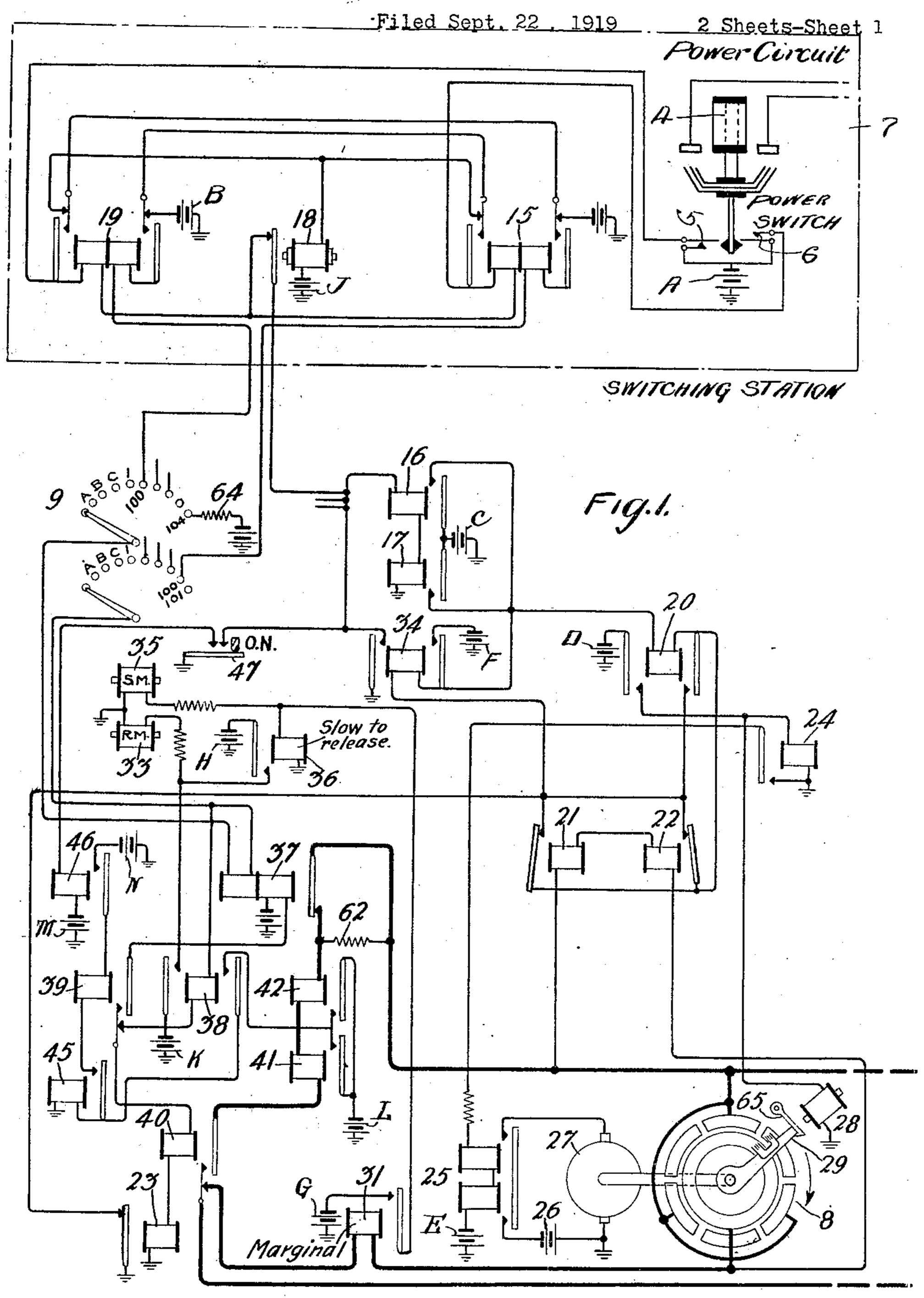
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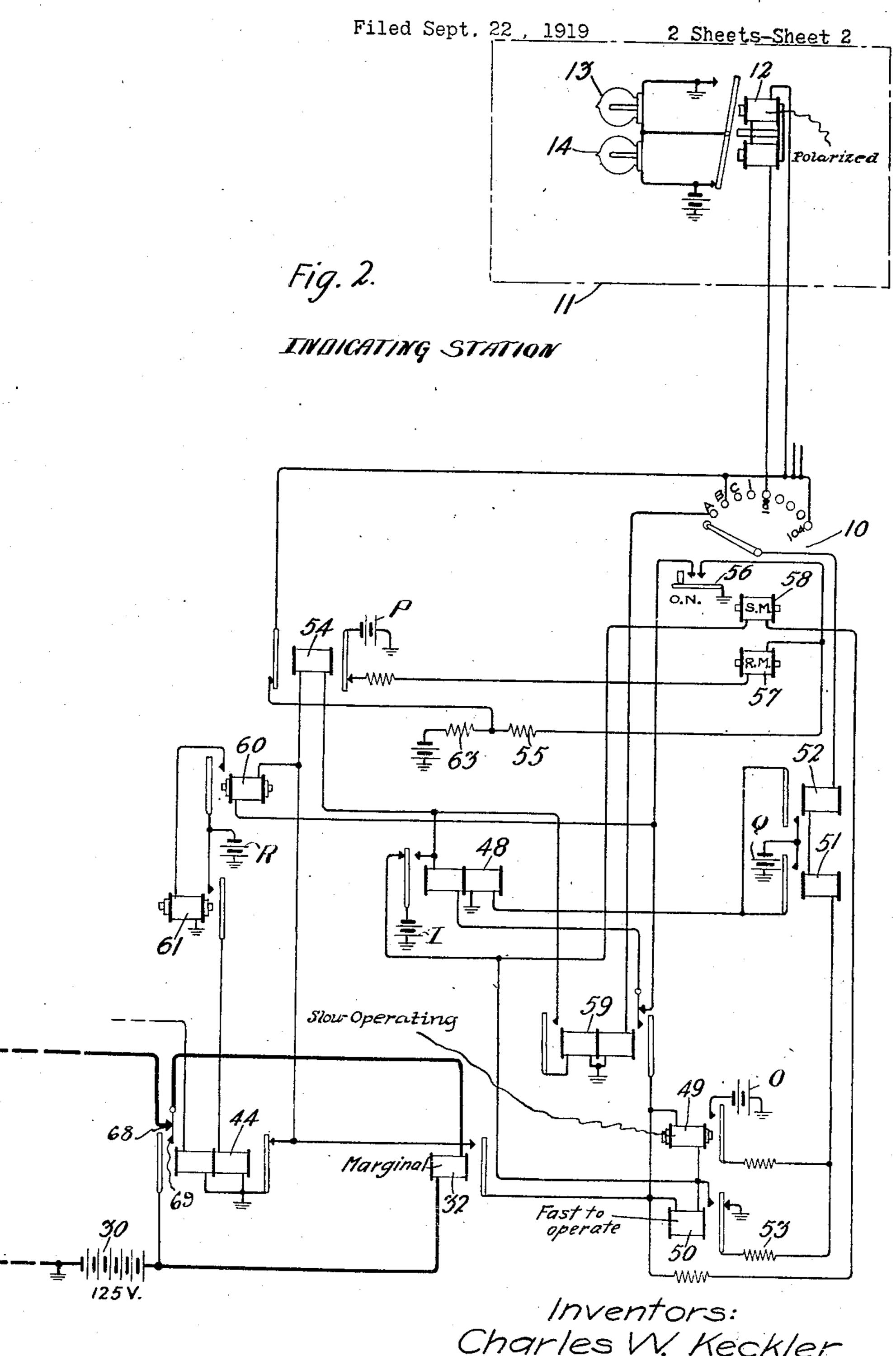
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Ler, a citizen of the United States, residing contact connected to a source of current supat Newark, in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey, and Walter B. Strickler, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, in the county of Essex, State of tacts 5 or 6 of any switch is engaged, depends New Jersey, respectively, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sig-10 naling Systems, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description.

