

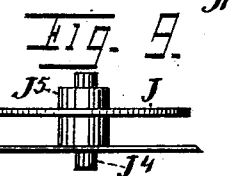
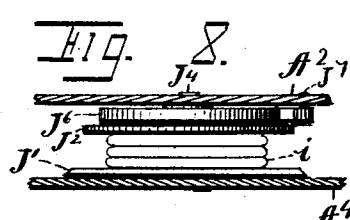
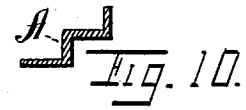
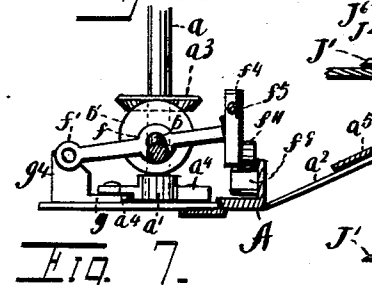
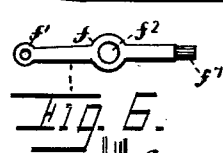
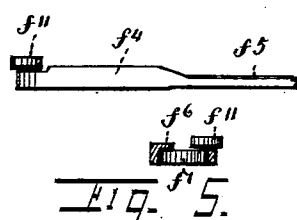
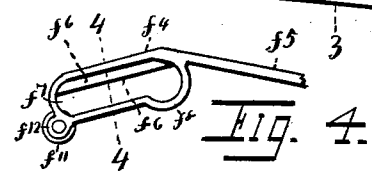
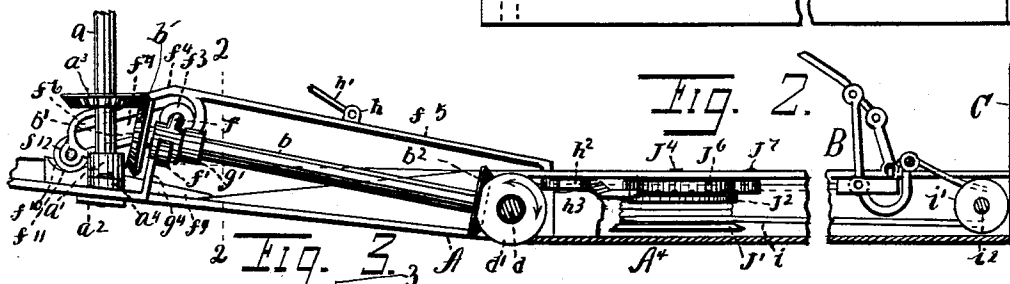
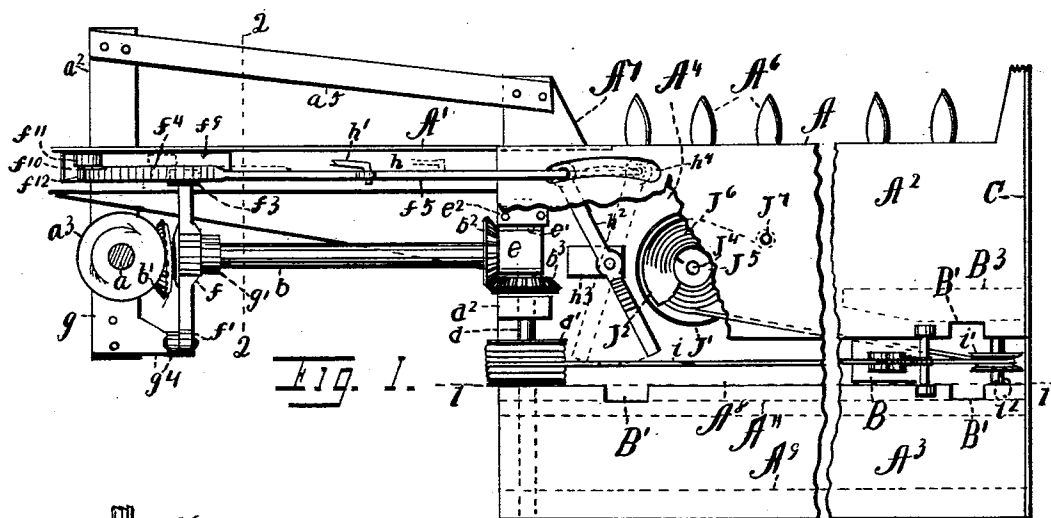
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GEAR-SHIFTING MECHANISM FOR HARVESTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE SCHUBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Walnut, in the county of Bosque and State of Texas, have invented a certain new and useful Gear-Shifting Mechanism for Harvesters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in gear-shifting mechanism for conveyers for harvesters and binders, and it has reference more especially to a gear-shifting mechanism for a reciprocating conveyer in which a gear is engaged and automatically disengaged as the conveyer nears the end of its stubbleward movement.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a harvester-platform provided with my improvements, the upper plate of the platform being partly broken away to show parts below in full lines, and the upper end of the vertical shaft *a* is also broken away. Fig. 2 is a view looking toward the front of the machine from line 1 1, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the finger-bar from the rear. Fig. 4 is a side view of the shifting guide or bar. In Fig. 5 is shown an edge view of same and a cross-section on line 4 4. Fig. 6 is a detail view of the movable bearing. Fig. 7 is a view on line 2 2 of Figs. 1 and 2, looking stubbleward. Fig. 8 is an enlarged view of the drum provided with the spring and cord. Fig. 9 is a detail view of the drum. Fig. 10 is a cross-section of the finger-bar, taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the finger-bar. A' is a vertical flange on its front edge, extending from the shoe A' to the frame of the harvester. (Not shown in the drawings.)

