

Extending the Hill Cipher

Two secure modifications of the classic cipher

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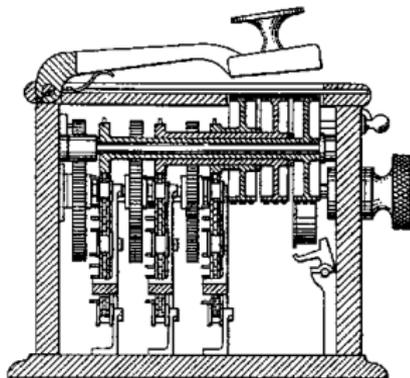
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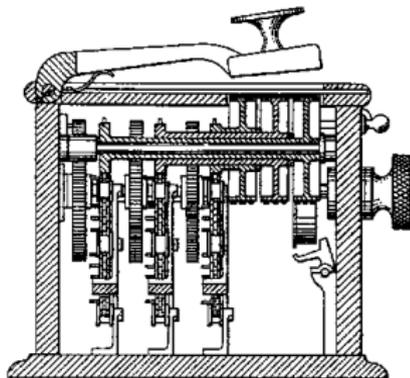
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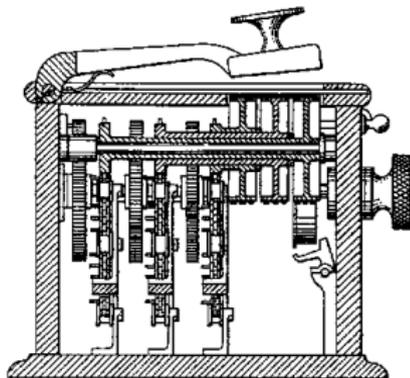
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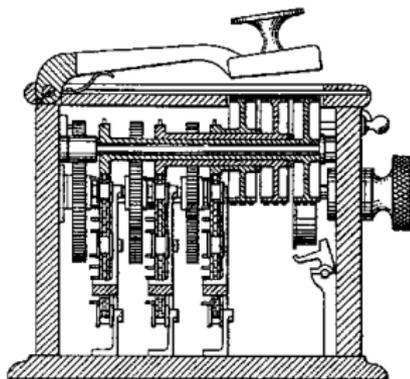
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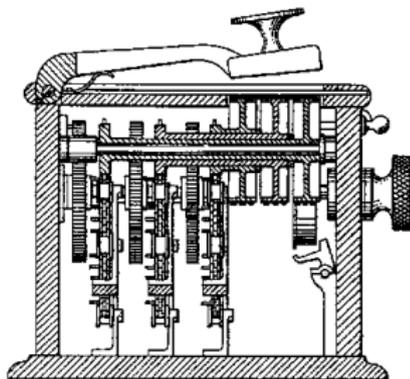
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- Since he now has $a_0 = 20$, he computes V_t for each ciphertext block just as Alice did.
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