This invention relates to signaling systems, but more particularly to such systems whereby indications may be automatically 15 transmitted from one point to another.

An object of the invention is the provision of means whereby the position of a plurality of switches located at one station may be automatically indicated at a distant station.

tion, means are provided at the switching power switches are motor driven, but the 75 and indicating stations, whereby a signaling system is obviously also equally applicable device at the indicating station will be op- to installations wherein the power switches erated to indicate the open or closed position are manually operated. Associated with 25 of power switches located at the switching each switch is a number of relays which station.

invention, means are provided at the switch- controlling the operation of a signaling deing station, whereby an automatic switch at vice at the distant station. The apparatus the indicating station will be operated in shown in the dotted rectangle 7 is individual synchronism with the one at the switching to each of the switches. station, for controlling the operation of a signaling device thereat, to give a distinctive common to a plurality of such switches as signal.

40 cation, the false operation of the automatic of the two level type, one of which has its upon the opening and closing of the circuit tacts engaged in the open position of the connecting the two stations.

45 standing of the invention will be had from the following description considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which Fig. 1 shows the apparatus located at the switching station, and Fig. 2 shows that located at the indicating station.

which are employed, but for the sake of the one shown in Fig. 1. The apparatus

clearness only one has been shown in the 55 Be it known that we, Charles W. Keck-drawing. Each of these switches carries a ply and such contact is designed to engage with one or the other of the contacts 5 and 6, allotted to each switch. Whether the con- 60 upon the position of the switch with which it cooperates. These contacts are designed to be only momentarily closed to permit the mechanism common to a plurality of 65 switches to operate when another switch has been actuated. The power switches are merely provided with an additional contact so that, upon the opening or closing of these switches, a circuit will be momentarily com- 70 pleted through the respective contacts for effecting the operation of the switching mechanism. In the particular installation In accordance with a feature of the inven- for which this system was designed, the function so as to cause the operation of other 80 In accordance with another feature of the apparatus located at the same station for

The other apparatus shown in Fig. 1 is shown in the rectangle 7, and includes an In accordance with a further feature of interrupter 8 for controlling the operation the invention, means are provided at the of the selector switch 9, together with a plu- 90 indicating station, and so arranged that rality of relays, the function of which will after the automatic switches are returned to be more clearly described in the description normal subsequent to having set up an indi- which is to follow. The selector switch 9 is switch at the indicating station is prevented terminals individually allotted to the con- 95 switches 4, and the other level has its termi-It is thought that a more definite under- nals connected with the contacts engaged in the closed position of the switches 4.

In Fig. 2 there is shown the apparatus at 100 the indicating station and which may be connected with that at the switching station by a pair of wires, or by a single wire if a ground connection is used as one conductor. Referring now to the particular embodi- A selector switch 10 is also employed at the 105 ments of the invention, in Fig. 1 there is indicating station which is adapted and arshown a power switch 4, a plurality of ranged to be operated in synchronism with

5 14. These lamps are of distinctly different ing this period the relays individual there- 70 10 indicating whether the power switch to again closed. An energizing circuit for re- 75 15 closed positions. A relay 44 is employed at established upon the operation of relay 24 80 the indicating station which is energized the two stations. This prevents the opera-20 tion of the relay 32 due to the capacitance of the line and thereby prevents the acci-25 stood that in actual practice a single battery windings of relays 16 and 17 are short-cir- 90 could or would be employed.

30 is in its closed position, thereby momentarily extending from battery F, through the 95 16 and 17, and may be traced from battery A, through a contact of the power switch 4, 35 contact 6, left-hand winding of relay 15, contact of relay 18, and the windings of relays 16 and 17 in series, to ground. Relay 15, in operating, establishes a locking circuit for itself extending from battery B, through the right-hand normal contact of relay 19, left-hand winding of relay 15, contact of relay 18, and the windings of relays 16 and 17 in series, to ground. Relays 16 and 17 are thereupon operated and in clos-45 ing their contacts cause the operation of relay 20 over a circuit extending from bat- is under the control of relay 28. This contery C, through the contacts of relays 16 tact arm in its normal position is on a dead and 17 in multiple, winding of relay 20, segment so as to prevent the false operation alternate contacts of relays 21 and 22 in of relay 32. The release magnet 28 is, howparallel and the normal contact of relay 23, ever, operated upon the energization of relay 115 to ground. The relays 21 and 22 have their 20 over a circuit extending from battery D. windings normally in bridge of the open through the left-hand alternate contact of contacts of the interrupter 8, so that under relay 20, and the winding of release magnet normal conditions they are continuously op-55 erated. The energizing circuit for these relays may be traced from battery 30, through the winding of relay 32 at the indicating station, left-hand normal contact of relay 44, see Fig. 2, windings of relays 21 and 22 in ⁶⁰ series, winding of relay 31, see Fig. 1 and the normal contact of relay 40, to ground. Relays 31 and 32 are of the marginal type and will not operate until the circuit is intermittently completed by the operation of the interrupter 8. Should the line at any

