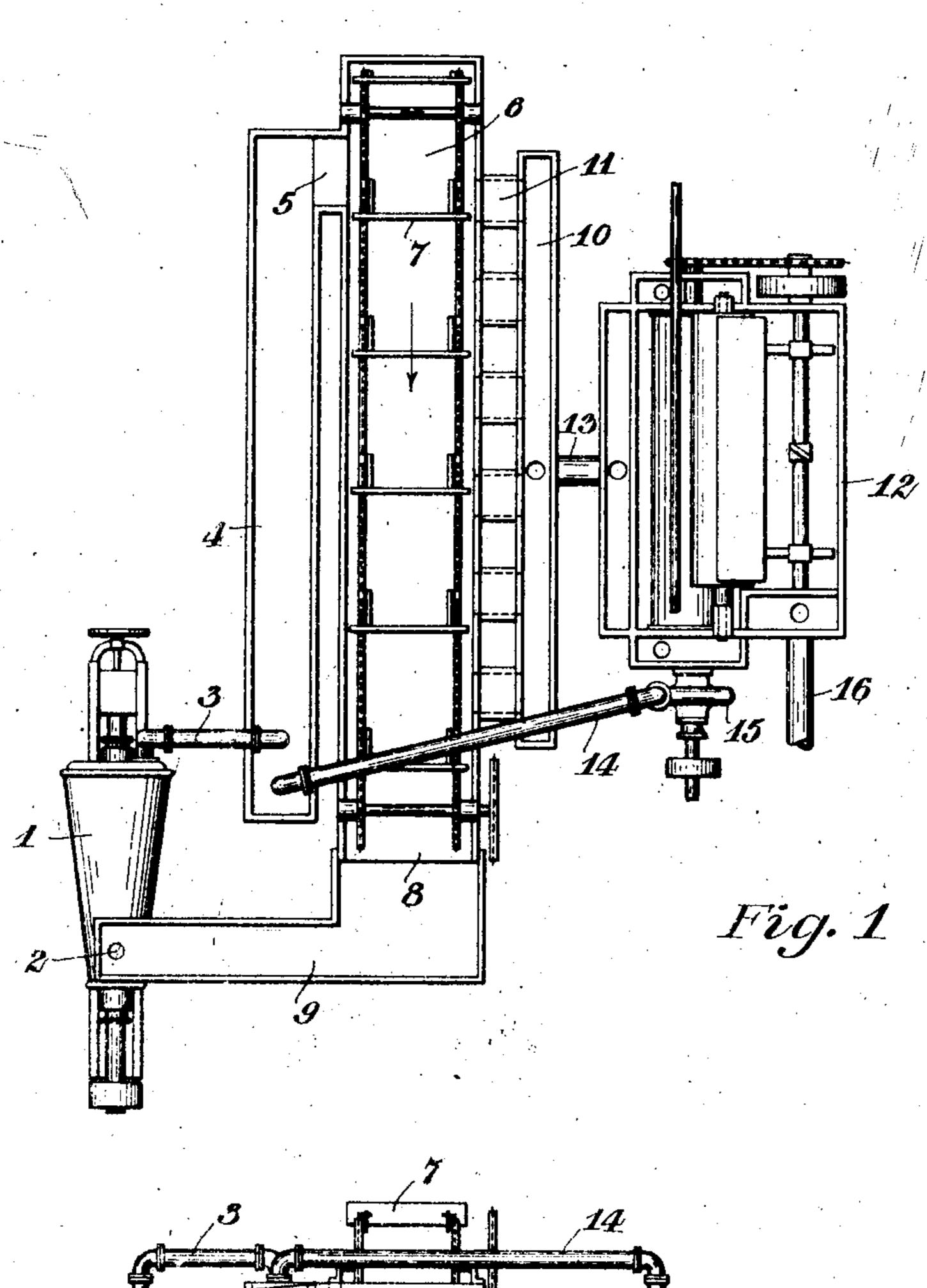
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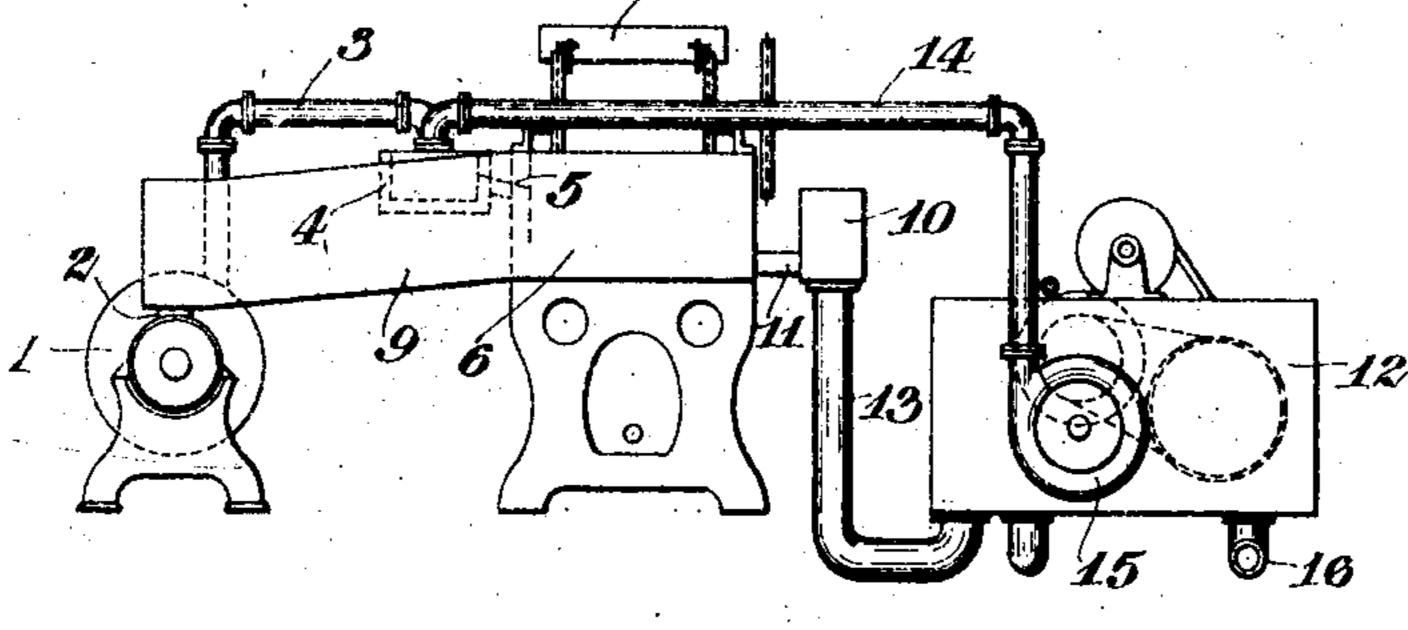