A⁶ are the usual guards secured to the front edge of the finger-bar A.

A⁴ is the lower plate of the platform secured with its front edge to the lower flange of the finger-bar and with its rear edge to the sill A⁹. (Shown in Fig. 1 in dotted lines.)

A² and A³ indicate the upper plates of the platform. The plate A² is secured with its front edge to the finger-bar and resting with its rear on the bearing *d*² and block B³. (Shown in dotted lines.) A slot *h*⁴ is made in the plate A², as shown in Fig. 1, in which the rod *f*³ operates. The plate A³ is secured

to the sills A⁹ and A¹¹. (Shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. A slot A⁸ is left between the plates A² and A³, and notches B' are formed on the inwardly-projecting edges of the plates A² and A³ for the operation of the conveyer. C designates the grainboard secured to the plates A², A³, and A⁴ and to the finger-bar in any well-known manner.

a designates a vertical shaft journaled with its upper end in a bearing supported by the harvester-frame, (not shown,) and with its lower end in a bearing *a'*, supported on the bar *a*², and provided with ears or lugs *a*⁴, extending on the bracket *g* and the finger-bar A, as shown in Fig. 7, and provided with a bevel-pinion *a*³ in position to engage with bevel-pinion *b*¹.

b designates a shaft slightly inclined and extending from the vertical shaft *a* to the inner end of the platform and journaled with its grain end in a pivoted bearing *e* and in a movable bearing *f* near its stubble end adjacent the bevel-pinion *b*¹, and provided with a collar *g*¹ adjacent the movable bearing *f*, and a bevel-pinion *b*¹ on its stubble end in position to be engaged and disengaged with the bevel-pinion *a*³, and a bevel-pinion *b*² near its grain end in position to engage with bevel-pinion *b*³ on the shaft *d*. Said shaft *d* is located on the inner or stubble end of the platform and is journaled in a bearing *d*² near its front end, and, extending through the strip A¹¹ and journaled with its rear end in the sill A⁹ and provided with a drum *d*¹ near the center of the slot A⁸ and a bevel-pinion *b*³ adjacent the front side of the bearing *d*² and in mesh with the bevel-pinion *b*², the front end of said shaft *d* projects through the bevel-pinion *b*³, for the purpose hereinafter stated.

e is a pivoted bearing for the grain end of shaft *b*, anchored with its rear side on the front end of shaft *d*, and provided with a stud or trunnion *e*¹ on its front side, journaled in the bracket *e*², secured to the rear flange of the finger-bar A.

f is a movable bearing having a perforation *f*² near its center to receive the shaft *b*, and having its front end slightly reduced to enter a roller *f*³. (Shown in Fig. 2 and in dotted lines in Fig. 1.)

g is a bracket secured to the rear end of the bar *a*², as shown in Fig. 1, and provided with

a nearly vertical arm g^4 , projecting slightly grainward, and of proper height to form a pivot for the rear end f' of the movable bearing f .

5 f^4 is a guide having a slot f^7 and a flange f^6 projecting partly over the slot f^7 on the front side of the guide. Said slot f^7 has a depression f^8 in its upper or grain end and a lug f^{12} on its lower and stubble end, provided with a stud to receive the antifriction roller f^{11} , to operate on the block or track f^9 , which is secured to the finger-bar A and provided with a depression f^{10} near its stubble end. Said track is made inclined, as shown in Fig. 2, and is secured to the finger-bar A, adjacent the vertical flange A' and opposite the vertical shaft a . The guide f^4 is formed on the stubble end of the rod f^5 . Said rod f^5 extends grainward to the platform and is pivoted to the front end of a lever h^2 and provided with a lug h near the center of its length, from which lug a draw-rod h' is extended to the operator's seat. (Not shown in the drawings.) The lever h^2 is pivoted on a block h^3 , secured in the platform near the stubble end of the latter, and extends its rear end in the passage-way of the conveyer B and with its rear end depressed to operate beneath the cord i .

30 J^3 designates a drum rigidly secured to its axle J^4 , by which it is pivoted in the platform in the plates A^2 and A^4 , near the stubble end of the platform, and said drum is provided with flanges J^2 and J' , as shown in Fig. 9, with the lower flange J' having its edge beveled from the upper side. Said drum J^5 is provided with a spring J^6 , having its inner end secured to the drum J^5 and its outer end secured to a stud J^7 , secured in the plate A^2 , as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and shown in Figs. 2 and 8.