shown in the rectangle 11 is individual to time become open, short-circuited or a fuse the particular power switch 4 shown in rec-blow at the indicating station, relays 21 tangle 7 and includes a polarized relay 12 and 22 will release their armatures. Howto control the lighting of the lamps 13 and ever, if any switches have been actuated durcolors so that their signals can easily be to will be energized, but due to the open distinguished. The circuit arrangement of contacts of relays 21 and 22, the remainder these lamps is such that one or the other of the system remains inoperative until the of these lamps is lighted at all times thereby operating circuit for the relays 21 and 22 is which they are individual is open or closed, lay 24 extends from battery D, through the since lamp 13 is lighted in the open posi-left-hand alternate contact of relay 20, and tion of the switch 4, while the lamp 14 is the winding of relay 24, to ground. A cirlighted when the switch 4 is in either of the cuit including the windings of relay 25 is which extends from battery E, through the upon the restoration of the switch 10 there- two windings of relay 25, and the contact at to normal, for opening the line connecting of relay 24, to ground. The operation of relays 16 and 17 also causes the energization of relay 34, the energizing circuit of 85 which may be traced from battery C, dental re-operation of the selector switch through the alternate contacts of relays 16 10. While a plurality of batteries have been and 17 in multiple, winding of relay 34, and shown for convenience, it is to be under- the contact of relay 23, to ground. The cuited upon the closure of the left-hand con-The operation of the apparatus used in tact of relay 34, and thereupon release their carrying out this invention is as follows: armatures. Relays 34 and 20 are, however, Let it be assumed that the power switch 4 maintained operated the first over a circuit engaging contact 6. Such engagement es-right-hand contact and winding of relay 34 tablishes an energizing circuit for relays 15, and the contact of relay 23, to ground; the second over a circuit extending from battery F, through the right-hand contact of relay 34, winding of relay 20, contacts of relays 21 100 and 22 in multiple, and the contact of relay 23, to ground.

On the energization of relay 25, its armature is attracted and completes a circuit including the motor 27 and the battery supply 105 26. The motor is associated with the interrupter 8 so that when operated it causes the rotation of the interrupter 8. The contact arm 29 of the interrupter 8 is held in its normal position by means of a pawl 65 which 110 28, to ground. The energization of release magnet 28 thereby attracts its armature 120 which allows the contact maker 29 to be revolved under the power of the motor 27.

The interrupter 8, in passing over its contacts, makes and breaks a circuit which includes a 125 volt current supply 30, this 125 circuit including the windings of marginal relays 31 and 32 and effecting their alternate operation and release during the actuation of the interrupter 8. These relays being in series open and close their contacts corre- 130

spondingly in response to the impulses relays 40 and 41 which are then energized. caused by the interrupter 8 in passing over ⁵ over a circuit extending from battery G, ation of relay 38. The new energizing cir. 70 10 from battery H, through the contact of relay circuit causes the operation of relays 41 and 75 15 ing the release of relay 36. Relay 36 will ings of relays 42 and 41 in series, and the 80 the contacts of relay 31, the energizing cir- the contacts of relays 41 and 42 in multiple, 85 25 opening and closing its contact, due to the lay 46 is established extending from battery 90 30 relay 48, winding of stepping magnet 58, is established upon the operation of relays 95 the operation of relay 32. Since relays 31 39 is, however, prevented due to the previous 100 synchronism.

