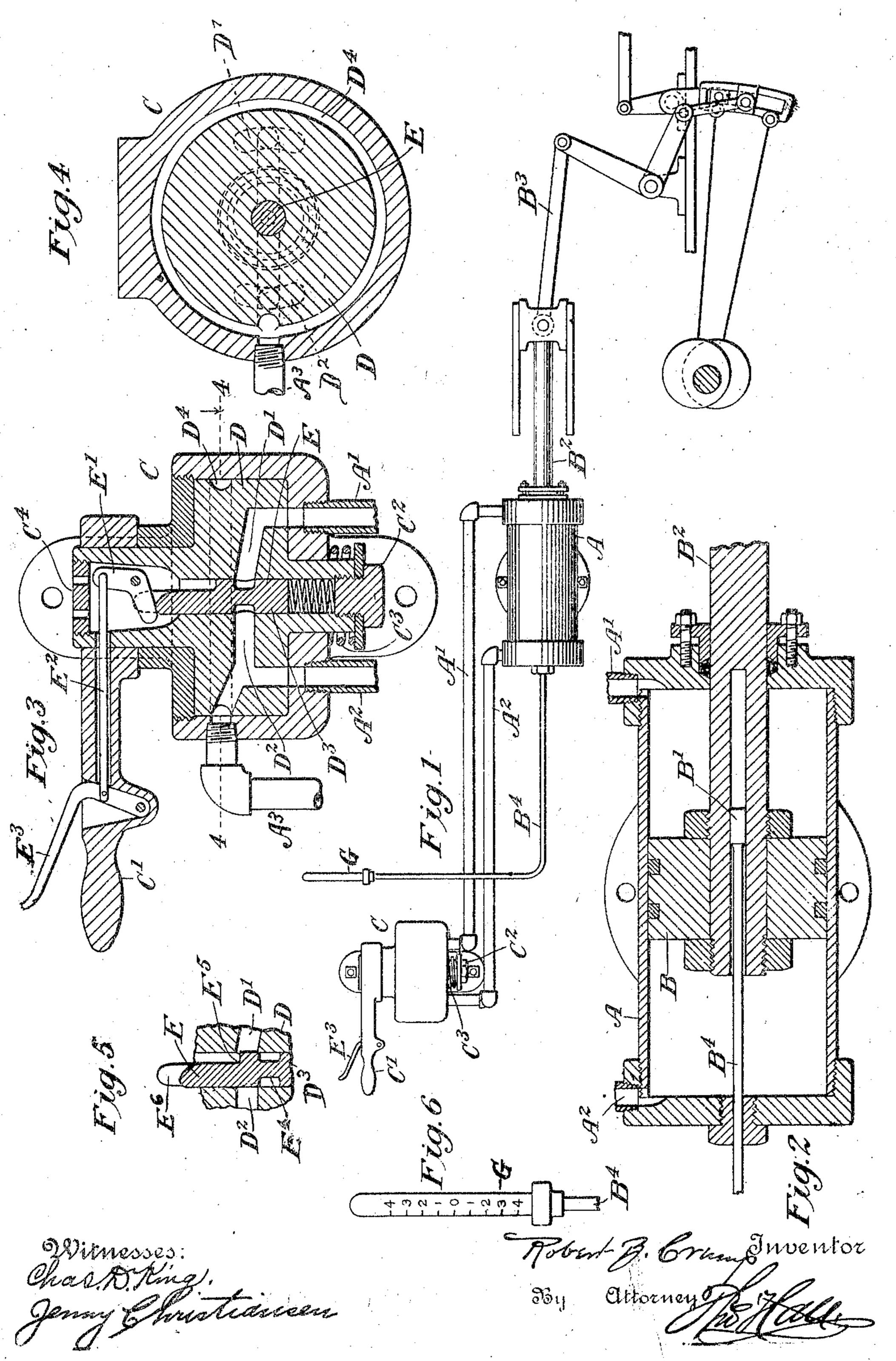
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Robert B. Crump, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of 5 New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversing-Gear, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide means for operating the reversing gear of

10 locomotives and other engines.

