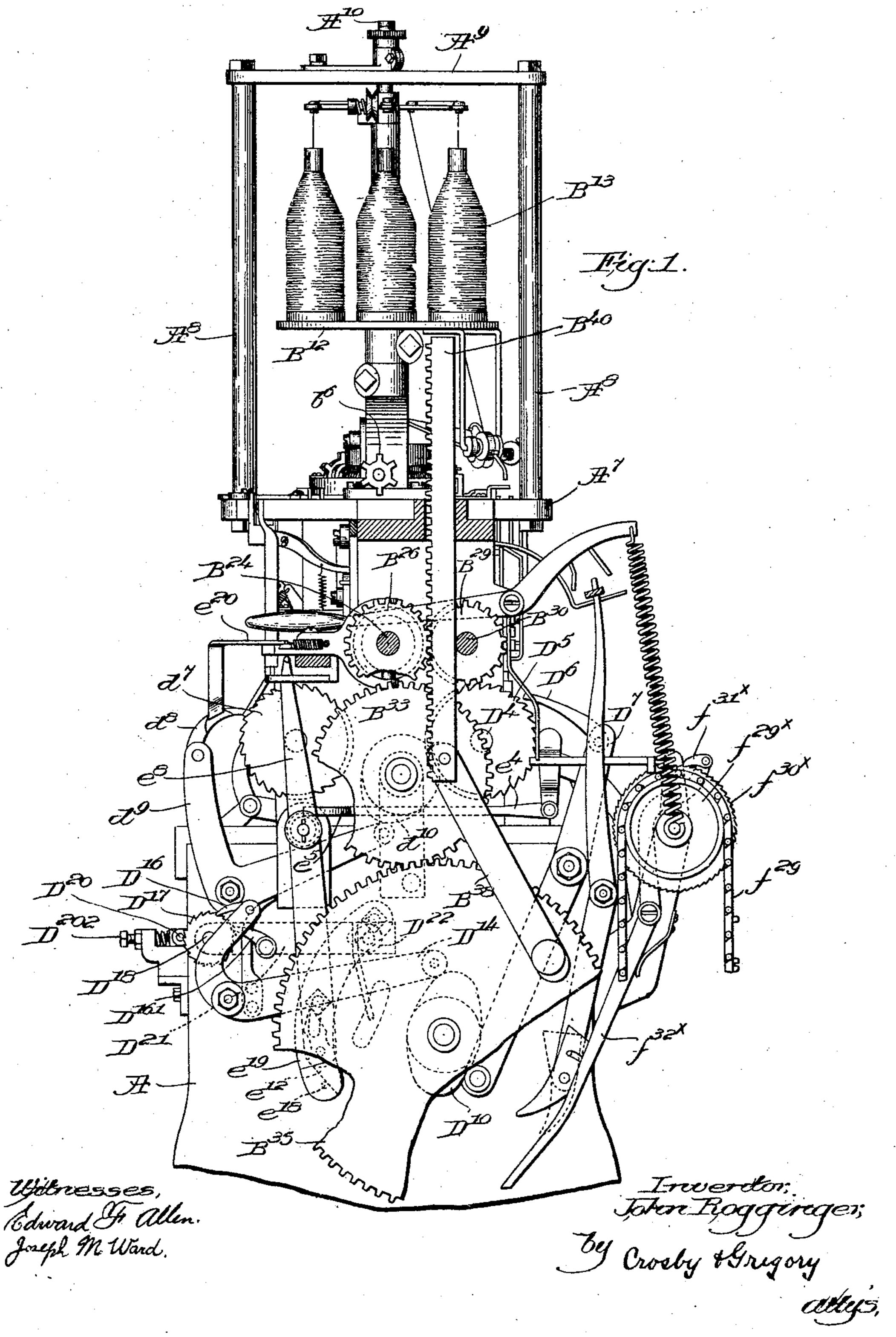
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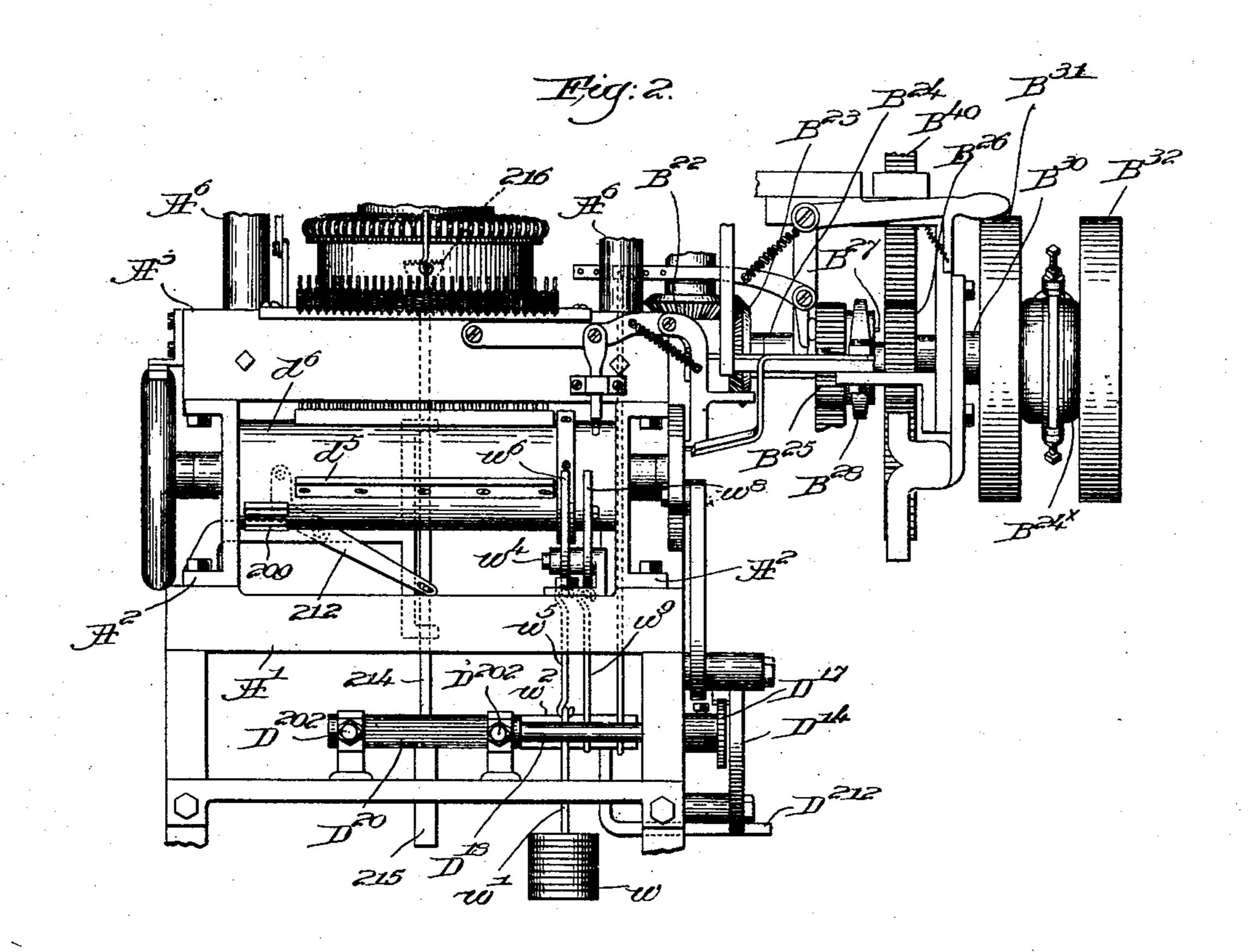