Fig. 2

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## PULP-REDUCING APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. SHARTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, have in-5 vented certain new and useful Improvements in Pulp-Reducing Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention pertains to improvements in pulp-reducing apparatus to be employed 10 by paper makers, the object of the present invention being to improve upon the working of pulp-reducing apparatus operating on the continuous system. Reference is hereby made to my United States patent applica-15 tion for improvements in pulp-reducing apparatus, Serial No. 567,547, filed June 18th, 1910.

The present invention, after reference to the above mentioned application, will be 20 readily understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:-

Figure 1 is a plan of a pulp-reducing apparatus embodying my invention; and Fig. 2

an end view thereof.

In the drawing:—1, indicates a Jordan engine: 2, the usual inlet thereto by means of which the stock and water is fed into the engine: 3, the outlet pipe from the Jordan 30 engine: 4, a long settling-box into which the outlet pipe from the Jordan engine delivers at one end: 5, an outlet from the settling-box at the end distant from the receiving end, this outlet being at a higher level than the 35 floor of the box, as in my earlier application: 6, a screen upon the plates of which at one end of the screen, the outlet of the settling-box delivers: 7, an endless chain of drag-blades adapted to drag stock over the 40 screen plates toward the tail of the screen: 8, the tail end of the screen, all of the screen parts being preferably as set forth in my earlier application: 9, a trough leading from the tail of the screen to the inlet of the Jor-45 dan engine: 10, a receiving trough disposed alongside the screen: 11, a series of connections leading from the screen, below the plates, to trough 10, as in my earlier application: 12, a wet machine adapted to ex-50 tract much of the water from pulp, the machine being preferably as set forth in my

earlier application: 13, a conduit by which

trough 10 delivers to the wet machine the

pulp which has passed through the screen:

settling-box 4 the water which has been ex-

55 14, a pipe to convey to the receiving end of

tracted from the pulp by the wet machine: 15, a pump between the wet machine and pipe 14 and serving to move the water through the pipe: and 16, the discharge con- 60 duit, from the wet machine, for the pulp from which the wet machine has extracted

the major portion of the water.

In starting the machine the stock to be dealt with is charged into the Jordan en- 68 gine at inlet 2, along with the necessary water. The stock as reduced by the Jordan engine is delivered by the pipe 3 into one end of settling-box 4 and, flowing through the settling-box, passes through outlet 5 onto 70 the head end of the screen plates. Owing to outlet 5 being higher than the floor of the settling-box heavy foreign material becomes intercepted in the box, thus preventing it from going onward to the injury of the ap- 75 paratus. The stock received upon the head of the screen-plates is dragged toward the tail screen, much of the water and the sufficiently fine pulp passing through the screenplates. This pulp which has thus passed 80 through the screen-plates goes to the wet machine which extracts from the pulp the major portion of the water and discharges the pulp at outlet 16. The water extracted from the pulp by the wet machine is pumped back 85 to the settling-box through pipe 14. Such of the pulp as is received by the screen and is incapable of passing through the screenplates, along with much of the water carrying this pulp, is discharged at the tail of the 90 screen and goes back to the Jordan engine through trough 9, this material being further reduced by the action of the Jordan engine, and pulp delivered from the Jordan engine may pass through it again and again 95 until it is reduced to proper degree of fineness to pass through the screen-plates.

I claim:— 1. Pulp-reducing apparatus comprising, a Jordan engine, a screen, a settling-box ar- 100 ranged to deliver material at one end of the screen, a conduit connecting the outlet of the Jordan engine with the settling-box, and a conduit connecting the tail of the screen with the inlet of the Jordan engine, com- 105 bined substantially as set forth.

2. Pulp-reducing apparatus comprising, a Jordan engine, a screen, a settling-box arranged to deliver material at one end of the screen, a conduit connecting the outlet of 110 the Jordan engine with the settling-box, a conduit connecting the tail of the screen

with the inlet of the Jordan engine, waterextracting mechanism having an outlet for pulp from which water has been extracted, a conduit adapted to convey to the waterextracting mechanism the fine pulp which has been separated from the coarse pulp by the screen, and a conduit adapted to convey the water extracted by the water-extracting

mechanism back to the pulp which has not passed through the screen, combined sub- 10 stantially as set forth.

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