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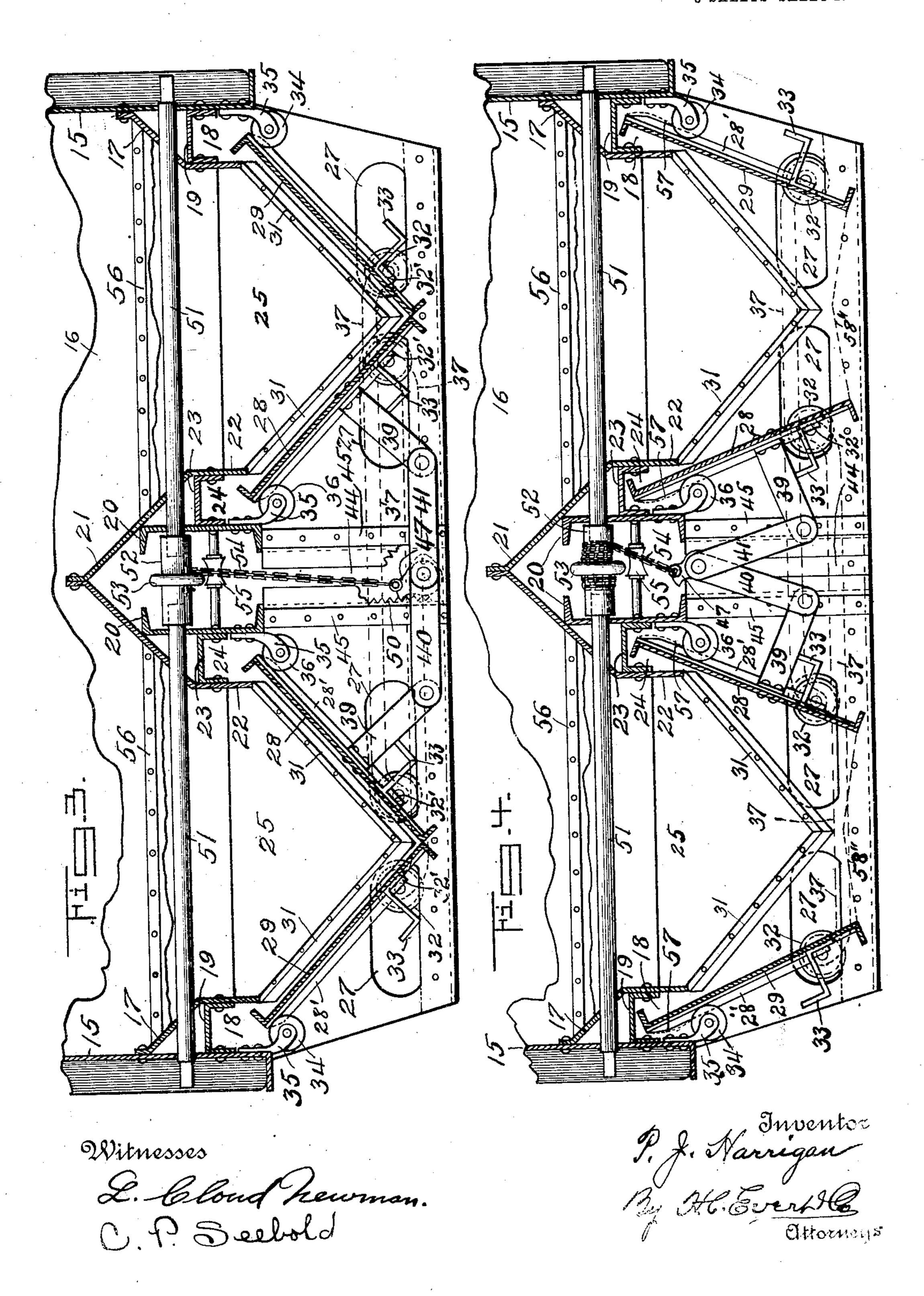
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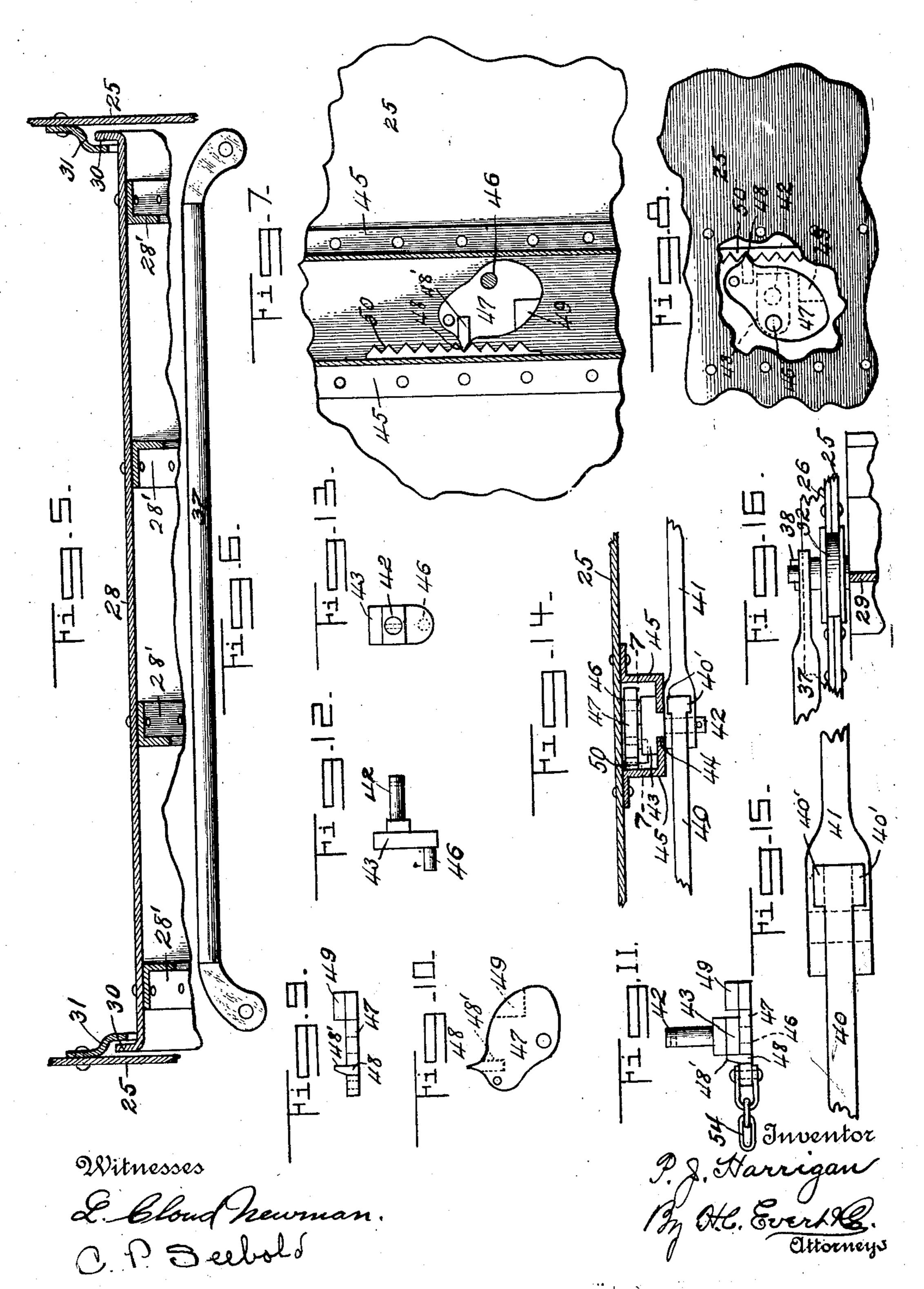
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Patrick J. Harrigan, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at McKeesport, in the county of 5 Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dump-Cars, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to certain new and generally known as hopper bottom cars pro- | movement. vided with doors constituting either the bot and movable to open position to permit the