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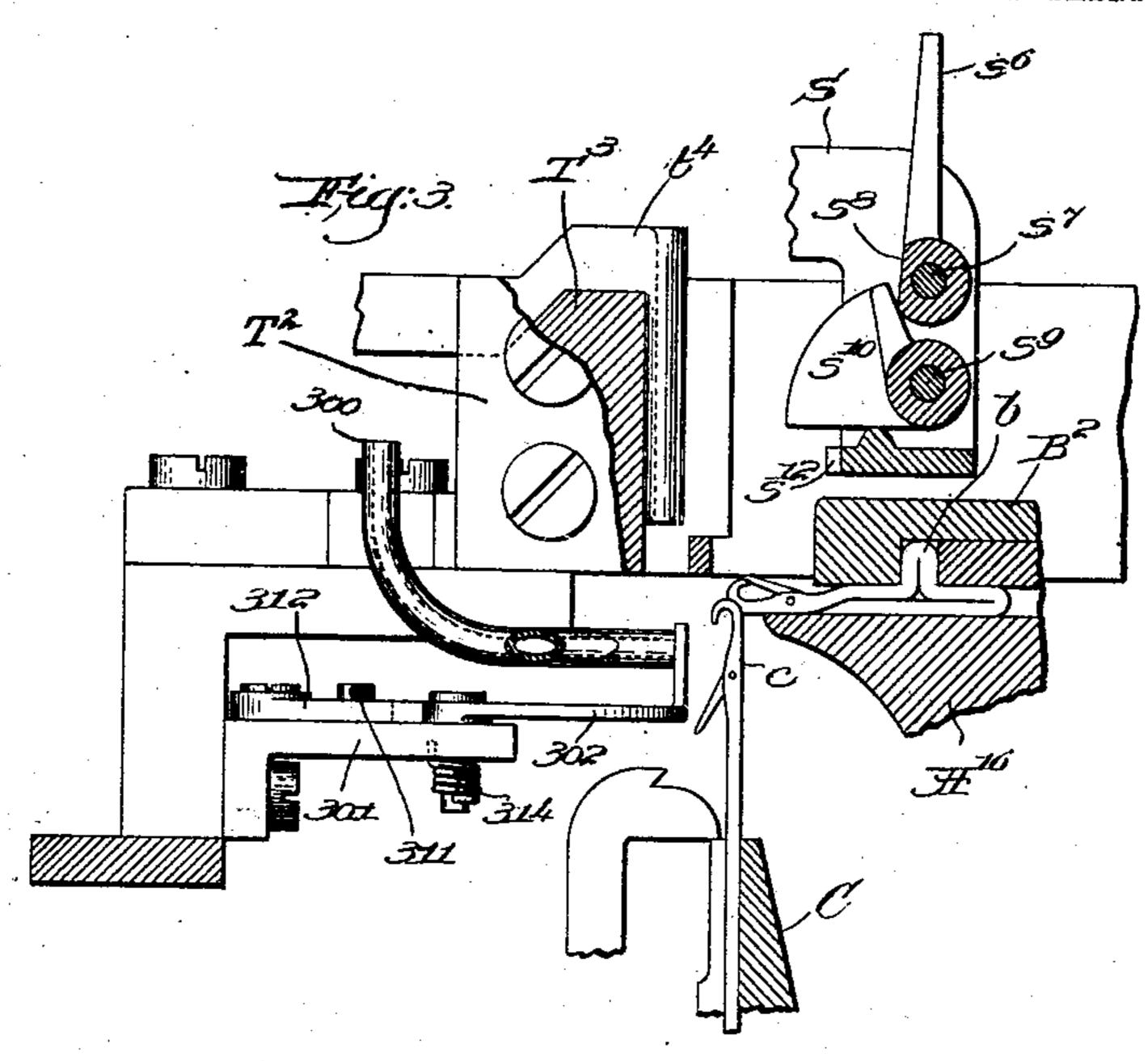
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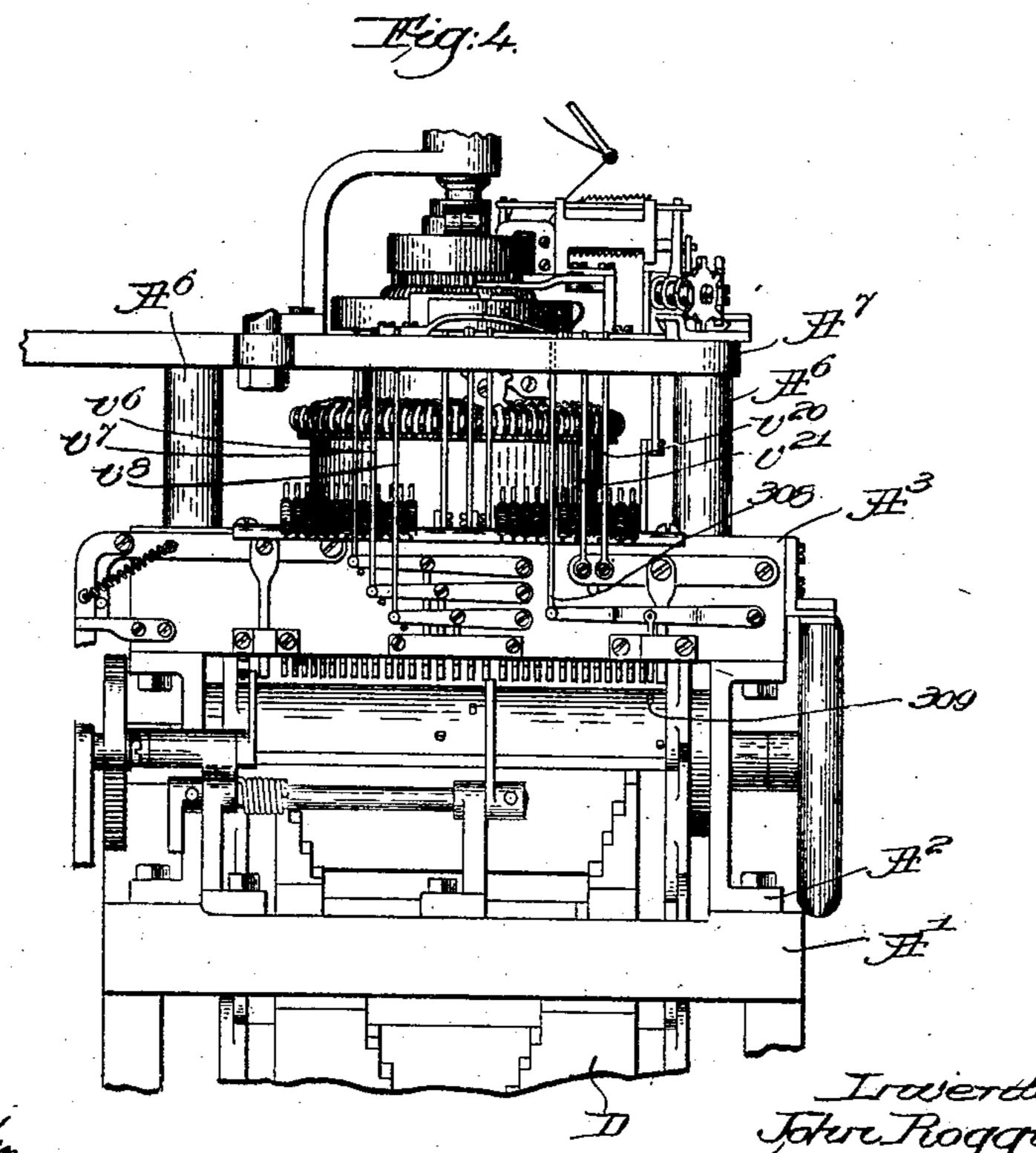
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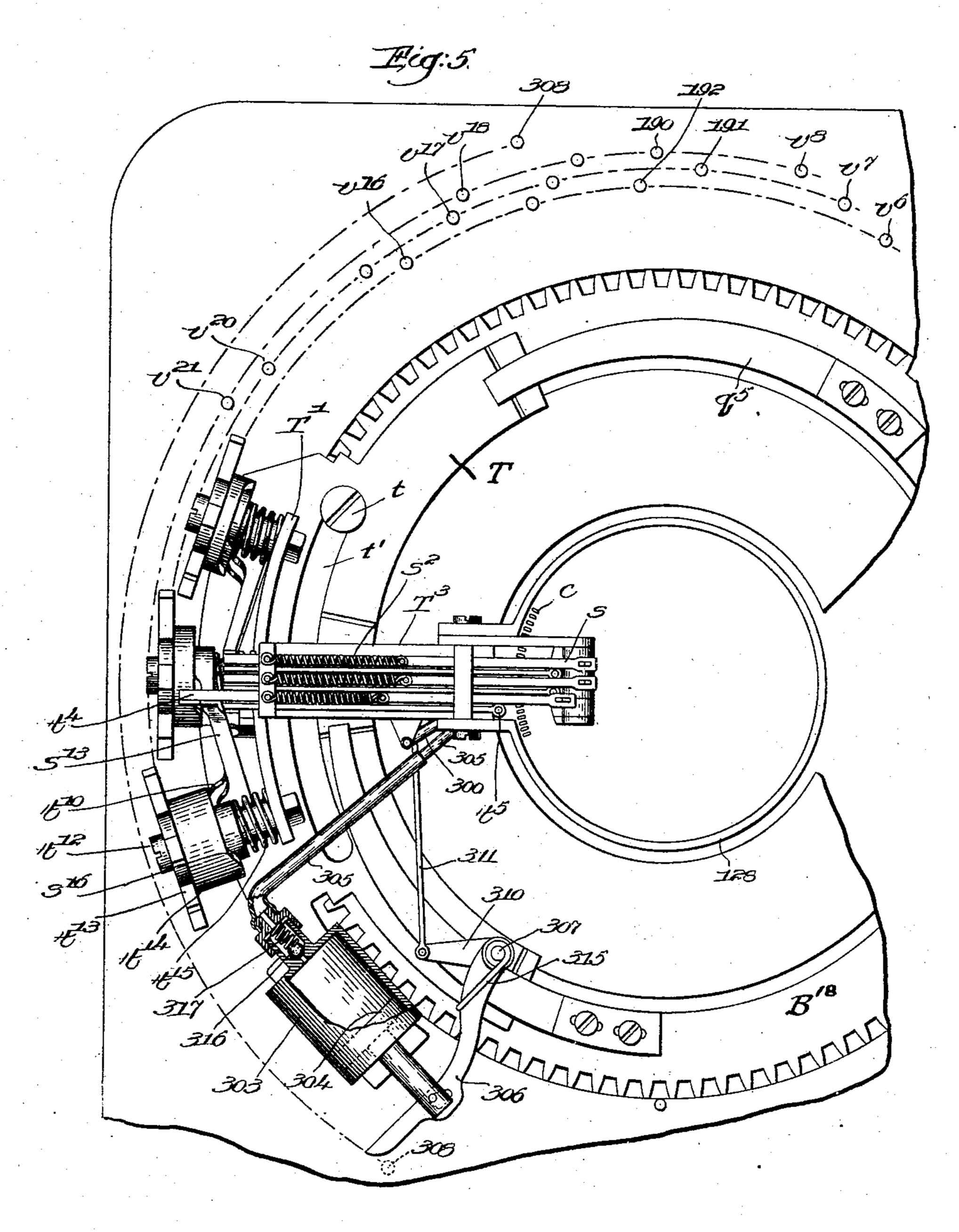
