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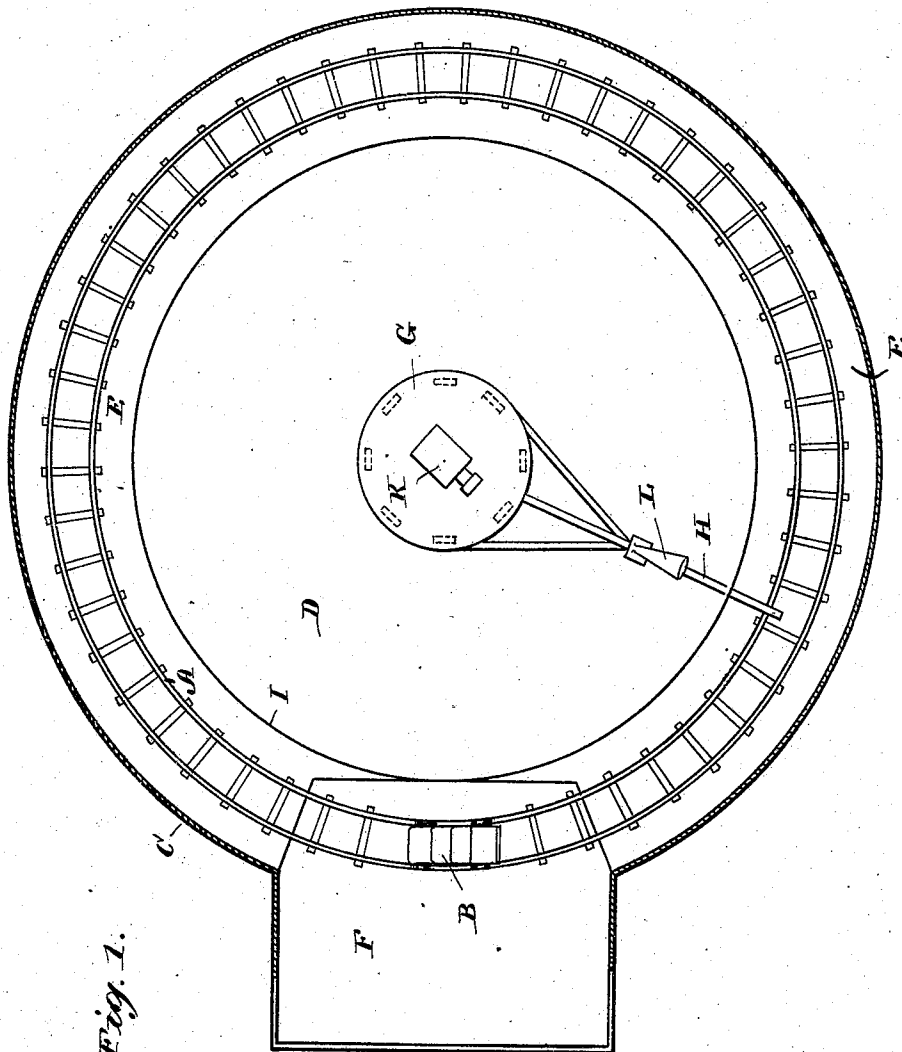


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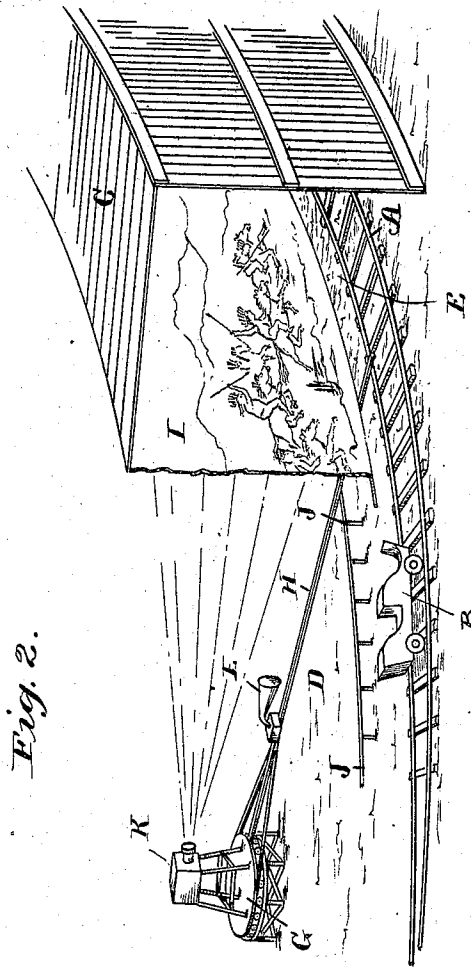
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT F. RICE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in pleasure railways, for pleasure resorts, such as are used by pleasure seekers bent upon amusement.

It relates more especially to that class of railways which include a car mounted upon an inclosed circular track provided with special attractions on the inside of side inclosure.

It is the object of the invention to provide a new and attractive amusement of the above sort which shall not only provide a ride for the patrons but will also afford them attractions *en route* such for instance as moving pictures of various characters, besides phonographic music or other reproductions in harmony or keeping with the pictures displayed upon the walls of the inclosure; to provide means for shifting the moving pictures along on the wall of the inclosure in keeping with the movement of the car so as to have the pictures adjacent to the car at all times.