39, winding of relay 40, and the winding of the winding of this relay. relay 23, to ground. The completion of the The operation of relay 32 in closing its circuit just traced causes the operation of re- contact completes the following circuit exlays 18, 38, 40 and 23. Relay 23, in operate tending from battery I, through the normal 120 ing, opens at its contact the energizing cir- contact of relay 48, the windings of relays cuit of relays 20 and 34 which are thereupon 49 and 50 in parallel, contact of relay 32, released. The release of relay 20 causes the and the right-hand contact of relay 44, to deenergization of relay 24 which in turn ground. Relay 50 is of the fast-to-operate causes the release of relay 25. Relay 40, in and slow-to-release type, and accordingly 125 operating, opens at its contact the energizing operates in response to the first impulse, due circuit of relay 31, which is released, cutting to the operation of relay 32, while relay out the interrupter 8 from the loop cir- 49 is slow-acting and does not operate until cuit and establishing another loop circuit relay 32 is operated for an appreciable through its alternate contact which includes length of time. The new loop circuit pro- 130

The release magnet 33 is maintained enerits contacts. The energization of relay 31 gized upon the release of relay 31, due to the causes the operation of slow-release relay 36 subsequent release of relay 31, and the operthrough the contact of relay 31, and the cuit therefor extends from battery K, winding of relay 32, to ground. Relay 36, in through the left-hand contact of relay 38, operating, causes the energization of the re- and the winding of release magnet 33, to lease magnet 33 over a circuit extending ground. The establishment of the new loop 36, and the winding of release magnet 33, to 42, the energizing circuit thereof extending ground. In case the line should be opened from one side of battery 30, through the or short-circuited during the stepping pe- winding of relay 32, left-hand normal conriod, relay 31 will be released thereby caus- tact of relay 44, contact of relay 37, the windthereby cause the deenergization of the re- alternate contact of relay 40, to the other side lease magnet 33 of the selector and restore of this battery. Relay 45 is operated upon the selector switch 9 to normal. The step- the energization of relays 41 and 42 over a ping magnet 35 is also controlled through circuit extending from battery L, through cuit of this magnet extending from battery right-hand alternate contact of relay 38, and G, through the contact of relay 31, and the the winding of relay 45, to ground. The winding of the stepping magnet 35 of the instant that selector switch 9 moves from its selector, to ground. Relay 32 (see Fig. 2) in normal position, an energizing circuit for reimpulses of current transmitted over the line M, through the winding of relay 46 and the from the interrupter 8, effects correspond- contact 47, which is closed as soon as selector ing changes in a circuit extending from switch 9 moves from its normal position, to battery I, through the normal contact of ground. An energizing circuit for relay 39 contact of relay 32, and the right-hand con- 45 and 46, extending from battery N, tact of relay 44, to ground. The stepping through the contact of relay 46, winding of magnet 58 is thereupon operated for step-relay 39, and the contact and winding of reping the selector switch, corresponding to lay 45, to ground. The operation of relay and 32 are initially in the same circuit, they operation of relays 41 and 42, which also conare correspondingly actuated and thereby nects a source of battery supply to the windcause the two switches 9 and 10 to step in ing of relay 39 upon the operation of relay 45, the circuit of which may be traced from The selector switches 9 and 10 advance, battery, through the contacts of relays 41 105 step by step until the selector switch 9 com- and 42 in multiple, right-hand contact of repletes a circuit with contact No. 100 which is lay 38, contact of relay 45, to the winding of associated with the apparatus individual to relay 39. In practice a common source of the power switch 4. A circuit is thereupon battery supply is used so that a low resistestablished extending from battery J, ance path is placed around the winding of 110 through the winding of relay 18, left-hand relay 39 when relays 41, 42 and 46 are opernormal contact of relay 19, right-hand alter- ated, thereby diverting sufficient current so nate contact and winding of relay 15, con- as to prevent its operation. It is, therefore, tact No. 100 on the lower level of the se- evident that relay 39 is prevented from oplector switch 9, selector wiper arm thereof, erating as long as relays 41 and 42 are op-115 winding of relay 38, normal contact of relay erated, due to the short circuit placed around