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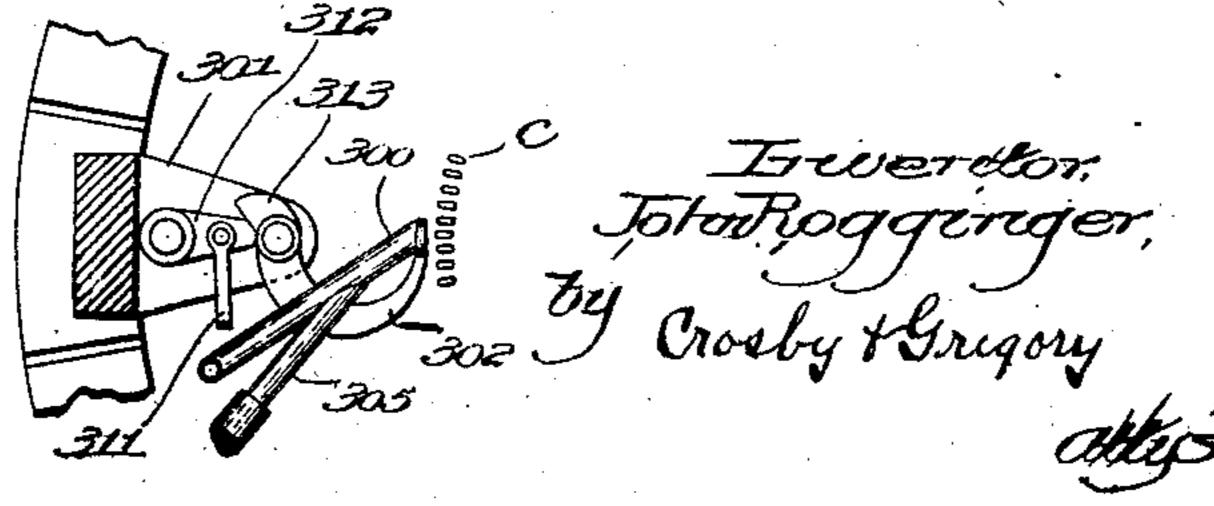
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John Rogginger, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waupun, in the county of Fond du Lac and 5 State of Wisconsin, have invented an Improvement in Feeding Devices for Knitting-Machines, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like letters on 10 the drawing representing like parts.