With the above and other minor objects in view my invention resides and consists in the novel construction and arrangements of parts shown upon the accompanying two sheets of drawings forming a part of this specification, upon which similar characters of reference denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several figures and of which,

Figure 1, shows a sectional plan view of my invention complete, including an inclosed circular car track with a car mounted thereon, and a revolving table, to be operated by the car as will later be more fully explained.

Fig. 2, is a detail perspective view of a portion of the inclosed car track, the car, turn table, picture and phonographic machine mounted upon the table, together with representations of the pictures on the inner wall of the inclosure of the track as produced by the picture machine.

The roadway A as before stated is of a circular design and may be of the usual sleeper and rail construction, while the car or vehicle B may be of any preferred character and pro-

pelled by suitable means, as for instance electricity employed through a third rail, but not shown in the drawing.

The building C inclosing the track may be one large round building with a general roof inclosing the entire plant and partitioned to form a central room D and an annular compartment E through which the car passes. The inner wall I of the tunnel is formed of suitable transparent material, such as cotton fabric to permit the picture to be read there-through. In either instance however, an entrance F is provided at the front where the patrons enter and leave the car, as is the case with amusements of this sort, and may obviously be fitted up to form passageways, ticket offices and the like, which features would form no part of my invention.

Central of the round track or structure, I provide a rotatable table G constructed in any preferred manner having an arm H extended therefrom under the inner wall or curtain I of the railway inclosure or tunnel and over the track in the path of the movement of the car so as to turn the table through the said arm connection by the action of the car. A supporting rail J may be provided upon which the arm slides. This table has mounted upon it, a moving picture machine so constructed or located as to throw and move its picture against and along the curtain wall I at a point adjacent to the car while the arm itself carries the phonographic machine L having its horn adjusted to project the sound toward the car. This picture machine and phonograph may be provided with suitable connections, (not shown) to the car for automatically starting and stopping the said machine, with the starting and stopping of the car, or an attendant may be stationed there for the said purpose.

From the foregoing construction it will be noted that the patrons of the device present themselves at the station where they are permitted to enter the car after which the same is started and propelled by any suitable medium through the round or circular inclosure. By reason of the engagement of the car with the end of the contact arm H, the table G is turned, moving the machine carried thereon in a manner to move the picture along the inner wall of the tunnel adjacent to the moving car, and likewise to carry the phonograph and project its sounds in the same direction. The car may be permitted to go one or more

times around the course as desired and the machine may provide different attractions with each lap.

While I have shown my invention embodied in a circular railway and car, it will be obviously apparent that it is equally applicable to an inclosed circular canal and boat, and therefore I do not wish to be confined to a railway and car, as shown and for the further reason that one would be an equivalent of the other so far as the purposes of my invention are concerned.

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

1. In an amusement device, the combination with an inclosed railway and car therefore, of a picture machine carried independent of the car, and means for moving the machine to move the pictures along the wall of the inclosed railway.
2. In an amusement device, the combination of a roadway inclosed to form a circular tunnel, a picture machine central of the circular inclosure adapted to throw its pictures on the wall of the tunnel, means for rotating the picture machine to move the pictures along the said wall with the movement of the car.
3. In an amusement device, the combination with a roadway having a vertical side wall, of a pleasure vehicle to pass there-through, a picture machine, and separate means for moving the same to project its pictures along the side wall in unison with the moving vehicle.
4. In an amusement device, the combination with an inclosed railway, of a car to operate through said way, a picture and phonographic machine, and means for moving the same to project their pictures and sounds against different sections of the wall of the railway inclosure.
5. In an amusement device, the combination with a circular track and car mounted thereon, of an inclosure for the track including a transparent wall, a picture machine and means for moving the same by the movement of the car to throw and move the pic-

tures upon that section of the transparent wall of the inclosure adjacent to the moving car.

6. In an amusement device, the combination with an inclosed circular track and car to operate thereon, of a rotary table located central of said circular inclosure, means for turning the table with the movement of the car, and a picture machine carried by the table adapted to project its pictures against the wall of the inclosure adjacent to the moving position of the car.

7. In an amusement device, the combination with an inclosed circular track, of a picture machine located central of said circular inclosure, a connection therefrom to the car whereby the machine is turned with the movement of the car and the moving pictures projected against and moved along the wall of the inclosure at a point adjacent to the changing location of the car.

8. In an amusement device, the combination with a circular track and car mounted thereon, of an inner vertical transparent wall parallel with the track, a rotating table located central of the circular track, means for moving the table with the movement of the car, a picture machine mounted upon the table adapted to turn therewith to project its pictures against that portion of the wall adjacent to the moving car.

9. In an amusement device, the combination with an inclosed circular track having a vertical wall beside the same, or a rotatable table central of the circular track, an arm of the table for engagement with the car to turn the table, a picture machine mounted upon the table to project pictures against that portion of the said vertical wall adjacent to the moving car.

Signed at Bridgeport in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, this 19th day of October, A. D., 1905.

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