the sending station maintains relay 32 con- that might have accumulated in the retinuously energized, thereby causing the spective conductors, a shunt circuit is placed operation of relay 49. When relay 40 about the winding of relay 32. Thus, upon 5 operates, relay 32 holds up and relay 49 is the deenergization of relay 44, current is 70 thereby energized and applies negative bat- prevented from traversing the winding of tery O to its contacts, windings of relays 51 and 52, switch arm and contact 100 of contact 69 is broken. Therefore, any switch 10, winding of polarized relay 12, charge which might have accumulated on left-hand armature and contact of relay 54, the conductors extending between the two 75 resistance 55, and the off-normal contact 56 stations, passes through this shunt circuit of the selector switch 10 to ground. Relays so established, thereby preventing the mothereby energized over the circuit just quent operation of the switch 10 for the giv-15 traced. The contact 56 is closed as soon ing of a false indication. as the selector switch 10 moves from its Relay 44, in operating, momentarily initial position so that release magnet 57 opens the line loop at its left hand contact is operated as soon as this contact is closed including the windings of relays 41 and 42 over a circuit extending from battery P at the switching station, which are momenthrough the right-hand contact of relay 54, tarily released removing the short-circuit 85 winding of release magnet 57, and the con-from about relay 39, which thereupon opertact 56 to ground. Relay 12, in operating, ates. The holding circuit for relays 23, 40, removes a short-circuit from around lamp 38, and 18 is broken upon the operation of 14 and places a short-circuit around lamp relay 39, causing in turn the release of re-25 13, thereby extinguishing lamp 13 and light- lays 38, 15, and 18. The release of relay 90 ing lamp 14. Relays 51 and 52, in operat- 38 first opens at its left-hand contact the ing, establish an energizing circuit for relay energizing circuit of the release magnet 33, 48 which extends from battery Q through which allows the selector switch 9 to return the alternate contacts of relays 51 and 52 in to normal; second, opens the original enermultiple and the right-hand winding of re- gizing circuit of relay 45 which prevents 95 35 right-hand normal contact of relay 59, and energizing circuit of relay 37 which extends 100 The circuit including the winding of relay ing of relay 37, alternate contact of relay 40 54, and the right-hand contact of relay 44 thereupon maintained operated. The operato ground. The release magnet 57 is de-tion of relay 37 opens at its contact the stored to normal.

through the alternate contact and winding release of this relay and the opening of the contact of relay 44 to ground. The opera- lays 37, 40 and 23. tion of relay 60 connects through its con- The operation of the system having been tact battery R to the winding of relay 61 traced for the condition when the power which is thereupon operated. Relay 61, in switch 4 is in its closed position, let it now operating, causes the operation of relay 44 be assumed that the power switch 4 is in its 120 over a circuit extending from battery R through the contact of relay 61 and the right-hand winding of relay 44 to ground, thereby be momentarily in contact with conand the energizing circuit of relays 48, 54, tact 5 which causes the operation of relays 60, and 61 is thereby opened; these relays be- 19, 16, and 17 over a circuit extending from ing thereupon released. Relay 44 also in op- battery through the contact of the power erating opens at its left-hand normal con-switch 4, contact 5, the left-hand winding tact the energizing circuit of relays 41 and of relay 19, contact of relay 18, and the 42 which are momentarily released. In or- windings of relays 16 and 17 in series to der that relay 32 will not be energized upon ground. The operation of the remainder of

vided upon the operation of relay 40 at the release of relay 44, due to any charge this relay, as contact 68 is completed before 51 and 52 and the polarized relay 12 are mentary operation of relay 32 and the subse-

lay 48 to ground. A locking circuit is est the short-circuit from being reestablished tablished upon the operation of relay 48 ex- around the winding of relay 39 when relays tending from battery through the alternate 41 and 42 are again operated. Relay 39, in contact and left-hand winding of this relay, operating, closes at its alternate contact the the contact 56 of selector switch 10 to ground. from battery through the right-hand wind-54 extends from battery through the alter- 39, and the windings of relays 40 and 23 in nate contact of relay 48, winding of relay series to ground. Relays 40 and 23 are energized upon the operation of relay 54 short-circuit from around the resistance 62 and causes the selector switch 10 to be re- and prevents the reoperation of relay 32 when relay 44 momentarily opens and closes As soon as the selector switch 10 returns the loop circuit. When the selector switch 110 to normal, slow-operating relay 60 is op- 9 returns to normal, the energizing circuit erated over a circuit extending from battery for relay 46 is broken, thereby causing the of relay 48, normal contact of relay 59, holding circuit of relays 39 and 45. These winding of relay 60, and the right-hand relays in releasing, cause the release of re- 115

