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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

“Improvements in setting mechanisms for the lenses in photographic apparatus.”

We, VALSTS ELEKTROTECHNISKA FABRIKA, a State Company of Latvia, incorporated under the laws of Latvia, carrying on business as Manufacturers, at Brivibas gatve 19, 5 Riga, Latvia, hereby declare this invention, and the manner in which it is to be performed, to be fully described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

The present invention relates to a focusing mechanism for lenses in photographic apparatus and more particularly to such focusing mechanisms in which an annular member holding the lens or a part thereof is mounted in a part of the casing of the apparatus by means of an external screw thread and is movable in said part of the casing by means of a knob or the like rotatable about an axis perpendicular to the axis of the lens.

The main object of the present invention is to construct focussing mechanisms of this type in such manner that the motion of the knob or the like will be transmitted to the lens via a minimum of transmitting members thus reducing the play or back-lash.

Another object is to produce a compact construction of said mechanism for using such mechanisms in photographic apparatus of vest pocket size.

Another object of this invention is to produce a simple and reliable mechanism for the purpose described.

According to the present invention, in focussing mechanism of the type set forth, 5 a bevel gear wheel is provided on the lens holder and meshes with a bevel gear operable by the knob or the like, the teeth of the first mentioned bevel gear wheel being arranged on a helical line having the same 10 axial pitch as that of the screw thread of the holder.

One embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a vertical section through the mechanism according to the present invention. 15

Figure 2 is a plan of the same, partially in horizontal section through the lens, that 20 is, a section at right angles to that shown in Figure 1.

In the drawing the objective or lens 9 is mounted in an annular holder 1. This holder has an external screw thread 3 engaging a 25 corresponding screw thread in a stationary part (not shown) of the casing of the photographic apparatus. A bevel gear wheel 4 is formed on the holder 1. The teeth of

said wheel 4 are arranged on a helical line having the same axial pitch as that of said screw thread 3. The wheel 4 meshes with a second bevel gear wheel 6 of normal construction, rotatable by a knob 5 or the like. The wheel 6 has a central cylindrical stud 6a which carries the knob 5. The stud 6a passes through a rotatable disc 7 for counting the exposures made.

10 When the knob 5 is turned, this motion is transmitted to the holder 1 and this transmission has substantially no back-lash due to the fact that the parts 5, 6a, 6 are rigidly interconnected and directly engage
15 the holder. This is an advantage especially in view of the fact that the knob 5 co-operates with a graduated scale for focussing the lens. The helical arrangement of the teeth of the bevel gear wheel 4 ensures a
20 correct engagement of the bevel gears 4, 6 in all positions of the holder.

The transmitting mechanism described is of a very compact construction, but the provision of a stud on the wheel 6 which serves
25 as a journal for the disc 7, enables a further reduction of the dimensions of the photographic apparatus, in which said mechanism is arranged.

30 Having now fully described and ascertained our said invention and the manner in which it is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

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1. A focussing mechanism for the lenses in photographic apparatus of the type in which an annular holder for the lens is mounted in a part of the casing of said apparatus by means of a screw thread and
5 is movable in said part of the casing by means of a knob or the like rotatable about an axis perpendicular to the axis of the lens, wherein a bevel gear wheel is provided on said holder, and meshes with a bevel gear
10 wheel operable by the knob or the like, the teeth of the first-mentioned bevel gear wheel being arranged on a helical line having the same axial pitch as that of the screw thread of the holder. 15

2. A focussing mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein a stud is provided between the knob or the like and the bevel gear wheel associated therewith said stud passing through a disc for counting the exposures
20 made.

3. A focussing mechanism for the lenses of photographic apparatus, constructed and adapted to operate substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the
25 accompanying drawing.

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FIG. 1.

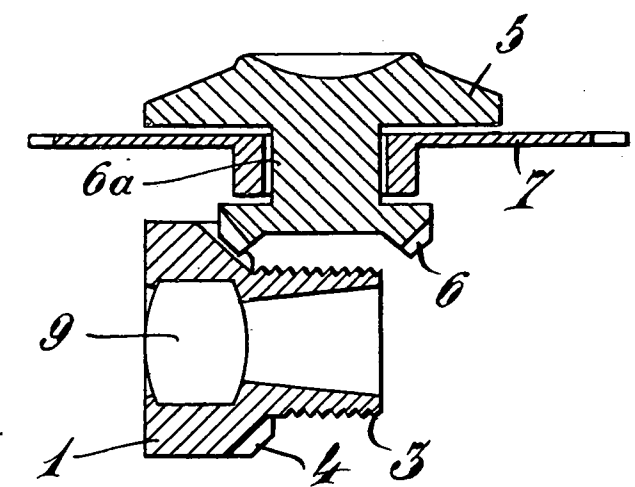


FIG. 2.