This invention has for its object the production of an automatic knitting machine primarily designed for the knitting of stockings, and in which the change from 15 plain to ribbed work is made automatically

upon the same machine.

The invention comprises certain features, which in addition are adapted for use on knitting machines for doing other kinds of

20 work.

This invention is particularly designed as an improvement upon the knitting machine illustrated and described in full in United States Patent Reissue No. 12,917, granted 25 February 9, 1909, for knitting machine, and in certain features further illustrated and described in Patent No. 879,821, granted February 18, 1908, for thread-feeding mechanism for knitting machines. The invention 30 of said patents, a specific embodiment of which is illustrated therein, presents an automatic machine in which are combined all the various features necessary to make a commercial stocking with a ribbed leg 35 and reinforced toe and heel portions all of proper and appropriate weight throughout and of sightly appearance when finished and worn. Such a stocking is described in Patent No. 628,864, granted June 13, 1899, 40 and serves as an excellent illustration of the character of work capable of being performed automatically upon the said machine.

In this machine in the form illustrated as an embodiment of the invention of the 45 said patents, the work is preferably commenced at the toe pouch and carried on automatically to the completion of a ribbed leg stocking with the plain circular web at the top. In such a form of stocking, or in 50 fact in the case when the knitting takes place in the opposite direction, a change of thread is necessary on the passage from

plain to ribbed work because so many more stitches are formed in forming the ribbed portion than in the plain portion that un- 55 less a lighter yarn be employed in the ribbed. than in the plain a bulky and unsightly rib will be formed, but in which ever direction the knitting takes place and whenever the ratio of the stitches between the ribbed and 60 plain sections is differently proportioned the juncture between the ribbed and plain section is a weak point in the stocking and one

of less durability.

The present invention provides a knitting 65 machine which, during a period which extends over the change from plain to ribbed work, or vice versa, or a period beginning at a predetermined point before the change and extending after the change, supplies to 70 that set of needles only employed in knitting the plain work a reinforcing thread, and at the same time provides for securing the requisite tension on the fabric being knit to secure the casting off of the stitches from 75 the needles in action. The reinforcing thread so supplied strengthens the point of juncture between the ribbed and plain work and increases the durability of the stocking at this point. The reinforcing thread pref- 80 erably extends through a few adjacent courses on each side of the juncture. In that form of stocking particularly designed to be knit on the machine before mentioned wherein the knitting proceeds from the 85 plain to the ribbed portion the line of juncture between the plain and ribbed sections is marked by a row of holes usually quite noticeable and caused by the dial needles, or the needles thrown into position to aid in 90 making the rib, holding up the thread, which in the case of the plain knitting passes directly across between the loops formed on the cylinder needles or the needles employed in making plain knitting.

The present invention supplies the reinforcing thread to the cylinder needles only, or the needles employed in knitting plain work only, so that when the dial needles, or the needles which in conjunction with the 100 other set knit the ribbed work are thrown into action the reinforcing thread will still be taken only by the cylinder needles or the needles employed in knitting the plain work,

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and as a result the holes referred to will be avoided and the desired reinforcement secured at the same time, because the reinforcing thread will pass directly across and fill 5 the spaces which would otherwise appear as holes.

The specific means which is herein illustrated as one element of the machine securing the above results is of itself novel and 10 adapted for use in other forms of knitting machines for supplying a thread to the needles.

The invention also broadly considered presents means acting automatically at prede-15 termined desired times to supply threads as desired to two sets of needles, one set of which when in action alone forms plain work, and both sets of which when in action conjointly form ribbed work, one of the said 20 threads being supplied only to that set which forms the plain work, and being supplied out of reach of the effective action of the other set, while another thread or threads is supplied to the needles in such position that 25 it may be taken by both sets. Specifically considered, as in the case of a set of dial and a set of cylinder needles the invention provides means for supplying the threads above and below the dial needles so that in the one 30 case they will be caught by both sets and in the other case by the cylinder needles alone, the time and duration of the supply being automatically determined.

35 described and illustrated in the accompanying description and drawings, and more definitely pointed out in the appended claims, but while certain specific mechanisms are shown as the preferable embodi-40 ment of the invention, still the invention is a broad one and such description is not considered to constitute any limitation of the claims other than required by their terms.

The drawings represent the invention in 45 its preferred form as embodied in a machine of the type illustrated in the above-mentioned patents.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of so much of the machine as is necessary to illustrate the ⁵⁰ invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a portion of the machine. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partially in cross-section, of a portion of the machine to illustrate the means for supplying the threads to the ⁵⁵ needles. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of a portion of the machine generally similar to the portion shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of a portion of the machine showing the thread-feeding mechanism. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the detailed construction concealed in Fig. 5.

The operation and construction of the entire machine (except as to features hereinafter described), is fully set forth in the above-mentioned patents, and reference may

be had thereto for a more complete understanding of the details of the machine. No more extended reference will, therefore, be made to the construction and operation of the other parts of the machine than is neces- 70 sary to convey an understanding of the invention herein involved.

