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Windlass Water-Elevator.

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Fig: 1.

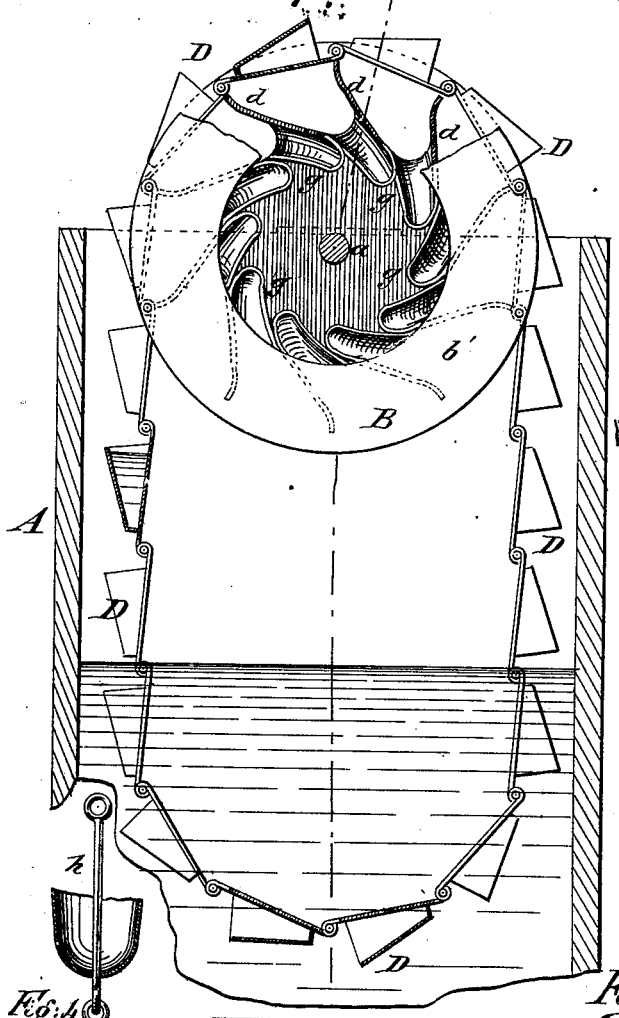
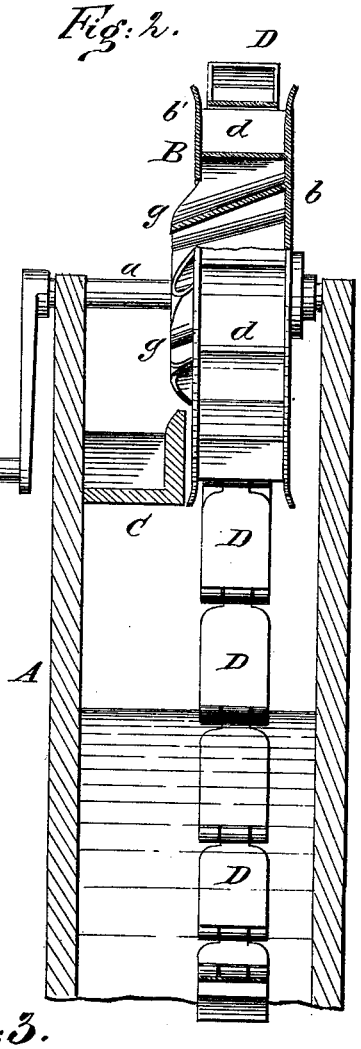


Fig: 2.



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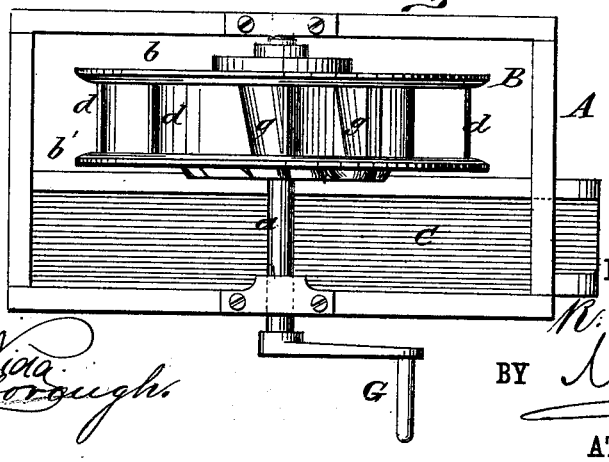

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IMPROVEMENT IN WINDLASS WATER-ELEVATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL T. STOKES, of Garnett, in the county of Anderson and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Water-Elevator, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to means for raising water from wells, and is especially applicable to bucket-wheels with a center-discharge.

The nature of my invention consists in combining, with an endless chain of buckets of circular or other form, a center-discharge wheel, which is constructed with inclined partitions forming cells, that lead into spouts extending beyond the open side of the wheel, and so constructed and arranged that they will direct the streams of water into a chute or discharging-trough located beneath the wheel-shaft, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a section taken in a vertical plane through the bucket-wheel and one of the buckets of the chain. Fig. 2 is vertical section taken transversely through the curb and discharge-trough, showing the edge of the wheel and chain of angular buckets. Fig. 3 is a top view of the elevator. Fig. 4 shows, in section, circular cup-shaped buckets linked together.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the curb of the well, on top of which the shaft *a* has its bearing in suitable boxes. On this shaft *a* the bucket-wheel B is keyed, being constructed with one side, *b*, closed, and the other side, *b'*, open—that is to say, the side *b'* is a ring concentric to the shaft *a*, the opening through which ring I term the "center-discharge opening," as all of the water elevated passes through this opening, and is received in an inclined trough or chute, C, arranged beneath it. Between the two side plates of the wheel are suitably secured, at regular intervals apart, inclined or curved partitions or guides *d*, which extend from points near the periphery of the wheel to the inner edge of the wheel *b'*. The guides *d* conduct the inflowing water down into chutes or spouts *g*, which are directed downward, upward, and outward, and which are continuations of the partitions or guides. The mouths or outer ends of the spouts *g* extend outward beyond the plane of the ring *b'*, so that there will not be any waste of water.

In combination with the wheel B, I employ an endless chain of lifting-buckets, D, which may be of the angular tapering form represented in Figs. 1 and 2, or they may be of a conical form, as shown by Fig. 4. The backs of the buckets of Figs. 1 and 2 are hinged together to form the endless chain; but the conical buckets are connected together by links *h*, as shown.

The length of the buckets is such, with respect to the distance between the outer ends of the partitions, that during the rotation of the wheel they will successively be received in the spaces between the said partitions, and empty their contents into the laterally-discharging chutes.

The wheel may be rotated by a crank, G, or in any other suitable manner.

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

In combination with the lifting-buckets D, the center-discharge wheel B, constructed with inclined partitions *d* and laterally-discharging chutes or spouts *g*, arranged over a trough, C, substantially in the manner described.

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