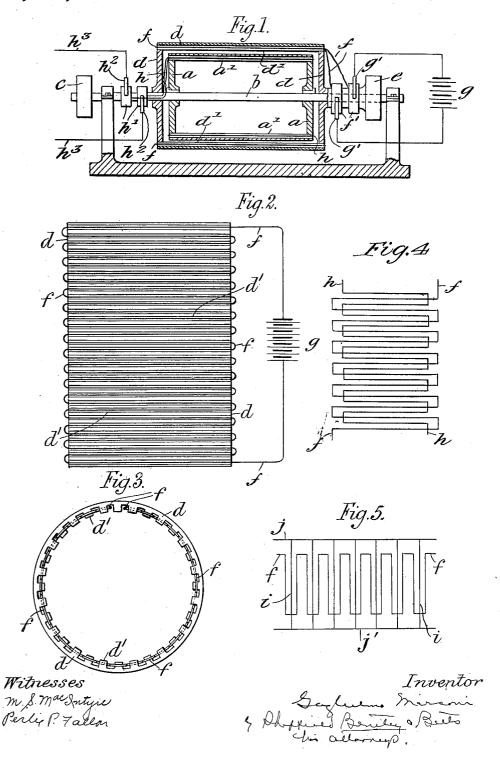
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Guglielmo Marconi, a subject of the King of Italy, residing at Marconi House, Strand, London, England. have invented new and useful Improved Means for Generating Alternating Electric Currents, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide 10 improved apparatus for generating alternating currents and especially currents of high frequency such as are employed in wireless telegraph and telephone transmitters.

The drawings show diagrammatically ap-15 paratus constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 1 is a diagrammatic section. Fig. 2 is a developed view of the inside of the outer cylinder shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an end view of the outer cylinder with the end removed. Fig. 4 is a representation of the windings of these two cylinders and Fig. 5 shows an alternative arrangement.

a is a cylinder keyed to a shaft b which is

driven by a pulley c fixed to it.

d is an outer cylinder loose upon the shaft b and driven by the pulley e in an opposite direction. The interior of the cylinder dhas equally spaced ridges or teeth  $d^1$  formed 30 upon it along generating lines and the wire fis wound backward and forward between these teeth as seen in Fig. 2.

The ends of the wire f are connected to a pair of rings  $f^1$  to which current is led from 35 a source g of continuous current by brushes  $g^1$ . The inner cylinder is similarly provided with inwardly projecting ridges or teeth at between which a wire h is wound backward and forward in a similar manner to that em-40 ployed for the wire f. Portions of the two wires f and h will therefore appear as in Fig. 4 when the relative positions of the two cylinders are such that the parts of the wire f lie half way between the parts of the 45 wire h. On rotating one cylinder relative to the other, or on rotating both cylinders in opposite directions, a rapidly alternating current is induced in the winding h the ends of which are connected to rings  $h^1$  on the 50 cylinder a. This current is conveyed to the working circuit  $h^3$  by the brushes  $h^2$ .

Fig. 5 is a diagram similar to Fig. 4, but it shows an alternative arrangement of winding the secondary circuit. The primary cir-1

cuit f is wound as above described, but the 55secondary circuit consists of a number of parallel wires i lying between the ridges of the cylinder a and connected together in parallel by a wire j at one end connected to one of the rings  $h^1$  and a wire  $j^1$  at the other connected to the other ring  $h^2$ . In this case there are half as many wires i and therefore ridges in the cylinder a as there are wires and ridges in the cylinder d.

In order to prevent the cylinder d from 65, flying to pieces by centrifugal force it is well to coil around its exterior fine wire such as piano wire, but this is not shown in the drawings. In order also to obtain a greater relative speed between the cylinders and 70 therefore a higher frequency of alternation in the circuit h<sup>3</sup> I prefer to rotate not only the outer cylinder but also the inner cylinder, and if the pace of the inner cylinder be great I protect it with coils of thin wire in 75 a manner similar to that employed for the outer cylinder.

What I claim is:—

1. In a high frequency electric alternator, the combination of a cylinder, equally spaced 80 inwardly projecting ridges formed on its interior surface along generating lines, a winding comprising a number of parallel wires lying between the ridges, a second cylinder mounted within and coaxially with the first 85 cylinder, equally spaced inwardly projecting ridges formed upon the second cylinder along generating lines, a second winding comprising a number of parallel wires lying between the ridges of the second cylinder. 90 one of said windings being adapted to be excited by a direct current, and the other of said windings having terminals adapted to be connected to an external circuit, and means whereby one of the cylinders may be 95 rotated.

2. In a high frequency electric alternator, the combination of a cylinder, equally spaced projecting ridges formed on its interior surface along generating lines, a winding com- 100 prising a number of parallel wires lying between the ridges, a second cylinder, mounted within and coaxially with the first cylinder, equally spaced inwardly projecting ridges formed on the interior surface of the second 105 cylinder along generating lines, a second winding comprising a number of paralle wires lying between the ridges of the secon

cylinder, one of said windings being adapted to be excited by a direct current, and the other of said windings having terminals adapted to be connected to an external circuit, and means whereby the two cylinders may be rotated in opposite directions.

3. In a high frequency electric alternator,

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cylinder along generating lines and equal in number to those of the first cylinder, a second winding comprising a number of parallel wires lying between the ridges of the second cylinder, one of said windings being 20 adapted to be excited by a direct current, and the other of said windings having terminals adapted to be connected to an external circuit, and means whereby the two cylinders may be rotated in opposite directions.

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