine, mechanism for moving and locking the slide elements comprising a rack and a pinion on the rela-25 tively movable parts, a lock for securing said relatively movable parts together, a lever, means for connecting the lever with the pinion by one movement of said lever, and means for operating the lock by the 30 opposite movement of said lever.

7. In a milling machine, the combination with fixed and sliding members, of means for adjusting and locking the sliding mem-

ber, comprising a rack, a pinion, a shaft for said pinion, a bracket swiveled on said shaft, 35 a lever pivoted to said bracket, a toothed sleeve secured to the shaft, a dog on the lever to engage the teeth on said sleeve to rotate said sleeve, shaft and pinion, a cam-ended slide carried by the shaft and attached to 40 said lever, and a lock device coöperating with said cam slide and a fixed portion of the machine; whereby the lever serves to engage and operate the gear in one position and to disengage the gear and operate the 45

lock in the opposite position.
8. In a milling machine, the combination with fixed and sliding members, of means for adjusting and locking the sliding member comprising a relatively fixed rack, a 50 movable pinion, a shaft for said pinion, a lever mounted on said shaft, means for connecting the lever and the pinion, a cam ended slide connected to said lever, and a lock device coöperating with said cam slide 55 and a fixed portion of the machine; whereby the lever serves to engage and operate the gear when in one position and to disengage the gear and operate the lock in the opposite position.

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