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Fig. 1.

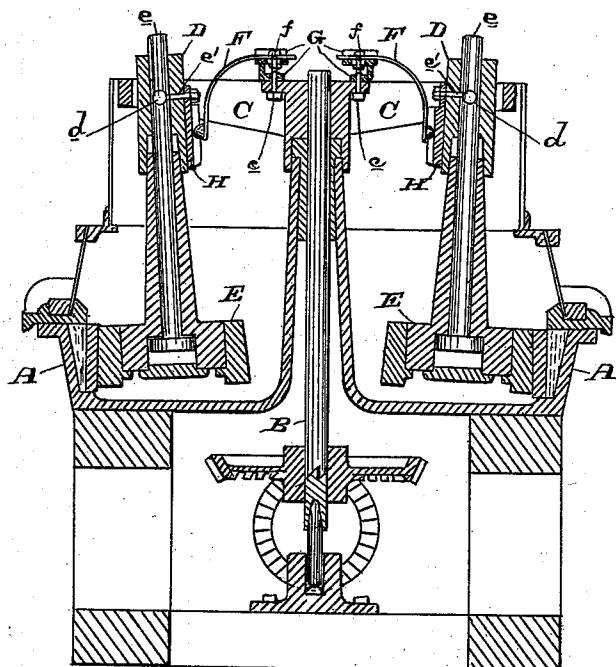
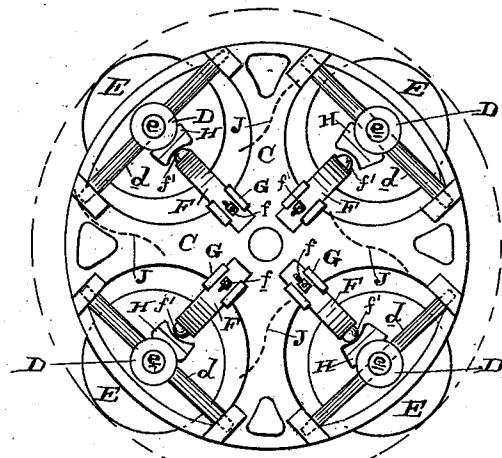


Fig. 2.



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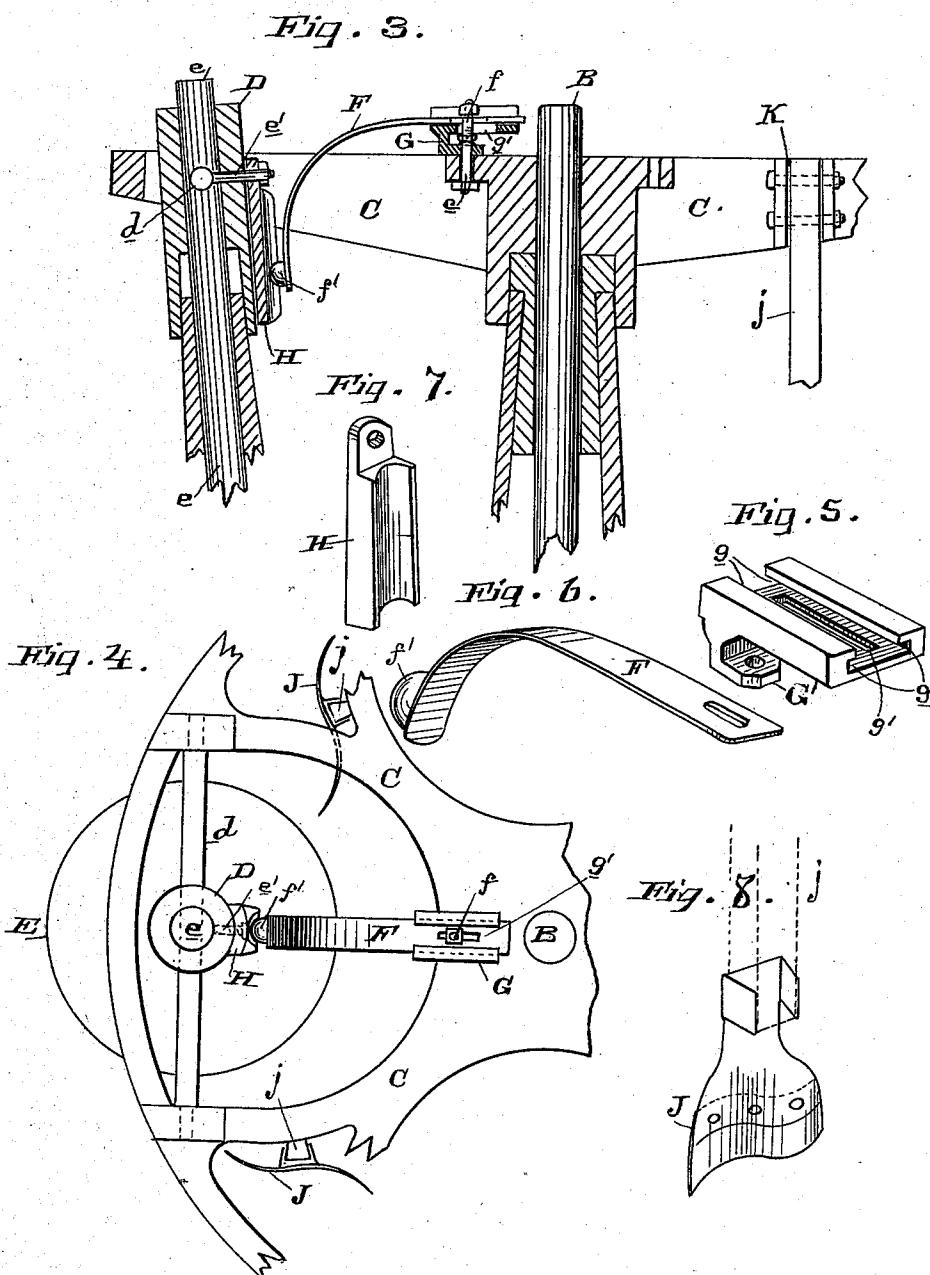
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ORE-GRINDING MILL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MCKENZIE, of El Dorado, El Dorado county, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Ore-
5 Grinding Mills; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of ore-grinding machines, and especially to that sub-
10 class known as "centrifugal crushing-mills," in which the grinding-rollers are suspended from a rotating driver by a pivot or hinge connection and are adapted by centrifugal force to swing outwardly to the rim of the pan;
15 and my invention consists in the constructions and combinations of devices which I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention,
20 Figure 1 is a vertical section of my improved grinding-mill. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section of a portion of the mill, showing the spring F and connections. Fig. 4 is a plan of same, 25 showing also plates J. Fig. 5 is a perspective of casting G. Fig. 6 is a perspective of spring F. Fig. 7 is a perspective of wearing-plate H. Fig. 8 is a perspective of plate J.