In the development of railway locomotives, the enlargement of the engines and all the parts, has made it difficult to move the great weight of the ordinary reversing gear 15 by muscular effort.

This invention is intended to reduce the labor of the engine driver by using a steam, air or fluid pressure to operate the valves and reversing gear of a locomotive engine or 20 other engines. It is also applicable for controlling the brake system of railway cars and

the steering gear of automobiles.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification: Figure 1 shows 25 the complete apparatus as it will be connected to the locomotive. Fig. 2 is a section of a cylinder and the parts belonging thereto. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation of the valve construction. Fig. 4 is a sectional 30 plan of the valve and valve case at line 4-4. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the exhaust valve. Fig. 6 is an elevation of an indicating gage.

Like figures refer to like parts.

35 The piston B in the cylinder A is the means through the piston rod B2 and the connecting link Bs, by which the valve gear of an engine, or the steering gear of an automobile is operated; the piston being acted 40 on in the cylinder by a fluid pressure at each side of the piston. Pipe connections A1 and A2 are made with the valve mechanism in the valve case C.

D is the valve in the case C having a flat 45 ground face fitting into the bottom of the case C and kept in contact by a screw C2 and D can have the apertures extended as shown

in dotted lines in Fig. 4.

50 C1 is a handle fixed to the valve D. D¹ and D² are passage-ways in the valve D leading to the pipes A' and A' and crossing a central opening Da in which is a round valve E.

D4 is a groove or passage-way entirely 55 around the valve D and opposite the air supply pipe A<sup>3</sup>.

The round valve E has a circular groove E' and a flattened portion at the upper end E5, the extreme upper end E6 being forked 60 tc admit of the bell crank lever E1 which is connected by a rod E<sup>2</sup> to a hand lever E<sup>3</sup>, the valve being held in contact with the lever E by a spring resting on the screw C<sup>2</sup>.

In Fig. 6 is shown the application of a 65 simple gage G, connected by a tube B4 to a piston B1 in the piston red B2; the tube B4 being stationary in the cylinder, and the gage G and the tube B and the chamber in the piston rod B<sup>2</sup> having a suitable volume 70

of oil or other fluid inclosed.

The action of this device is as follows: Fluid pressure is supplied through a pipe As to a valve D, a handle C1 being placed so as to bring passages opposite openings in the case C leading to pipes A1 and A2 so that pressure can be brought against the piston B on either, or both sides. By depressing a lever E3, the valve E will take position as shown in Fig. 5, reducing the pressure on 80 one side of the piston, consequently moving the piston. By releasing the lever E3, the valve E closes the exhaust passage and the piston is held in a corresponding position in the cylinder A. The handle C1 is fixed to 85 the valve D and arranged to turn one half: revolution, enabling the operator to turn the exhaust to either side, or place it in an intermediate position. The gage G indicates the position of the piston B by the rise or 96 fall of the fluid contained therein, governed by the variable capacity of the chamber in the piston pressing against the column of fluid.

Having described my invention what I 65 claim and desire to secure by Lettern Patent is:

1. A mechanism for controlling a reversing gear comprising a cylinder, a piston in the cylinder, a piston rod connecting the a spring C<sup>3</sup>. The lower part of the valve piston to the reversing gear, pipes connect. D can have the apertures extended as shown ing the ends of the cylinder to a cylindrical valve case, a rotatable valve within the case having ports connecting to the pipes, a hand lever connected to the rotatable valve, an ex- 105 haust valve central in the rotatable valve, mechanism for moving the exhaust valve in the rotatable valve by the grip of the hand

on the hand lever, substantially as shown and described.

2. A mechanism for controlling a reversing gear comprising a cylinder, pipes connecting the cylinder with a rotary or oscillating valve, a handle connected to the rotatable valve, a mechanism on the handle for controlling an exhaust valve in the center of the rotatable valve, a piston in the cylinder, a piston rod connecting the piston to the reversing gear, a chamber in the piston rod, a

piston in the chamber in the piston rod and secured in a fixed position to the cylinder head, a pipe connecting the chamber in the piston rod with an indicator outside of the 15 cylinder combined substantially as shown and described.

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