discharge of the lading.

The invention relates particularly to an improvement in the doors and operating 20 mechanism therefor, one of the principal objects of the present invention being to provide gravity-closing doors and operating mechanism therefor which can be applied to the standard form of hopper bottom cars 25 without necessitating any alteration in location of the center sills or other structure of such car.

The invention also has for its object the provision of gravity-closing doors which 30 may be applied to the standard form of hopper bottom cars and which are so disposed with relation to the car sides that as the lading begins to discharge from the car, the weight of the lading is directed against 35 the doors in such manner as to effect a rapid opening thereof, the doors in the completely open position however, being still so disposed with respect to the car sides, that their natural tendency is to automatically return to closed position when the weight of the lading is removed therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for positively locking the doors in closed position, and to also provide means cooperating therewith whereby the doors will be locked and held against opening movement under the weight of the lading should it happen that the doors were but partially closed when the lading was ⁵⁰ placed thereon.

A further object of the invention is to provide for reducing to a minimum, the friction encountered by the doors during their movements to open and closed posifrons.

A still further object of the invention is to

provide an operating mechanism for the doors of dump cars wherein all danger of injury to the workmen operating the same is eliminated, and in which the work re- 60 quired for the manipulation of the doors is reduced to a minimum.

The invention further contemplates the provision of novel door supporting means so disposed that the door or doors ride thereon 65 in their opening and closing movements, the useful improvements in dump cars, and re- supporting means acting as the pivot of the lates more particularly to that class of cars bloor or doors and guiding same in their

Further objects of the invention will ap- 70 15 tom or a portion of the bottom of the car | pear as the same is hereinafter described in detail and then claimed, and in describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings showing a practical embodiment of the invention as 75 practiced by me, and wherein like numerals of reference will be employed to designate like parts throughout the several views, in

which:--

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a hopper 80 bottom car of standard form, partly broken away, with my improved doors and operating mechanism applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a view of the same, partly in side elevation, partly broken away, and partly in section. 85 Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the car body and doors, showing the latter in closed position, the car body being partly broken away. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the doors in the open position. 90. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of a part of one of the doors and of a part of the end walls of the car body. Fig. 6 is a detached detail plan view of the tie rods employed in connection with the doors for uni- 95 fying the movements of the latter. Fig. 7 is a detail side elevation of locking dog employed in connection with the doors, taken on line 7-7 of Fig. 14, a portion of the car end wall being shown. Fig. 8 is a detail 100 view of a portion of one of the end plates broken away to show the opposite side of the locking dog. Figs. 9, 10 and 11 are detail edge, side and plan views of the locking dog. Figs. 12 and 13 are detail plan and elevation 105 views respectively of the headed-pin which carries the locking-dog. Fig. 14 is a detail plan view of the locking mechanism, parts of the car being in horizontal section. Fig. 15 is an enlarged detail plan view of the 110 joint of the toggles, and, Fig. 16 is a detail plan of one of the grooved rollers carried by

the doors, showing a portion of the track therefor, and a part of the door.

In the embodiment of the invention as herein illustrated, I have shown the same as comprising two pairs of doors, that is, a pair of inner doors, and a pair of outer doors, in which form the invention would be used when applied to hopper bottom cars of standard form and size, but I do not 10 wish to be understood as confining myself to the use of two pairs of doors, as obviously, a pair of doors arranged to operate in the manner herein set forth would be clearly within the scope of the invention. Further-15 more, the doors being herein shown as applied to the standard form of hopper bottom car, they are arranged longitudinally thereof, in which manner they are best adapted for use in connection with the said 20 type of car. It is obvious that the arrangement of the doors and the operating mechanism with the doors transversely of the car or other body as might be required to adapt them thereto also falls within the scope of 25 the invention claimed.

The body of the car herein shown for illustrative purposes, is in general, of the usual form, having vertical side walls 15, and inclined end walls 16, which latter are 30 usually placed at an incline to the vertical of from 33° to 55°. Attached to the inner faces of the side walls 15, are auxiliary side walls 17, which, except at the point of attachment, are spaced from the side walls 15, 35 and extend downward a sufficient distance to form a recess 18 to receive the upper edges of the outer two doors of the series of doors, the walls 17 being made rigid by braces 19 attached thereto and to the side walls 15.