A is a pan through the center of which extends the drive-shaft B, to the top of which is connected the driver C.

D are tubular hangers or sleeves having trunnions d, which are journaled in boxes in the outer ends of the driver, said hangers carrying the spindles or shafts e of the rollers E.

The parts thus far described are, essentially, those at present in use, and it will be seen that by rotating the shaft B the rollers are carried around, and, being suspended by pivots above, they swing outwardly by centrifugal force against the rim of pan A and grind the ore against said rim; but this force is not of sufficient certainty to overcome the difficulties in the way of the perfect operation of the rollers, for it often happens that a piece of ore will swerve a roller from its course, and it takes a few moments to have it return to its work. Then, again, as the rollers do not act constantly against the rim of the pan their shoes are apt to be worn unevenly. To overcome these disadvantages, I

employ the springs F, secured at one end in a manner I shall presently describe to the driver and bearing at their other end through the intervention of a wearing-plate against 55 the pivoted hangers D, which carry the rollers. These springs hold the rollers out to their work positively, and yet allow them to yield sufficiently according to circumstances; but after yielding for any cause they are 60 thrown out again immediately and with certainty, and the operation does not have to depend on centrifugal force alone.

The inner ends of the springs F are secured in the following manner: To the central portion or hub of the driver C are secured, by a bolt at c, the castings G, which have grooved heads g, provided with an elongated slot, g'. Into the grooved head g the inner end of a spring, F, is fitted, and is held 70 in position by a bolt, f, passing through it and the elongated slot g'. This connection not only forms a safe and easy attachment for the springs, but also permits them to be adjusted. After the mill has been in use for 75 a time the grinding shoes or rings of the rollers wear, and it then becomes necessary to set the springs out farther to compensate for this wear. This adjustment of the springs is readily effected by loosening the bolts f and sliding the springs along to proper position and then tightening said bolts up again. To avoid wear on the lower ends of the springs, I bolt to the inner side of the pivoted hanger a wearing-plate, H, having, as shown, a longitudinally-grooved face. The end of the spring F is formed or provided with a wearing-knob, f', which fits in the grooved face of the wearing-plate, whereby it is held to its seat, and yet by working therein does not interfere at all with the independent movements of the spring and the pivoted hanger, but causes the spring to remain in action in all positions. The wearing-plates are preferably secured to the pivoted hangers by the 90 same set-screw or bolt, e', which secures the spindles or shafts e of the rollers.

The plates J are secured to stems j, which are fitted in the sockets K, formed with the driver C. The curve of these plates is a reverse or ogee curve in horizontal section, and they are so arranged between the rollers as to

catch the one acted on by the traveling rollers, and which has an inward or central trend, and direct it outwardly toward the rim of the pan into the path of the rollers. They are further so arranged in point of position, one being farther toward the center than another, that the whole series will operate over the entire area of the pan bottom, so that the ore in all parts of the pan is kept constantly in motion and directed outwardly to the rim and into the path of the rollers. The directing-plates are preferably made in two parts, the lower being removable to provide for the substitution of another when worn.

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

1. In an ore-grinding mill, the pan, the rotating driver having the pivoted hangers and the series of centrifugally-swinging rollers suspended from said hangers, in combination with springs secured by one end to the driver and having a wearing-knob on the other and the wearing-plates secured to the pivoted

hangers and having grooved faces in which 25 the wearing-knobs of the springs are fitted and play, substantially as herein described.

2. In an ore-grinding mill, the pan, the rotating driver having the pivoted hangers, and the series of centrifugally-swinging rollers 30 suspended from said hangers, in combination with the springs acting to throw the rollers outwardly, the grooved and slotted castings on the driver to which the inner ends of the springs are fitted, and the bolts adjustably 35 securing said ends to the castings, the grooved wearing-plates secured to the pivoted hangers, and the wearing-knobs on the outer ends of the springs fitted to and playing in the grooved wearing-plates, substantially as here- 40 in described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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