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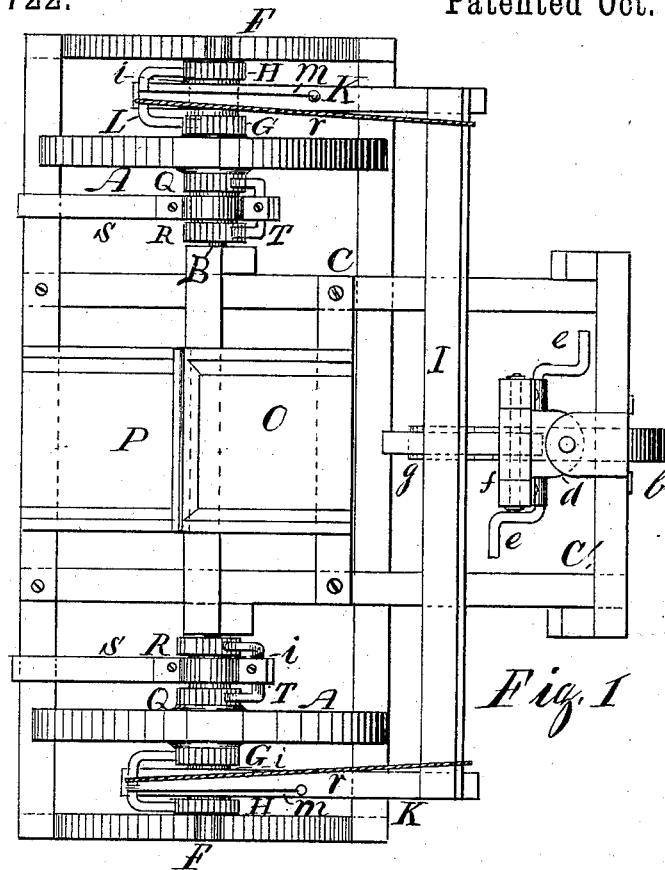


Fig. 1

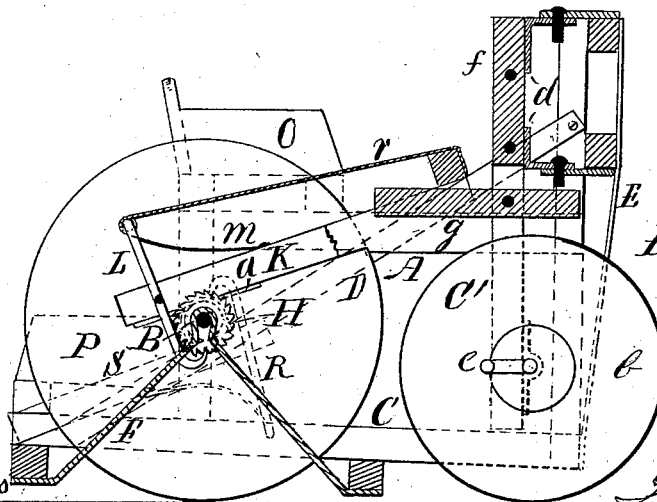


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON VREELAND, of Cedar Grove, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Velocipedes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in three-wheel velocipedes; and it consists in the order of hanging the front or steering wheel, in the devices for applying the power to the driving-wheels, and in the order of operation, all substantially as hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a plan. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section.

In my construction the driving-wheels A are hung on the shaft B, which is hung in the frame C, provided with the braces D and E and the stay-straps F, connected with the bed of the frame and the ends of the shaft. The wheels A are loose on the axle or shaft B and have a double ratchet-hub, G H, secured to the wheel, and having a sleeve, i, between the ratchets.

To operate the wheels, I attach to a frame having the cross-bar I and levers K a double cant-hook, L. The levers are hung loose on the sleeve i by a strap, a. The upper end of the cant-hooks is prevented from swinging out of place by a cord, r, extending from it and secured to the bar I, and the hooks are pressed out and held in proper working position by the springs M. The operation is by a person sitting in the seat O and raising the bar I, lying before him, which causes the hooks L to slip on the ratchets G H; but when he presses down on the bar the hooks will engage the ratchets and propel the vehicle. In addition to this a seat, P, may be placed on the rear portion of the frame for a second rider, sitting backward, and he may assist in propelling, for I may attach ratchet-wheels Q R on the inside of the wheels A the same as the hub-sections G H, and have the levers S within the reach of his

hands to operate the cant-hooks T in an order reverse to the others.

The steering-wheel b is hung to front portion, C', of the frame C by the double bracket-bearings d. A shaft through the wheel b has two cranks, e, which may be reached by the feet of the operator in seat O, and thereby he may assist his hand-power in propelling the velocipede.

The steering-wheel frame f is provided with the steering-piece g within the reach of the knees or hand of the operator, who by it will guide his velocipede at pleasure.

I claim—

1. In combination with the frame C, carrying the wheels A and the ratchet-wheels G H, the double cant-hooks L, operated by the lever K and cross-bar I, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The double cant-hooks L, in combination with the ratchet-wheels G H, cords r, and springs m, and a suitable lever for operating them, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In combination with the frame C and wheels A, arranged and operated substantially as described, the ratchet-wheels Q R, cant-hooks T, and levers S, substantially as and for the purpose named.

4. The combination of the double cant-hooks L, operating the driving-wheels A by means of the ratchets G H and levers S in the exercise of hand-power, and the steering-wheel b, hung by the double bracket-bearings d in the frame f to the frame C, said steering-wheel carrying the cranks e for the exercise of foot-power, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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