The main construction of the machine and its operative parts are all as shown in the aforesaid patents. The framework with the 75 side-plates A, A, adapted to rest upon the floor, but herein shown as broken off, the tieplate A' connecting the side plates and supporting the working parts of the machine, the stands A² erected on the tie-plate and 80 supporting the cross-bars or beams A³, the four posts A⁶ supporting the top-plate of the machine A⁷, the uprights A⁸ erected upon the top-plate and carrying at their upper ends the rigid cross-bar A⁹, the rod A¹⁰ 85 mounted in the cross-bar A⁹ and vertically and rotarily adjustable, the dial needle bed A¹⁶ connected to the lower end of the rod A¹⁰, the dial cam-plate B², with its groove b, the toothed wheel B⁶ govern- 90 ing the locking and unlocking of the dial cam-plate in the change from plain circular or reciprocating to ribbed knitting, and vice versa, the bobbin-carrier B¹², with its bobbins B¹³ for the required threads, the 95 cam-cylinder B¹⁸, driven from the camcylinder moving shaft B24, through the bevel gears B²², B²³, the collar-plate B²⁸, The invention will be more particularly with its pins B27, constituting a clutch for locking either the gear B²⁵ or B²⁶ to the 100 shaft B²⁴, the power shaft B³⁰, the separately driven loose pulleys B³¹, B³², the clutch B^{24×} for locking either of the loose pulleys to the shaft B³⁰, the gear B²⁹ on the shaft B^{30} engaging the gear \bar{B}^{25} on the shaft 105 B²⁴, the gear B³³ connecting the gears B²⁵ and B³⁵, which latter gear thus receives continuous motion from the power shaft, the rack B40, connected by the link B³⁸ to the gear B³⁵ and engaging the gear ¹¹⁰ B²⁶ to give a constantly oscillating motion, the needle-cylinder C grooved to receive the latch needles c, the pattern surface chain D for controlling the putting of the needles into and out of operative position and for 115 controlling the supplying of the threads to the needles, the shaft D⁴ driving said chain and driven through the ratchet wheel D5, pawl D⁶, lever D⁷, cam D¹⁰, moving with the gear B^{35} , the controller-chain f^{29} pass- 120 ing over the wheel $f^{29\times}$ and driven by the ratchet-wheel $f^{30\times}$, pawl $f^{31\times}$, lever $f^{32\times}$, and projection e^{18} on gear B^{35} , the lever e^{8} shifted by the cam projection e^5 , on the bar e4 from the main pattern chain, the slotted switch e^{12} on the lever e^{8} moved by the pin or projection e^{18} from the block e^{19} on the gear B^{35} , the clutch-controlling lever e^{20} operated by the lever e^s , the pattern cylinder d^s , the raising bar d^s thereon for rais-

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ing the needles to inactive position, the ratchet wheel d^7 and pawl d^8 for operating the cylinder through the cam d^{10} and lever d^{9} , the means for causing the rotation of 5 the cylinder d^6 at intervals only, the means for changing the speed of the cam cylinder, the lever D¹⁴, driven from the cam D¹⁰ and carrying the pawl D¹⁶ engaging the ratchetwheel D¹⁷ to rotate the shaft D¹⁸, the 10 detent-pawl D^{161} to prevent the reverse rotation of the shaft D¹⁸, the take-up mechanism comprising the fluted rolls, one of which is positively driven by the shaft D¹⁸, and the other D²⁰ of which is spring-15 pressed with an adjustable pressure controlled by the set-screws D^{202} against the first, the yoke D²¹ carrying the guiding roll D²², directly beneath the needle cylinder, the cross-bar w^2 extending from the yoke, 20 the suspending rod w' carrying the weights w and embracing the cross-bar w^2 , the rod w^{5} connecting the suspending rod w' to a lift-lever w^3 , pivoted at w^4 and having its upper end w^6 in the path of a suitable riser 25 or projection on the pattern cylinder d^6 , the second connecting $\overline{r}od$ w^9 engaging the cross-bar w^2 of the yoke B^{21} , and connected to a second lift lever pivoted at w^4 , and having its upper end w^{s} in the path of other suitable risers on the said pattern cylinder d^6 , the arm D^{212} projecting from the yoke-frame D²¹ by means of which the yoke-frame may be raised by hand and by thread-guides t^4 and thread-catchers coöpmeans of which the operation of the take-up | erating therewith in the manner set forth ³⁵ rolls is prevented by raising the lever D¹⁴ out of engagement with the cam D¹⁰ when the yoke-frame is raised sufficiently to remove all weight from the web, the grab shown as a stem or bar 214 carrying at its upper end the claw 216, weighted at its lower end at 215, and raised at the required times by the lever 212 from the lugs 209, on the pattern cylinder d^6 , the thread-guide stand T secured to the top of the cam cylinder B^{18} by the screw t projecting through the slot t' so as to oscillate back and forth during reciprocating knitting and held at the extremes of its movement by the springs 50 g5, the flange T' projecting upward from the stand T and supporting the threadguide operating devices, the second flange T² supporting the frame T³ and the ring 128, the thread-guides t^4 provided with the tubular ends t^5 , the levers t^{10} connected to the thread-guides and pivoted to the thread-guide stand, the studs t^{12} with the toothed wheels t^{13} mounted thereon and carrying the face-cams t^{14} for operating the levers t^{10} , the springs t^{15} for braking rotation of the wheels t^{13} and cams t^{14} , the thread-catcher slide arms s, the springs s^2 for pressing them in one direction and the levers s^{13} for actuating them in the opposite direction from the face cam s^{16} on the stud t^{12} , the arms s^{6} actuated by the slide-arms s formed at their

lower pivotal ends to present the sleeve cams s⁸, the clamping sleeves mounted on the shaft so and formed with the flanges or thread catchers s^{10} , clamping against the horizontally-arranged wall of the support s, 70 notched at its forward end at s^{12} , the vertically movable pins v^6 , v^7 , v^8 , v^{16} , v^{17} , v^{18} , v^{20} , v^{21} , actuated by risers on the patternchain D at the proper times, together with the stationary pins 190, 191, 192, to secure 75 the operation of the toothed wheels t^{13} , and the consequent operation of the threadguides t^4 and thread catchers s, to throw in and out the desired threads, each and all are fully described and their operations set 80 forth in the aforesaid patents.

