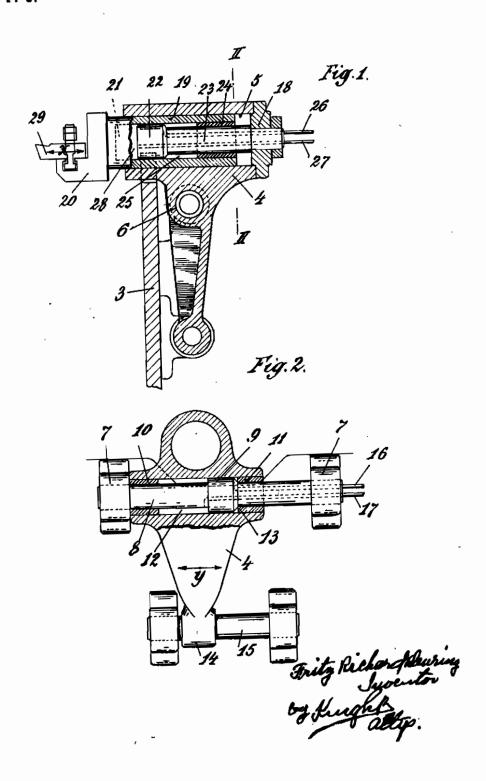
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ARRANGEMENT OF THE TRANSVERSE-SUPPORTS IN AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC LATHES

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In the well known automatic and semi-automatic lathes the transverse supports are moved automatically only transversely to the longitudinal axis of the lathes, whereas in the direction parallel to the longitudinal axis they are only adjustable, which means, that they can be adjusted only before the beginning of an operation and must be fixed by screwing home. The adjusting in the longitudinal direction was comand work.

The invention is based on the knowledge, that a considerable improvement can be attained if. besides the movement transversely to the axis of the lathe, the transverse support or supports 15 can further carry out automatically a movement in the longitudinal direction of the lathe. The whole arrangement is thus not only considerably simplified, but the reliability is increased and an essential increase of the efficiency and of the 20 working range is also attained, in that by combination of the two kinds of movement of the transverse supports works can be treated, the treatment of which was up to the present not possible in automatic or semi-automatic lathes 25 manner by hoses or pipes with joints. or required special arrangements.

Flowing pressure media are preferably employed for the two working movements of the transverse support or of the transverse supports, said pressure media being adapted to be controlled in a known manner by the movement itself. The carriage is then constructed as an undivided machine element comprising two cylinders, the axes of said cylinders extending perpendicularly the one to the other, one of the 35 cylinders cooperating with a stationary piston effecting the shifting along the lathe, whereas the other cylinder serves for guiding the toolcarrier and carries centrally a stationary piston, which cooperating with the tool-carrier constructed as cylinder produces the transverse movement.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying draw-

Fig. 1 shows a vertical section transversely to the axis of the lathe, and

Fig. 2 a section on line II--II of Fig. 1 viewed from the right.

On the lathe 3 the carriage 4 is arranged so 50 that it can be shifted parallel to the lathe, the carriage having in its top portion a transverse cylindrical bore 5 and under the same a cylindrical bore 6 which extends parallel to the lathe. On the lathe 3 a piston rod 8 is journalled in 55

bearings 7 and carries a piston 9 fitting into the cylindrical bore 6. Bushes 10 and 11 serve as guides and for shutting off the pressure spaces 12 and 13 in front of and behind the piston 9. The carriage 4 has a downwardly directed extension 14 which is guided on a rod 15 fixed in the lathe 3. A conduit 16 extends through the piston rod 8 towards the pressure chamber 13, and a conduit 17 to the pressure space 12. In the paratively complicated and required much time 10 transversely located cylindrical bore 14, which is closed by a cylinder cover 18 on the one side, an extension 18 of the tool-carrier 20 moves piston-like and ensured against rotation by any arrangement, not shown in the drawing. This piston-like extension 19 has a cylindrical bore 21 in which a piston 22 fits which is fixed on a piston rod 23 fixed in the cover 18. A bush 24 serves as guide and for limiting the pressure chamber 25 between itself and the piston 22. A conduit 28 leads to this pressure chamber 25, whereas a second conduit 21 leads to the pressure chamber 28 located in front of the piston. The pressure conduits 16, 17 and 26, 27 are connected with the sockets of the pressure pump in usual

The operation with the aid of the new support takes place automatically in the rhythm of the turning work in that, for instance, the carriage 4 carries out first a movement along lathe 3 in the direction of the arrow y and thereby introduces the tool 28 into a plate-shaped work or into a bore. If this has been done, this movement of the carriage is stopped, and then the movement transversely to the axis of the lathe takes place in that the pressure medium is admitted into the space 28, and the tool carrier 20 together with the tool is shifted towards the left (Fig. 1) in the direction of the arrow x. If the work has been treated, the movement proceed-40 ings are repeated in inverse succession. The reversing can be attained thereby that, by pressure increased produced when the tool carrier has attained the preliminarily adjusted end position and for instance strikes against an abutment, a control valve is reversed. The tool carrier 20 then carries out first a movement in the direction of the arrow x towards the right (Fig. 1), whereas, as soon as this movement is terminated, the carriage 4 carries out a movement towards the right in the direction of the arrow y. In this manner works of disc-shape or pot-shape can be turned cylindrically on the inner side as well as plane on the bottom faces which are situated deeper.

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