The center sills of the car body are designated at 20, and these sills are shown herein in the manner in which they are placed in the standard form of hopper cars, being spaced apart, and shielded or protected by 45 a longitudinal ridge 21 usually formed of two inclined plates having their upper meeting edges firmly secured together. The lower portions 22 of these plates are extended vertically, and held in spaced rela-50 tion from the sills by braces 23, thus forming recesses 24 for the reception of the upper edges of the inner pair of doors shown.

To adapt the doors and operating mechanism to be hereinafter described to the 55 form of hopper car shown, I provide the end walls of said car with depending end-plates 25, which lie in vertical planes, and since, with the form of doors employed, it is not necessary to make any provision for a swing-60 ing movement thereof, the said end-plates are extended relatively close to the track, and the doors are also placed so that their lower edges are relatively close to the track. Preferably, I reinforce the lower edges of 65 the end-plates by track-rails 26 of angle bar

as shown or other form, and each end plate is provided adjacent its lower edge with elongated openings 27, the lower edges of which are preferably on a plane with the upper edges of the reinforcing bar 26 where- 70 by to provide a broader track for the wheels which travel in said openings and reinforce the end-plates as well.

The doors in the present illustration are shown as comprising two pairs, namely, an 75 inner pair designated 28, and an outer pair designated 29. Each door is preferably provided with upturned ends 30, which are received back of deflectors 31 riveted to the inner faces of the end plates, the said con- 80 struction preventing the material in the car from interfering in any manner with the free and easy movement of the doors. The doors may or may not be provided with the flanged upper and lower edges as shown, 85 though it is preferable to provide the latter flanges to insure a perfect scating of the doors.

The doors are disposed at such an angle with respect to the car sides that the weight 90 of the car lading will be directed against the doors so as to have a tendency to hold them in closed position, the angle at which the doors are placed however, being such that the doors may be easily shifted to a 95 more acute angle in order that the weight of the load will then be directed against the doors to effect a rapid movement thereof.

The doors at their ends, near the lower edges thereof, carry travelers, preferably in 100 the form of peripherally grooved rollers 32 which travel in the openings 27, on the track afforded by the lower walls of said openings and the upper edge of the reinforce 26. Preferably the doors are provided 105 on their under or rear faces in line with the rollers 32 with strengthening or reinforcing bars 33, which may be of Z-bar form as shown or other desirable form, which bars besides acting as a reinforce for 110 the doors, also act as braces for the arms to which the toggles hereinafter described are connected. The rollers 32 are carried on pintles formed on the outer ends of straps 32' attached to the rear faces of the Z-bars 115 33 at the ends of the latter.

The doors are therefore roller-supported at their lower edges and in order to provide for the free and easy movement of the doors both in the opening and closing 120 movement thereof, I also provide roller-supporting means for the upper edges of the doors. This latter door-supporting means comprises a plurality of rollers 34 supported beneath the recesses 18 for the outer pair of 125 doors, by brackets 35 attached to the car sides or other convenient point, and a similar plurality of rollers 36 for the inner pair of doors, said latter rollers being supported beneath the recesses 24, by brackets 35 at- 130

tached to the center sills 20, or at any other | are adapted to engage with the upper face convenient point. The rollers are so positioned with respect to the recesses 18, 24, as to leave clearance movement for the doors 5 up into said recesses as the doors are moved to open position. The doors may be made from a sheet of material having the ends and longitudinal edges stamped or pressed to form the angles at said ends and edges, or from a sheet of material to which angle iron may be secured at said ends and edges as will be obvious. In order to stiffen the doors throughout and to prevent any possibility of the rollers 34, 36 bulging through 15 the doors, due to the weight of the lading on the doors, I preferably employ transverse angle bars 28' extending from the **Z**-bars 33 to the upper edges of the doors, providing these angle-bars at each point where there 20 is a roller 34 or 36 and on which the rollers ride, thus reinforcing the doors transversely or in a direction opposite to the reinforcing bars 33 and insuring against bulging of the doors where they ride on the rollers.