The drawing illustrates on the thread stand bobbin carrier B¹² places for four bobbins B¹³, three of which are shown the other being concealed by the middle bobbin 85 shown. Any desired number of bobbins may be employed depending upon the character of the work, but as herein illustrated four threads are provided for, first a large or coarse thread to be used in knitting the 90 heel and toe pouches, second a medium or fine thread to be used for the top of the foot, third a still finer thread to be used for the ribbed leg portion, and fourth, a thread suitable for reinforcing the juncture 95 between the ribbed and plain portions. The first named threads are controlled by the

in the before-mentioned patents. The fourth thread is controlled by a suitable mechanism whereby it is presented to the cylinder needles below or out of range of the effective action of the dial needles. The preferred form of such mechanism is 105 illustrated in detail in Figs. 3, 5 and 6.

A thread-guide 300 mounted upon the thread-guide stand T receives the fourth thread and carries it down through the tubular end of the thread-guide to a position 110 adjacent to the cylinder needles C and below the path of the dial needles.

A bracket 301 is mounted on the threadguide stand T beneath the thread-guide 300 and has pivoted thereon a thread-catcher 115 302, preferably extending over the mouth of the thread-guide 300 and forming therewith a clamp for the thread.

An air compressor, herein shown as a cylinder 303, and piston 304, is mounted at 120 a convenient point on the thread-guide stand T. A tube 305 connects the air compressor to the tubular portion 300 of the thread-guide, entering the same in a tangential direction as shown in Fig. 6.

An automatic means is provided for operating the air compressor and the thread clamp, herein shown as a bell-crank lever 306, 310, pivoted at 307 on the thread-guide stand, and operated by a pin 308 projected 130 into the path of the end thereof by a suitably placed riser 309 on the pattern chain D, as in the case of the other pins v^{6} , v^{7} ,

etc., already described.

5 The shorter arm of the bell-crank lever is connected by means of a link 311 to an arm 312, pivoted on the bracket 301. The thread-catcher 302 is provided with a camshaped end 313, against which the arm 312 10 operates to swing it away from the end of the thread-guide tube 300 and with a coiled spring 314 which acts to return it to clamping position. The bell-crank lever 306, 310, is also normally held by the spring 315 with 15 its arm 306 away from the air compressor. The piston 304 and air compressor is connected with the arm 306 of the lever by a pin and slot connection so that there is lost motion between the same, and as a result the 20 first movement of the lever arm 306 actuated by the pin 308 will serve to release the clamp before it moves the piston.

The air compressor is provided with a suitable valve at the mouth of the tube 305, 25 and this valve is herein shown as a ball 316, seated by a spring 317, the fit of the ball and seat being such that air may feed back

slowly past the same.

In operation when it is desired to intro-30 duce the reinforcing thread, as for example in one of the courses preceding the change from plain to ribbed work, the riser 309 is suitably placed on the pattern chain D so as to project at the proper time the pin 308. 35 into the path of the arm 306 of the lever. As the thread-guide stand T is carried around on the machine the curved end of the arm of the lever strikes the pin 308, swinging the lever slightly and by means 40 of the intermediate connections moving the catcher 302 away from the end of the tubular thread-guide 300, thus unclamping the thread. Immediately thereafter the continued movement of the arm 306 of the lever 45 moves the piston 304 inwardly, compressing the air which at once puffs out through the tubular end of the thread-guide and projects the thread at once into the path of the cylinder needles, below and out of reach of 50 the dial needles so that the thread is supplied only to the cylinder needles. The knitting then proceeds and the valve 316 is so arranged that the air will feed in at such a speed as to allow the piston to return and 55 with it the lever 306, 310, thus allowing the thread catcher 302 to clamp the thread against the end of the tubular guide 300 when the desired number of courses have

been knit with the reinforcing thread. Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is:

1. In a knitting machine, two sets of needles and operative devices to produce either 65 ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work, for supplying a rein- 70 forcing thread to one set of needles only.

2. In a knitting machine, two sets of needles and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, means 75 automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work, to supply another thread beneath one set of needles to the 80 other set whereby said thread being taken by one set of needles fills up the holes that would otherwise be left at the juncture between the plain and ribbed work.

3. In a knitting machine, two sets of nee- 85 dles and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, threadfeeding mechanism for automatically changing the threads during the knitting opera- 90 tion as desired, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work, for supplying a reinforcing thread to 95

one set of needles only.

4. In a knitting machine, two sets of needles and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread-100 feeding mechanism for automatically changing the threads during the knitting operation as desired, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subse- 105 quent, to the change from plain to ribbed work, to supply another thread beneath one set of needles to the other set whereby said thread being taken by one set of needles fills up the holes that would otherwise be left at 110 the juncture between the plain and ribbed work.

5. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce 115 either ribbed or plain work as desired, thread-feeding mechanism for supplying thread above the dial needles to both the cylinder and dial needles, or to the cylinder needles alone for forming said ribbed or 120 plain work respectively, and thread-feeding mechanism for supplying thread below said dial needles to the cylinder needles only.

6. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means 125 for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means for continuously supplying one or more threads to said cylinder needles above said dial needles, means for automatically supply- 130

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ing a thread to said cylinder needles below said dial needles during a predetermined period of the conjoint operation of both sets of needles.

