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Fig. 1.

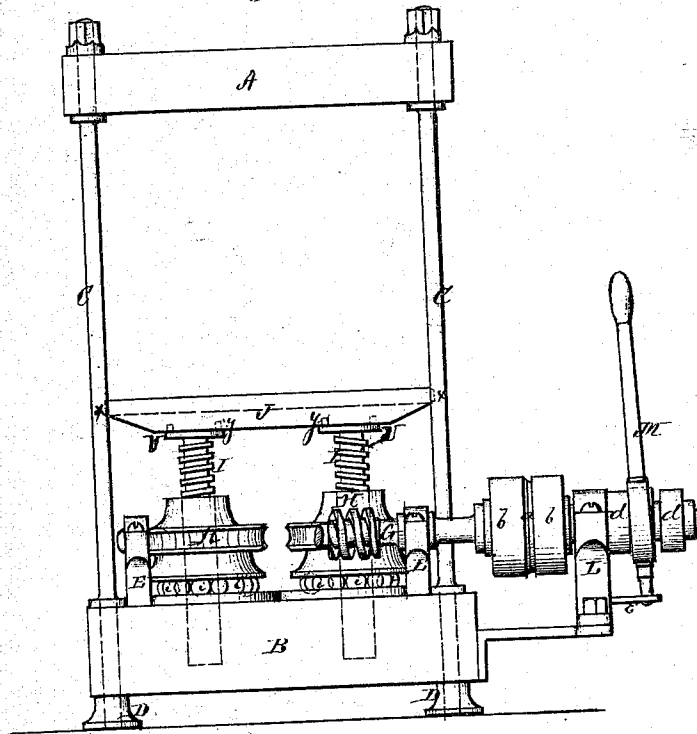
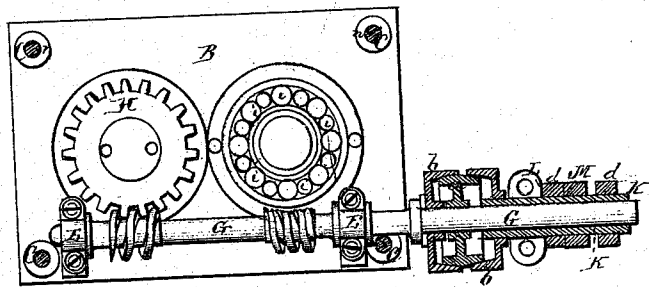


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED CLOTH-PRESS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, CHARLES H. WESTON and JOHN DENNIS, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and in the State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cloth-Presses; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to that class of presses known as "steam cloth-presses," and consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and

Figure 2 is a horizontal section of our press.

In the accompanying drawings we have not deemed it necessary to represent any more of a "steam cloth-press" than what is requisite for a full understanding of the case.

A represents the top, and B the bottom or base of the press, connected by means of four corner-posts, C C, provided with shoulders *a a* near their ends, against which the top and bottom rest, they being secured by nuts, the nuts D D, under the bottom, forming the feet upon which the press rests. Or, in place of the nut, it may be a welded collar combined with a foot.

Two of the posts, C C, are provided with longitudinal grooves *n n*, as seen in fig. 2, in which grooves lugs or projections on the plates fit, so as to guide them in their upward and downward movement.

In two small standards, E E, on the base B, a horizontal worm-shaft, G, has its bearings, said worms gearing with two cog-wheels, H H, provided with female screws in the center, through which pass the vertical screws I I, supporting the lower plate J, so that by turning the worm-shaft in either directions said plate is either raised or lowered.

On the shaft G, outside of the press, is placed a sleeve, K, which passes through a standard, L, attached in any suitable manner to the side of the base B forming the bearing for the same. This sleeve is, on its inner end, provided with a pulley, *a*, the outer circumference of which is beveled, as shown in fig. 2, from the center inward toward the edges.

On each side of the pulley *a* is placed a loose pul-

ley, *b*, one on the shaft G, and the other on the sleeve K. These pulleys *b b* are hollow on the sides facing the pulley *a*, so that they can inclose the edge of said pulley and bear tightly against the same.

On the sleeve K, outside of the standard L, are secured two collars, *d d*, a suitable distance apart, between which collars a loose lever, M, is placed, the lower end of said lever being pivoted in an arm, *e*, extending from the standard L. By the use of this lever the sleeve K may be moved so as to bring the pulley *a* in contact with either one of the pulleys *b*, and said pulleys being connected with the engine, one by a straight or open, and the other by a cross-belt, so that the worm-shaft can readily be moved or turned in either direction to raise or lower the plates. The sleeve K is provided on its inside with a feather which fits in a longitudinal groove on the shaft, and thus the sleeve may be moved endwise on the shaft, but cannot revolve without also revolving the shaft.

In the base B of the press are two bale-boxes, provided with circular recesses, in which are placed a series of balls, *i i*, upon which screw-wheels H H rest. The balls *i i* are of two sizes, being placed alternately a large and a small ball, which makes less friction than there would be if the balls were all of one size, as it will readily be seen that by having every other ball smaller it rolls, and does not rub as it would if all of one size.

We may, however, use balls all of one size, as well as cones in place of the balls, which would answer the same purpose. The balls may be placed either inside or outside of the ball-box.

Having thus fully described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the grooved standards C, plate J, provided with end lugs *x* and sockets *y*, the screws I, and disks U, when these parts are constructed substantially as described, and arranged to operate as and for the purpose specified.

2. The arrangement of the screws I, caps H, provided with exterior gear-balls or cones *i*, worm-shaft G, and operating pulleys *a b b*, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing, we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of March, 1870.

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