Where two pairs of doors are operated from a single operating mechanism, the doors must all move in unison, and to accomplish this, I employ tie members as 37, (see detail Fig. 6) which are provided pref-30 erably at both ends of the doors, these tie members connecting one door of the inner pair with the farthest removed door of the outer pair, and the other door of the inner pair with the door of the outer pair farthest 35 removed therefrom, (see Fig. 4). These tie-members are advantageously attached by providing extended pintles for the rollers 32 to which pintles the tie-members are connected and retained thereon as by cotter

40 pins 38, (see Fig. 2).

The means by which the doors are secured or locked in closed position, and the means for releasing the doors will now be described. Attached to the under or inner face of each 45 inner door 28 is an arm 39, which projects away from the under face of the doors at right angles thereto, these arms at their free ends being pivotally-attached to togglelinks 40, 41 respectively and supported in- | it will be evident that when not subjected to 50 termediate their ends by the Z-bars 33. It pull of the releasing chain, the dog will 115 -will be seen by the drawings, and will be mormally lie so that the tooth thereof will understood, that these arms 39 and toggle- be in engagement with the rack 50. taching to the end-plates 25, Z-bars 45 so | joint to break said toggles and permit ! · spaced as to leave a way between them, in | doors to open. in Fig. 13. The toggle arm 40 is provided from either side of the car, I provide two with shoulders 40' at its pivoted end, which operating shafts 51, the inner ends of which 130

of the toggle arm 41 when the arms are in a straight position, (or just slightly below the center) and thus lock the arms against further downward movement. These tog- 70 gle-links as above described, are adapted to dock the doors in closed position, but I have found by experience, that sometimes an obstruction between the meeting edges of the doors prevents the complete closing of 75 the doors, and consequently the toggles are, not permitted to move to the straight line position. If lading is placed in the car with the doors not completely closed, and the toggles unlocked, the doors are liable 80 under the weight of the lading, and due to the jarring of the car in transit, to move to open position. To positively insure against this. I have provided means in connection with the toggles to automatically lock the 85 same at the point to which they have moved in their closing movement, whether this be in the completely closed position, or a point approaching the closed position. To this end, I provide the head 43 of the pin or bolt 42 with 90 a stud 46, located adjacent one side of the head 43, and on which is pivotally hung, a locking-dog 47 which lies within the way 44, and back of the head 43. This locking dog. is provided with a tooth 48 which projects 95 from the heavier edge of the dog near the upper end thereof and engages with a rack 50 provided therefor in the way 44, and which may be in the form of a casting and secured to the Z-bar 45. The dog is also 100 provided near its upper end, substantially in the same plane with the tooth 48, with a shoulder 48' located on the side of the dog that lies adjacent the head 43, and further provided on the same side, near the lower 105 end of the dog with a shoulder 49, these two shoulders 48' and 49 respectively limiting the downward and upward swinging movement of the dog by their engagement with the head 43. Since the dog is heavier on 110 that edge carrying the tooth 48, and shoulders 48' and 49, and since its upward swinging movement is limited by the shoulder 49,

links 40. 41 are provided at each end of the partie that is a for releasing the lock and doors. The end of the toggle-link 40 is re- imparting initial opening movement to the ⁵⁵ ceived within the bifurcated end of the doors is connected to said dogs, so that when 120 toggle-link 41, and said interengaged ends | actuated, the pull of the operating chains are received on a pin or bolt 42, having a | is directed first against the dogs to swing head 43, which rides in a vertical guide-way I the same on their fulcrum or pivot and re-44 provided therefor at the ends of the lease the tooth of each dog from the racks ⁶⁰ doors. This guide-way 44 is formed by at- | 50, and then against the toggles at then 125

which the pin 42 may ride as clearly seen | In order that the doors may be operated

are squared and extend through the center sills 20, into a drum 52 mounted between said sills and provided with a central shoulder 53 to divide the chains 54 running from the drum to opposite ends of the doors, where they are carried over guide-rollers 55, and have their other ends attached to the dogs 47. The chains 54 as will be noted are attached to the drum 52 so as to run in op-10 posite directions and it will be obvious that a wrench applied to the outer end of either of the shafts 51 and the shaft rotated in either direction, will cause the chains to be wound upon the drum, swing the dogs on 15 their pivots so as to disengage the tooth 48 of each dog from the racks 50 and pull upward upon the pins 42 so as to break the toggles and start the doors on their opening movement. In case the locking dogs are not 20 employed, the chains are connected direct