5 7. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means for continuously supplying one or more 10 threads to said cylinder needles above said dial needles and for automatically changing said threads as desired, means for automatically supplying a reinforcing thread to said cylinder needles below said dial needles dur-15 ing a predetermined period of the conjoint

operation of both sets of needles.

8. In a knitting machine, a set of needles and operative devices to produce plain work, a second set of needles and operative devices 20 to produce in conjunction with said first set ribbed work, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread-feeding mechanism including means for supplying a reinforcing thread during a predetermined 25 period extending over the change from plain to ribbed work to the needles of said

first set only.

9. In a knitting machine, a set of needles and operative devices to produce plain work, 30 a second set of needles and operative devices to produce in conjunction with said first set ribbed work, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread-feeding mechanism including means for supplying a re-35 inforcing thread during a predetermined period extending over the change from plain to ribbed work to the needles of said first set only, and means for automatically increasing the tension on the fabric being knit 40 prior to the change from plain to ribbed work.

10. In a knitting machine, a set of needles and operative devices to produce plain work, a second set of needles and operative devices 45 to produce in conjunction with said first set ribbed work, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread-feeding mechanism including means for supplying a reinforcing thread during a predetermined 50 period extending over the change from plain to ribbed work to the needles of said first set only, and means automatically controlled upon the change from plain to ribbed work for securing the requisite tension on the 55 fabric for casting off the stitches from the needles in action.

11. In a knitting machine, a set of needles and operative devices to produce plain work, a second set of needles and operative devices 60 to produce in conjunction with said first set ribbed work, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread-feeding mechanism including means for supplying a reinforcing thread during a predetermined

period extending over the change from plain 65 to ribbed work to the needles of said first set only, and take-up mechanism for the fabric being knit, means for automatically controlling the action of the take-up mechanism upon the change from plain to ribbed 70 knitting to increase the tension on the fabric and secure the casting off of the stitches from the needles in action.

12. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, 75 means for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and auto- 80 matically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work for supplying a reinforcing thread beneath the dial needles to the cylinder needles only.

13. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means to effect the change from plain to 90 ribbed work, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work for supplying a reinforcing thread be- 95 neath the dial needles to the cylinder needles only, and means for automatically increasing the tension on the fabric being knit prior

to the change from plain to ribbed work. 14. In a circular knitting machine, a set 100 of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, means automatically actuated 105 at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work for supplying a reinforcing thread beneath the dial needles to the cylinder needles 110 only, and means automatically controlled upon the change from plain to ribbed work for securing the requisite tension on the fabric for casting off the stitches from the needles in action.

15. In a circular knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, means to effect the change from plain to 120 ribbed work, means automatically actuated at a predetermined point prior, and automatically thrown out of operation subsequent, to the change from plain to ribbed work for supplying a reinforcing thread be- 125 neath the dial needles to the cylinder needles only, take-up mechanism for the fabric being knit, means for automatically control-

ling the action of the take-up mechanism upon the change from plain to ribbed knitting to increase the tension on the fabric and secure the casting off of the stitches

5 from the needles in action.

16. In a circular knitting machine, two sets of needles, one set of which when in action alone forms plain work and the second set of which when in action conjointly with the first set forms ribbed work, and operative devices in connection with said needles to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, thread feeding mechanism operative to present thread within or out of 15 range of the effective action of the second set of needles, and means for automatically controlling the presentation of thread by said feeding mechanism at either or both of said places as desired at or during predetermined periods.

17. In a circular knitting machine, two sets of needles and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, thread feeding mechanism operative to present thread above and below one set of needles, and means for automatically controlling the presentation of thread by said feeding mechanism at either of said places as desired at and during predetermined

30 periods.

18. In a circular knitting machine, two sets of needles and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired, thread feeding mechanism operative to pre-35 sent thread above and below one set of needles, and means for automatically controlling the presentation of thread by said feeding mechanism at either or both of said places as desired at and during predeter-

40 mined periods.

19. In a knitting machine, two sets of needles, one set of which when in action alone forms plain work and the second set of which when in action conjointly with the 45 first set forms ribbed work, and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, and thread-manipulating means, including means for automatic-50 ally actuating the same, for extending thread

across the holes that would otherwise be left

at the juncture between the plain and ribbed work to close the same.

20. In a knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for 55 operating the said needles to produce either plain or ribbed work as desired, and threadmanipulating means, including means for automatically actuating the same, for extending thread across the holes that would 60 otherwise be left at the juncture between the plain and ribbed work to close the same.

21. In a knitting machine, two sets of needles, one set of which when in action alone forms plain work and the second set 65 of which when in action conjointly with the first set forms ribbed work, and operative devices to produce either ribbed or plain work as desired and to effect the change from plain to ribbed work, thread- 70 manipulating means, including means for automatically actuating the same, for extending thread across the holes that would otherwise be left at the juncture between the plain and ribbed work to close the same, 75 and means automatically controlled upon the change from plain to ribbed work for securing the requisite tension on the fabric for casting off the stitches from the needles in action.

22. In a knitting machine, a set of cylinder needles, a set of dial needles, means for operating the said needles to produce either plain or ribbed work as desired, threadmanipulating means, including means for 85 automatically actuating the same, for extending thread across the holes that would otherwise be left at the juncture between the plain and ribbed work to close the same, and means automatically controlled upon 90 the change from plain to ribbed work for securing the requisite tension on the fabric for casting off the stitches from the needles in action.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my 95 name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JOHN ROGGINGER.

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