45 i designates a cord secured with one end to the drum d' and extending over a sheave i' at the grain end of the platform, and secured with its other end to the drum J^5 and wound on said drum J^5 a proper number of times to allow the conveyer B to move from the grain end to the stubble end of the platform. Said conveyer B is secured a proper distance from the end of the cord i , secured on the drum d' , to allow it to move to the grain end of the platform. The sheave i' is secured near the center of the slot A^8 on its shaft i^2 , which has its bearings in the block B^3 and strip A^{11} .

55 (Shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.)

I prefer to place the drum J^5 near the stubble end of the platform to avoid the employing of guide-rollers to guide the cord on the sheave i' and in returning to the drum J^5 .

60 The cross-bar a^2 is screwed to the finger-bar A near its stubble end.

a^5 is a bar extending from the front end of the bar a^2 to the shoe A^7 .

The operation is as follows, viz: When the operator desires to start the conveyer, he draws the draw-rod f^5 stubbleward, thus shifts the guide f^4 in the same direction, thereby

elevating the front end of the movable bearing f , which elevates the stubble end of the shaft b , thus engaging the bevel-pinion b' with the bevel-pinion a^3 . The vertical shaft a is rotated in the direction as shown by arrow in Fig. 1 by mechanism of the harvester. (Not shown in the drawings.) As the shaft b is rotated it in turn rotates the shaft d by the bevel-pinions b^2 and b^3 , and the drum d' , being rigidly secured to the shaft d , it is thus rotated with the shaft d and causes the cord i to wind on said drum d' , thus drawing the conveyer stubbleward and unwinding the cord from the drum J^5 . As the conveyer moves stubbleward it moves against the lever h^2 , moving its near end in the same direction, which moves its front end in the opposite direction or grainward, thus moving the guide f^4 in the same direction and disengaging the bevel-pinion b' from bevel-pinion a^3 , thereby discontinuing the forward or stubbleward movement of the conveyer. As soon as the bevel-pinions b' and a^3 are disengaged the spring J^6 will wind the cord i back on the drum J^5 again, thus moving the conveyer to the grain end of the platform, where it will remain until again started by the operator, as heretofore stated. The guide f^4 is supported by its antifriction roller f^{11} , which operates on the block f^9 , adjacent the rear side of the vertical flange A' , and is prevented from moving rearward by the roller f^3 , operating adjacent the rear or inner side of the flange f^6 .

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a gear-shifting mechanism for harvesters, the combination, with a bar f^5 , provided with a guide f^4 , having a slot f^7 and a depression f^8 in said slot f^7 , an antifriction roller f^{11} on said guide, a block or track f^9 , having a recess f^{10} , a movable bearing f , pivoted to the harvester-frame with one end and extending with its other end to the guide f^4 , and provided with an antifriction roller f^3 to operate in the guide f^4 , a draw-rod h' , a shaft a , and a shaft b , bevel-pinions a^3 and b' , as shown, and for the purpose described.

2. In a gear-shifting mechanism for harvesters, the combination, with a bar f^5 , provided with a guide f^4 , having a slot f^7 and a depression f^8 in said slot f^7 , an antifriction roller f^{11} on said guide, a block or track f^9 , having a recess f^{10} , a movable bearing f , pivoted with one end to the harvester-frame and extending with its other end in the slot f^7 , substantially as shown, and for the purpose described, shaft a and shaft b , bevel-pinions a^3 and b' , a shaft d , a drum d' on said shaft d , bevel-pinions b^2 and b^3 on the shafts b and d , a pivoted bearing e , a cord i , secured to the drum d' and to a spring-drum J^5 , and attached to a conveyer to operate in the platform and connected to the rod f^5 , a lever h^2 , pivoted in the platform, as shown, and for the purpose described.

3. In a gear-shifting mechanism for harvest-

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with a guide f^4 , having a slot f^7 and a depres-
sion f^8 in said slot f^7 , an antifriction roller
 f^{11} on said guide, a block or track f^9 , having
5 a recess f^{10} , a movable bearing f , pivoted with
one end to the harvester-frame and having an
antifriction roller on its other end to engage
with the slot f^7 , shaft a , and shaft b , bevel-
pinion a^3 and bevel-pinion b' , bevel-pinions
10 b^2 and b^3 on shaft b and d , a pivoted bearing
 e , a drum d' on shaft d , a spring-drum J^5 , piv-
oted in the platform, a sheave i' , a cord i ,

passing over the sheave and having one end
attached to the drum d' and the other end
attached to the drum J^5 , a conveyer attached 15
to the said cord for operating in the platform,
and a lever h^2 , pivoted in the platform con-
nected at one end to the bar f^5 and having its
other end in the path of the conveyer, sub-
stantially as described.

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