to the toggles at the joint of the latter. As heretofore stated, the doors are so positioned that when an initial opening movement has been imparted thereto, their angle 25 is such that the weight of the lading is directed against them to complete their opening movement. In this connection, I wish to call attention to the fact that, with the mechanism shown and described for imparting 30 the initial movement to the doors, the chains 51 are entirely free from pulling strain the moment that the weight of the lading in the car begins to act against the doors, thus permitting the chains to slacken or "pile up" 35 as it were between the drum and point of connection with the locking mechanism, and consequently imparting no movement to the shafts 51, so that all danger of injury to the operator using the crank or wrench on the 40 shaft is obviated. The operating shafts are suitably protected from the lading of the car by cross ridges 56 as shown, built in the usual manner so that the material will not

bridge thereon.

Attention is directed to the manner in which the doors are wholly roller-supported, the rollers 34 acting as the pivotal points of the doors, and the latter moving over these pivots in their opening and clos-50 ing movements, the upper edges of the doors following the curved dotted lines 57, minimizing and equalizing space at this point, while permitting a good rigid construction. The provision of the rollers for supporting 55 the doors both at the top and bottom thereof, reduces the friction to a minimum and renders the doors exceedingly easy to operate, increasing their natural tendency to move to closed position when the lading is dis-60 charged. In case the chains have not been wound to the limit on their drums, it will be noted that they will offer practically no resistance to the return of the doors to closed position, but even though the chains be taut, 65 the weight of the doors is such that they

will readily move to closed position, readily unwinding the chains and revolving the drums and shafts, the resistance offered by such parts being practically nil after the doors begin closing.

The tying of the middle doors together by means of the pin 42 working in the way 44 provided by the Z-bars 45 tends to unify the action of the doors, the bars acting as a guide for the doors in their movement, and 75 the outside doors being connected with the inner doors in the manner aforedescribed, positive simultaneous movement of the doors is assured.

While the toggles 40, 41 may be connected direct to the inner doors, I prefer to employ the arms 39 in connection with the toggles, since by their employment, I am enabled to shorten the upward movement of the pivoted ends of the toggles, so as not to interfere with the center sills 20. These sills in the standard hopper cars are placed quite low down at the point most desirable to receive the buffing strains and stresses on the car, and the use of the arms 39 enables me to employ the toggle lock and such sills.

It will be observed by reference to Fig. 4 (see dotted lines 58",) that the lower edges of the doors have a slight movement downward caused by the rollers being placed 95 some distance above the lower edges of the doors; obviously, when these rollers are placed close to the bottom edges of the doors, said edges will move in a substantially straight line, the upper edges of the doors 100 however, always following the curve of the fixed pivot.

The feature of having the doors move to open position under the weight of the lading without the pull chains operating on the 105 shaft or shafts is considered of importance, as it eliminates all danger to the operator, and enables the wrench or crank to be applied to the shaft and turned in either direction lengthwise of the car, when the car 110 is located in places where it may be difficult for the operator to safely operate devices which require continuous winding of an operating shaft to actuate the doors.

While I have herein shown and described 115 the invention as embodying four doors, it will be obvious that a single pair of doors such as the inner pair herein shown and described may be employed alone, and it will be obvious also, that changes in the details 120 of construction may be made when adapting the invention to different types of dump cars, without in any manner departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as herein disclosed.

Having fully described my invention, what Lelaim is:

with a discharge opening, end-plates carried by the body at the ends of said dis- 130

charge opening and provided adjacent their lower ends with tracks, doors forming the bottom of said car body and provided with wheels engaging said tracks and supporting 5 the lower edges of said doors, rollers carried by the car body for supporting the upper edges of said doors and over which rollers the doors ride in their opening and closing movements, and operating means con-10 nected to the doors for imparting initial

opening movement to the doors. 2. In a dump car, a car body provided with a discharge opening, end plates carried by the car body at the ends of said dis-15 charge opening and provided adjacent their lower ends with tracks, doors forming the bottom of said car body and provided with wheels engaging said tracks and supporting the lower edges of the doors, rollers carried by the car body for supporting the upper

edges of said doors and over which the doors ride in their opening and closing movements, operating means connected to the doors for imparting initial opening move-²⁵ ment thereto, and a locking dog coöperating with the operating means to lock the doors

in closed position.