open position. The contact of the power switch 4, as shown in the drawing, will

the system is the same as described for the hand contact and winding of relay 59 to 5 through the winding of relay 18, left-hand is removed for restoring the system to nor- 70 normal contact of relay 15, right-hand alter- mal. nate contact and winding of relay 19 through segment No. 100 and selector wiper of the selector switch 10 is connected with arm on the upper level of the selector battery, through the left-hand contact of re-10 switch 9, left-hand winding of relay 37, lay 54 and the resistance 63, so that in case 75 in series to ground. The operation of relay 37 opens the shunt around the resistance 62, 15 and prevents relay 32 from holding up when relay 40 operates for establishment of the loop circuit. The open contact of relay 32 now causes the release of relay 50, and since the selector switch 10 has been advanced to paratus will function in the usual manner. 20 seize contact 100 in the manner previously What is claimed is: described battery will be applied to the 1. A signaling system comprising a first winding of relay 12 in the opposite direc-, and a second station, a plurality of switches tion to that for the closed position, so that located at said first station, a rotary interthe armature thereof will remove the shunt rupter operative upon the actuation of one 25 circuit from around the lamp 13, and again of said switches, a loop circuit, an automatic 90 place the shunt around the lamp 14, causing selector switch at each of said stations, the extinguishment of the lamp 14 and the means in the loop circuit operated by said lighting of the lamp 13 as described for the interrupter for driving the automatic seclosed position. The energizing circuit for lector switches in synchronism, a signal de-30 relay 12 extends from battery through re- vice at the second station individual to each 95 sistance 63, left-hand contact and armature of the switches at the first station, and of relay 54, winding of polarized relay 12, means responsive upon the connection of the contact 100 and the switch arm of the selec- automatic selector switch with a desired one tor switch 10, windings of relays 52 and 51 of the contacts thereof for causing the oper-35 in series, resistance 53 and the back contacts of relay 50 to ground.

In cases where several switches have been operated simultaneously in such sequence that the selector will be behind in transmit-40 ting indications, relays 16 and 17 will again be energized the instant contact 48 is broken and the selector will search out each switch by clearing those connected to the lowest

numbered segments first.

Should the line at any time become shortcircuited, relay 32 will operate and remain operated until the short-circuit is removed. The operation of relay 32 causes the energization of stepping magnet 58 as previously 50 described to effect the operation of the selector switch 10. A circuit is established upon the connection of the arm of the selector switch 10 with contact A which extends from battery through the contact of 55 relay 49, windings of relays 51 and 52 in and a second station, a plurality of mecha- 120 series, contact arm, and contact A of selector nisms at the first station, a signaling device switch 10, and the right-hand winding of individual to each of said mechanisms and relay 59 to ground. Relay 59 will operate located at the second station, an automatic and open the circuit for relay 60 which selector switch at each station, a loop cir-60 opens the energizing circuit for relay 61. cuit connecting the two stations, a relay in 125 Relay 48 will lock up in the usual manner each end of the loop circuit for controlling and release the selector switch and at the same time establish a locking circuit for relay 59, which extends from battery through 65 the alternate contact of relay 48, and left-

closed position and the switch indication ground. Relays 48 and 59 will remain until the contact arm reaches segment No. operated under the control of relay 32 which 100 is identical. The battery being now fed will not be released until the short-circuit

At the indicating station segment No. 101 winding of relay 38, normal contact of re- the wiper arm of this switch should pass lay 39, and the windings of relays 40 and 23 over segment No. 100, the apparatus will function in the usual manner to restore the selector to normal. At the switching station segment No. 101 of the switch 9 is connected 80 to battery through the resistance 64, so that if the wiper arm passes segment No. 100, it will find battery on this segment and the ap-

ation of said signaling device to furnish a 100 distinctive signal.

2. A signaling system comprising a first and a second station, a plurality of mechanisms at the first station, an automatic selector switch at each of said stations, a 105 signaling device individual to each of said mechanisms and located at the second station, a connecting link circuit terminating at each of said stations, a rotary interrupter operative in response to the actuation of one 110 of said mechanisms, means responsive to the operation of said interrupter for driving said automatic selector switches in synchronism, and a relay at the second office individual to each of said mechanisms energized 115 upon the seizure of the line associated therewith to cause said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal.

