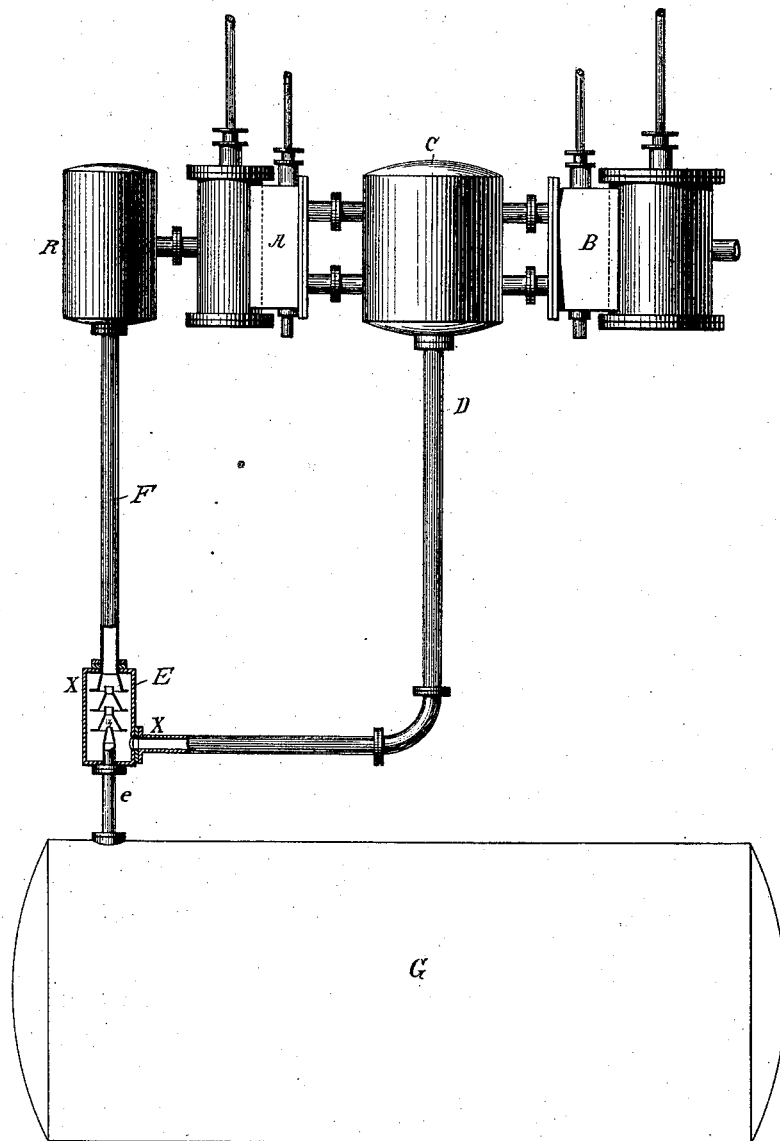


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILHELM SCHMIDT, a subject of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, and a resident of Halberstadt, No. 8 Plautagen Street, in the State of Prussia, German Empire, civil engineer, have invented new and useful Improvements in Utilizing Exhaust, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in Germany May 8, 1885, No. 34,358; in France May 16, 1885, No. 167,618; in Belgium May 19, 1885, No. 68,930; in Italy May 21, 1885, No. 18,372; in England May 28, 1885, No. 6,157, and in Austria-Hungary May 28, 1885, No. 19,737 and No. 41,041,) of which the following is a full and clear specification.

This invention relates to a method for returning a portion of the steam of a compound or other engine working with cylinders of different steam-pressures back to the high-pressure cylinder by means of a steam-injector which is driven by the steam of a boiler or steam-generator.

The apparatus for carrying out my method is shown in the accompanying drawing by a sectional elevation of a compound engine.

In the said drawing, A is the high-pressure cylinder, and B the low-pressure cylinder, of a compound engine, and C is the steam chamber or receiver between the two cylinders, into which the high-pressure cylinder A exhausts its steam in the well-known way, and from which receiving-vessel the low-pressure cylinder B receives its steam. A pipe, D, leads from the receiver C to an injector, E, (shown in section at *x x*), and thence a pipe, F, guides to the steam-reservoir R. From this steam-reservoir R the high-pressure cylinder A receives its steam. *e* is a pipe which conducts the steam of the generator or steam boiler G to the nozzle of the injector.

My method for using the exhaust-steam is as follows: The steam of the generator G discharges into the injector E—for instance, with a pressure of one hundred atmospheres—and sucks up the steam being in pipe D and receiver C, having, for instance, a pressure of eight atmospheres. This latter steam is compressed by the generator-steam, and both will have at least a pressure of sixteen atmospheres,

as the generator-steam is at such a high pressure that it is able to compress a great quantity of the steam coming from the receiver to sixteen atmospheres pressure. The mixture of the generator and receiver steam enters through pipe F into the reservoir R, which only serves as a collecting-vessel, but which is of no great importance in my new method for using the exhaust-steam of the high-pressure cylinder. As already said, the steam has a pressure of sixteen atmospheres in this reservoir R, and the high-pressure cylinder receives from it its working-steam in the common way. The steam is reduced in pressure in the cylinder A, when entering the same, to about eight atmospheres, and escapes into the receiver C while having such pressure. Part of this steam of eight atmospheres pressure of the reservoir C is used for feeding the low-pressure cylinder B, where it is further reduced to about two atmospheres. The remaining part of the steam in the receiver C is sucked up by injector E through pipe D and compressed and driven into the reservoir R once more, where it is again used for working the high-pressure cylinder.

I am aware that it is not new to return the exhaust-steam to the same or to other cylinders by means of an injector; and I am also aware that it is not new to return this exhaust-steam back again (partly or completely) into the boiler by the same means; but it has never been attempted to guide this steam (the exhaust-steam) into a reservoir and to return a part of it back into the cylinder again by means of an injector and to use the other part not so returned to drive a low-pressure cylinder or cylinders. In this new method this low-pressure cylinder can again be used as the high-pressure cylinder of another compound set, and the exhaust steam from this second cylinder led into a reservoir and part of it back again into the said cylinder again by means of an injector, and the other part not so used made to drive a third cylinder, which has still a lower pressure than the second.

Having thus fully described and ascertained the nature of my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The method for repeated utilizing of the partly-expended exhaust-steam of a compound or receiver steam-engine, consisting in first leading the exhaust-steam of the high-pressure cylinder or cylinders into a receiver-vessel, from  
5 whence it is partly guided off into the low-pressure cylinder of the compound or receiver steam-engine, and partly it is driven by the steam of a generator, by means of an injector,

back into the high-pressure cylinder for working in the same, substantially for the purpose as described. 10

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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