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Fig. 1.

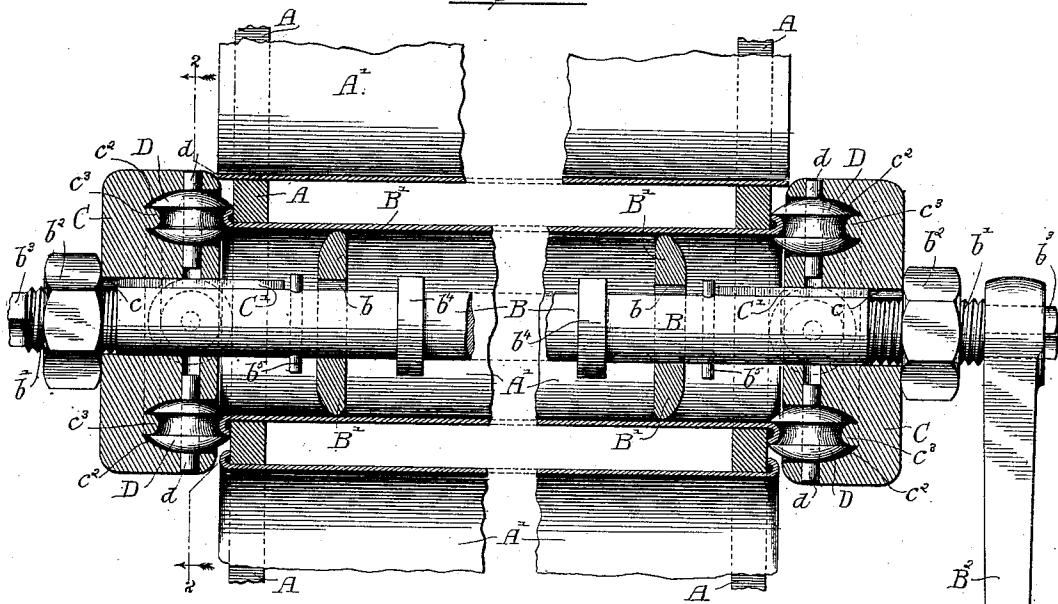
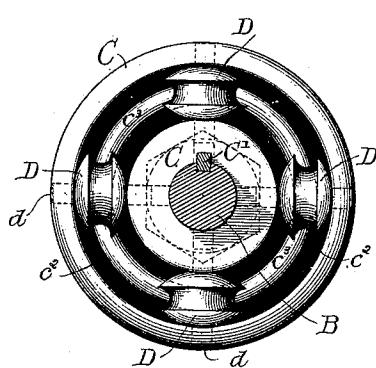


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIRAM EDWARDS, of Aurora, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful 5 Improvements in Machines for Beading the Ends of Boiler-Tubes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the 10 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to novel devices adapted to be employed for beading the ends of boiler-tubes.

15 The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character whereby both ends of boiler-tubes may be beaded simultaneously after the same have been arranged in position and expanded within the flue-sheets.

20 The invention consists in the details of construction and combinations of parts herein-after fully described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of a device embodying my invention and represented as applied to one of a plurality of boiler-tubes secured at their opposite ends in flue-sheets. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken 30 on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

As shown in said drawings, A A are flue-sheets of a boiler provided with correspondingly-located circular openings, into which boiler-tubes A' A' are inserted and suitably 35 expanded, so as to be securely fixed therein.

My improved beading device comprises a shaft B, which is intended to pass through the tubes to be beaded and is somewhat longer than the same.

40 B' B' are guide-rings formed with central openings having notches or feather-ways b b, by which they may be passed over splines or feathers C' C' and held upon the shaft between the collars b<sup>4</sup> b<sup>4</sup> and pins b<sup>5</sup> b<sup>5</sup>, and 45 thus support said shaft B centrally with the tubes to be beaded.

C C are heads mounted loosely upon the ends of the shaft B and provided interiorly with notches or feather-ways c c, which receive 50 splines or feathers C' C', formed on the end

portions of the shaft B. It will thus be seen that the heads C C are capable only of a longitudinal movement upon said shaft. Near the ends of said shaft B, exterior to the splines or feathers C' C', are screw-threaded portions 55 b' b', upon which nuts b<sup>2</sup> b<sup>2</sup> are adapted to fit to hold the heads C C upon the shaft. The extreme ends b<sup>3</sup> b<sup>3</sup> of the shaft are squared to receive a crank B<sup>2</sup>, by means of which said shaft may be revolved; but it will be obvious that other forms of cranks or similar devices for revolving the shaft may be employed, as this forms no part of my invention. The inner face of each head C is provided with an annular recess or groove c<sup>2</sup>, 65 having a ridge or rib c<sup>3</sup> in its bottom.

D D are grooved rollers mounted upon radial pins d d, which pass through said recess or groove, and are so arranged that the grooves of the rollers will bear upon the ridge or rib 70 c<sup>3</sup> of the recess, and thus relieve the strain on the pins, and also prevent a lateral movement of the rollers. It will be obvious that after continued use the portion of the head in the rear of the rollers will be worn away, in 75 which event new holes can be bored for the bearing-pins and the position of the rollers thus changed, so that they will bear against other parts of the rib. It will also be manifest that by means of the nuts b<sup>2</sup> b<sup>2</sup> the heads 80 C C may be carried or forced toward each other. I have shown in the drawings the said head provided with four rollers or beaders, which number may be varied, if desired.

The parts of my invention being constructed 85 and assembled as described, the operation is as follows: When it is desired to bead the end of a boiler-tube, one of the heads C is removed and the shaft is passed through the tube, when said guide-rings will hold it centrally therein. The head is then replaced, and the heads are drawn against the projecting ends of the tubes to be beaded by means of one or both of the nuts b<sup>2</sup> b<sup>2</sup>. The heads are then revolved by means of the cranks, 90 and the said rollers are caused to travel around said ends of the tubes. Either one or both of the nuts b<sup>2</sup> b<sup>2</sup> are moved slightly inward as the rollers revolve, so as to maintain 95 a sufficient pressure of the rollers upon the 100