3. A signaling system comprising a first the operation of said automatic selector switches, means for intermittently operating said relays, means responsive to the connection of the automatic selector switch at the 130

first station with a line associated with an actuated one of said mechanisms, means operated upon the operation of said second mentioned means for causing said signating 5 device to furnish a distinctive signal, and a relay operated due to the restoration of the automatic selector switch at the second office to normal, to momentarily open the loop circuit for preventing the re-operation of the 10 automatic selector switch of the second station.

switching and an indicating station, a plu- cating station, an automatic selector switch rality of mechanisms at the switching sta- at each station, a loop circuit connecting the 15 tion, an automatic selector switch at each of two stations, a relay in each end of the loop 80 said stations, a signaling device individual circuit for controlling the operation of said to each of said mechanisms and located at automatic selector switches, means for inthe indicating station, a connecting link termittently operating said relays, means circuit terminating at each of said stations, responsive to the connection of the auto-20 a periodically rotating interrupter operative matic selector switch at the first station with 85 upon the actuation of any one of said mecha- a line associated with an actuated one of nisms, a pair of relays in said link circuit said mechanisms, means operated upon the operated upon the rotation of said interrupter for driving said automatic selector 25 switches in synchronism, and means operative upon the seizure of a line associated with an actuated mechanism to cause said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal.

switching and an indicating station, a plurality of mechanisms at the switching sta- switching and an indicating station, a plution, an automatic selector switch at each rality of mechanisms at the switching staof said stations, a signaling device individ- tion, a signaling device individual to said 35 ual to each of said mechanisms and located mechanisms and located at the indicating 100 at the indicating station, a connecting link circuit terminating at each of said stations, a periodically rotating interrupter having a plurality of open and closed segments opertive in response to the actuation of any one of said mechanisms, means responsive to the operation of said interrupter for driving said automatic selector switches in synchronism, and a relay at the indicating station individual to each of said mechanisms energized upon the seizure of the line associated therewith to cause said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal.

6. A signaling system comprising a switching and an indicating station, a plurality of mechanisms at the switching sta- the indicating station to normal to momention, a signaling device individual to each of said mechanisms and located at the in- re-operation of the automatic selector switch dicating station, a normally closed connect-35 ing link circuit terminating at each of said stations in a relay, an automatic selector switch at each of said stations, a rotary interrupter released upon the actuation of any one of said mechanisms for intermittently 60 energizing said relays, means responsive to the operation of one of said relays to operate said automatic selector switch at the switching station to seize a line associated with an actuated one of said mechanisms, means at 65 the indicating station responsive to the oper-

ation of the relay thereat to operate the other automatic selector switch to seize a line associated with a signaling device individual to the mechanism whose line has been seized, and means operated upon the 70 seizure of said line to operate said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal.

7. A signaling system comprising a switching and an indicating station, a plurality of mechanisms at the switching sta- 75 on.
4. A signaling system comprising a of said mechanisms and located at the indioperation of said second mentioned means for causing said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal, and means operated due 90 to the restoration of the automatic selector switch at the second office to normal to momentarily open the loop circuit for preventing the re-operation of the automatic selector signaling system comprising a switch at the indicating station.

8. A signaling system comprising a station, an automatic selector switch at each station, a loop circuit connecting the two stations, means in each end of the loop circuit for controlling the operation of said automatic selector switches, a periodically 105 rotary interrupter for intermittently operating said means, means responsive to the connection of the automatic selector switch at the switching station with a line associated with an actuated one of said mecha- 110 nisms, a relay operated upon the operation of said second mentioned means for causing said signaling device to furnish a distinctive signal, and a relay operated due to the restoration of the automatic selector switch at 115 tarily open the loop circuit to prevent the at the indicating station.

9. A signaling system comprising a first 120 and a second station a plurality of power switches located at the first station and provided with contacts, a signaling device at the second station individual to each of said power switches, a normally closed loop cir- 125 cuit connecting the two stations, an automatic selector switch at the first station having a plurality of groups of lines leading to the contacts representing the open and closed positions of said power switches, a 130

second automatic selector switch at the second station, means to operate said automatic selector switch at the first station to seize a has been seized, and means to operate said signaling device in a distinctive manner.

In witness whereof we hereunto subscribe 10 second automatic selector switch at the secline in one of said groups, means to operate our names this 17th day of September A. D., the other of said automatic selector switches 1919. to seize a line associated with a signaling device individual to the mechanism whose line

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