3. The combination of doors adapted to control a discharge opening, tracks for the 30 lower edges of said doors, rollers carried by the doors and traveling on said tracks for guiding the lower edges of the doors in a for supporting the upper edges of the doors and over which the doors freely ride in their

opening and closing movements.

4. The combination of doors adapted to control a discharge opening, means including rollers for guiding the lower edges of 40 the doors in substantially a horizontal plane. additional rollers upon which the doors are supported and over which the doors ride in their opening and closing movements, said additional rollers acting as the pivots for the doors, and means for imparting initial opening movement to the doors.

5. The combination with a car having an! inclined bottom, of a casing therein, a pivoted door forming a portion of said bottom. rollers constituting the pivot for said door, and means for raising the upper portion of said door into said easing, said door in its

movement riding over said rollers.

6. The combination with a car having an inclined bottom, of casings therein, pivoted | closed position, operating means for opendoors forming a portion of said bottom, rollers constituting the pivots for said doors and over which the doors ride in their open-60 ing and closing movements, and means for raising the upper portions of said doors into said casings without moxing the pivotal points of the doors.

7. The combination of doors adapted to control a discharge opening, tracks for guiding the lower edges of said doors in a sub-

stantially horizontal plane, and rollers supporting the upper edges of said doors, said rollers acting to guide the upper edges of said doors in curved paths while the lower edges of the doors are traveling in said sub- 70

stantially horizontal plane.

8. In a dump car, a car body provided with a discharge opening, doors controlling said discharge opening, and disposed with respect to the side walls of the car body as 75 to have a normal tendency to move to closed position, toggle-links for securing said doors in closed position, and a locking-dog co-

operating with said toggle links.

9. In a dump car, a car body provided 80 with a discharge opening, doors controlling said opening, said doors so disposed with relation to the side walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, toggle links for 85 securing said doors in closed position, a locking-dog cooperating with said toggle links, and door-operating means connected to said locking-dog.

10. In a dump car, a car body provided 90 with a discharge opening, doors controlling said opening, said doors so disposed with relation to the side walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, operating mechanism 95 for imparting initial opening movement to said doors, and locking mechanism for sesubstantially horizontal plane, and rollers curing the doors against opening movement, including a locking dog connected with the

door operating mechanism.

11. In a dump car, a car body provided with a discharge opening, doors controlling said opening, said doors so disposed with relation to the side walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move to 105 closed position by gravity, operating mechanism for imparting initial opening movement to said doors, means for securing the doors in closed position, and means cooperating therewith to lock the doors against open-110 ing movement as they approach the closed position.

12. In a dump car, a car body provided with a discharge opening, doors for controlling said opening, and so disposed with 115 relation to the side walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position, toggle links secured to the doors and acting to hold said doors in ing the toggles and imparting initial opening movement to the doors, and means cooperating with the toggles to hold the doors against opening movement as they approach the closed position.

13. In a dump car, a car body provided with a discharge opening, doors controlling said opening, said doors so disposed as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, operating means con-

nected to said doors to impart an initial opening movement thereto, and means cooperating therewith to hold the doors against of ening movement as they ap-

5 proach the closed position.

14. In combination with a car body having a discharge opening, and doors controlling said opening, said doors so disposed with relation to the side walls of the 10 car body as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, of operating means for imparting initial opening movement to the doors, and a gravityoperating locking-dog acting to hold the 15 doors against opening movement as they approach closed position.

15. In combination with a dump car having a discharge opening, a pair of doors controlling said opening and so disposed as 20 to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, toggle links connected to said doors, a pivoted locking-dog connected to said toggle links, and door oper-

ating means connected to said locking-dog.

25 16. The combination with a car body having a bottom discharge opening, of doors adapted to control said opening and disposed with respect to the walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move 30 to closed position by gravity, tracks for guiding the lower edges of said doors in a substantially horizontal plane, means for supporting the upper edges of said doors, said means acting to guide the upper edges 35 of said doors in curved paths while the lower edges of the doors are traveling in said substantially horizontal plane.

17. In combination with a dump car having a bottom discharge opening, end plates 40 carried by the car body at the ends of said discharge opening, a pair of doors controlling said discharge opening and so disposed as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, tracks 45 carried by the end plates, rollers carried by the doors and traveling on said tracks for supporting the lower edges of said doors, rollers carried by the car for supporting the upper edges of the doors and over which 50 the doors ride in their opening and closing

doors and acting to secure the doors in closed position, headed pins to which the toggle links are connected, and guides car-55 ried by the end plates in which the heads of said pins ride during the movement of the doors.

movements, toggle links connecting the

18. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a bottom discharge opening, 60 end plates carried by the car body at the ends of said discharge opening, doors for controlling said discharge opening, tracks arranged to support and guide the lower edges of said doors during their opening and | plates carried by the car body at the ends 130 closing movements, toggle-links connecting of said discharge opening, doors for control-

said doors, headed pins to which said togglelinks are connected, and guides carried by the end plates in which the heads of said pins engage and in which said heads travel during the opening and closing movements 70

of the doors.

19. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a discharge opening, end plates carried by the car body at the ends of said opening and provided with tracks, doors 75 for controlling said opening having rollers engaging said tracks, rollers for supporting the upper edges of the car doors and over which said doors ride in their opening and closing movements, toggle-links connected to 80 the doors for securing them in closed position, pins connecting the toggle-links together, and guides carried by the end plates in which said pins engage and ride during the opening and closing movements of the 85 doors.

20. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a discharge opening beneath the center sills of the car, doors for controlling said opening and so disposed with rela- 90 tion to the side walls of the car as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, means for supporting the lower edges of said doors and guiding them in a substantially horizontal plane during their 95 opening and closing movements, and rollers carried by the center sills of the car for supporting the upper edges of the doors and over which rollers the doors ride in their opening and closing movements.

21. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a discharge opening beneath the center sills of the car, doors for controlling said opening, means for supporting the lower edges of said doors and guiding them 105 in a substantially horizontal plane during their opening and closing movements, and rollers carried by the center sills of the car' for supporting the upper edges of said doors. and over which rollers the doors ride in 110 their opening and closing movements.

22. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a bottom discharge opening, end plates carried by the car body at the ends of said discharge opening, doors for 115 controlling said opening, tracks for supporting and guiding the lower edges of said doors during the opening and closing movements thereof, toggle-links pivoted together and connecting said doors for securing the 120 doors in closed position, vertically-disposed guides on the end plates at the ends of the doors, and means at the ends of the doors engaging in said guides to insure uniform travel of the doors in their opening and clos- 125 ing movements.

23. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a discharge opening, end

ling said opening and so disposed with relation to the car body as to/have a normal tendency to move to closed position by gravity, tracks for supporting and guiding the 5 lower edges of said doors during the opening and closing movements thereof, togglelinks pivoted together and connected to said doors for securing the doors in closed position, and guides on the end plates co-acting 10 with the pivots of the toggle-links for insuring uniform travel of the doors in their opening and closing movements.

24. In combination in a dump car, a car body having a discharge opening, end plates 15 carried by the car body at the ends of said discharge opening, doors for controlling said opening so disposed with relation to the side walls of the car body as to have a normal tendency to move to closed position, tracks 20 for supporting and guiding the lower edges

of said doors during the opening and clos-

ing movements thereof, toggle-links connected to said doors, a pin to which said links are pivoted, vertical guides on one of the end plates receiving said pin, and a locking 25

dog carried by said pin.

25. In a dump car, a car body, and a plurality of doors forming the bottom of said body, said doors arranged in pairs and shiftable to open and closed positions, tie rods 30 connecting alternate doors together, and guiding means at the ends of the doors cooperating with the tie rods to insure uniform movement of the doors in their opening and closing movements.

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