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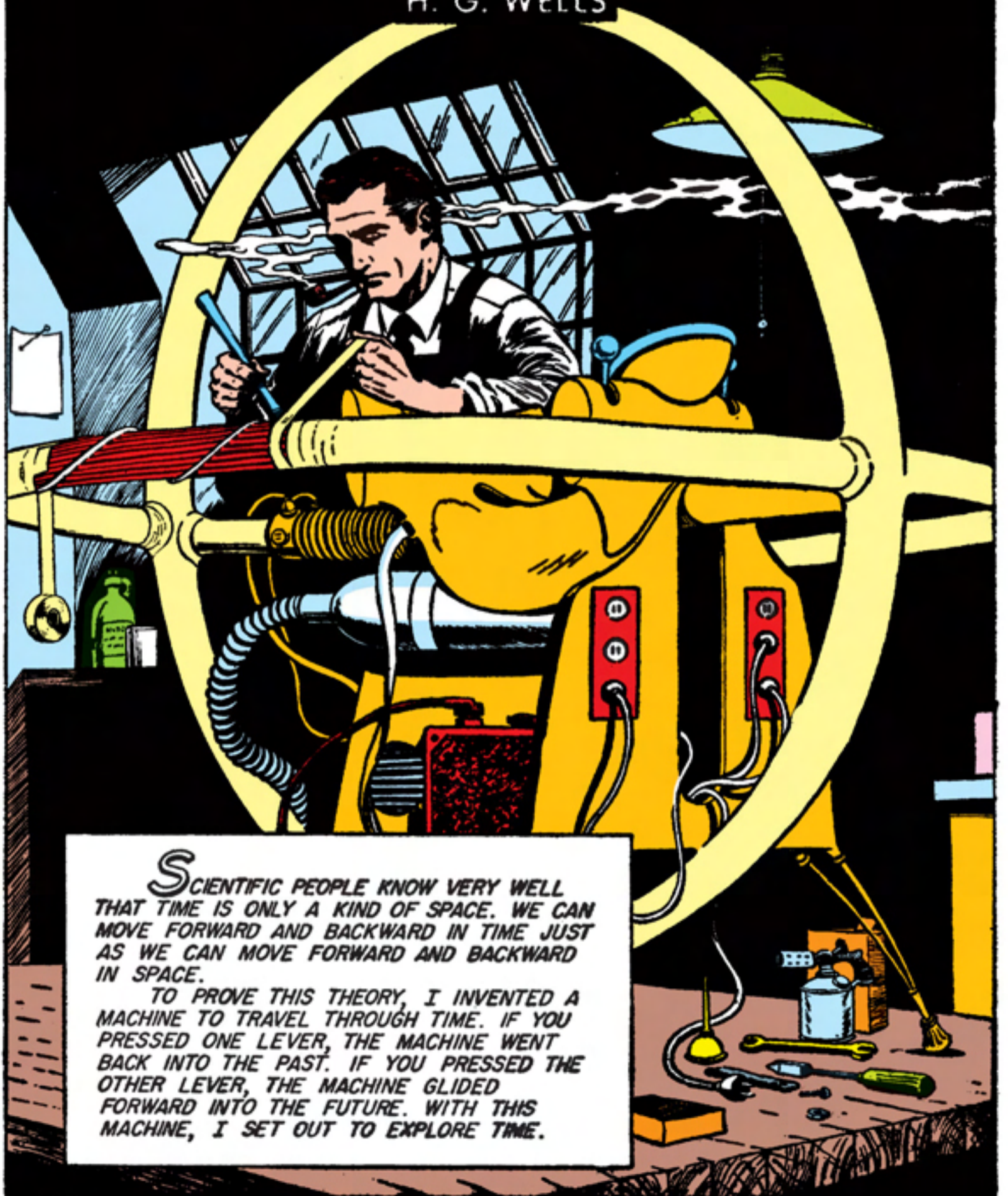
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THE TIME MACHINE

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Scientific people know very well that time is only a kind of space. We can move forward and backward in time just as we can move forward and backward in space.

To prove this theory, I invented a machine to travel through time. If you pressed one lever, the machine went back into the past. If you pressed the other lever, the machine glided forward into the future. With this machine, I set out to explore time.

AT FIRST, I MOVED THE ADVANCE LEVER EVER SO SLIGHTLY.

HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED?



I LOOKED AT THE CLOCK.

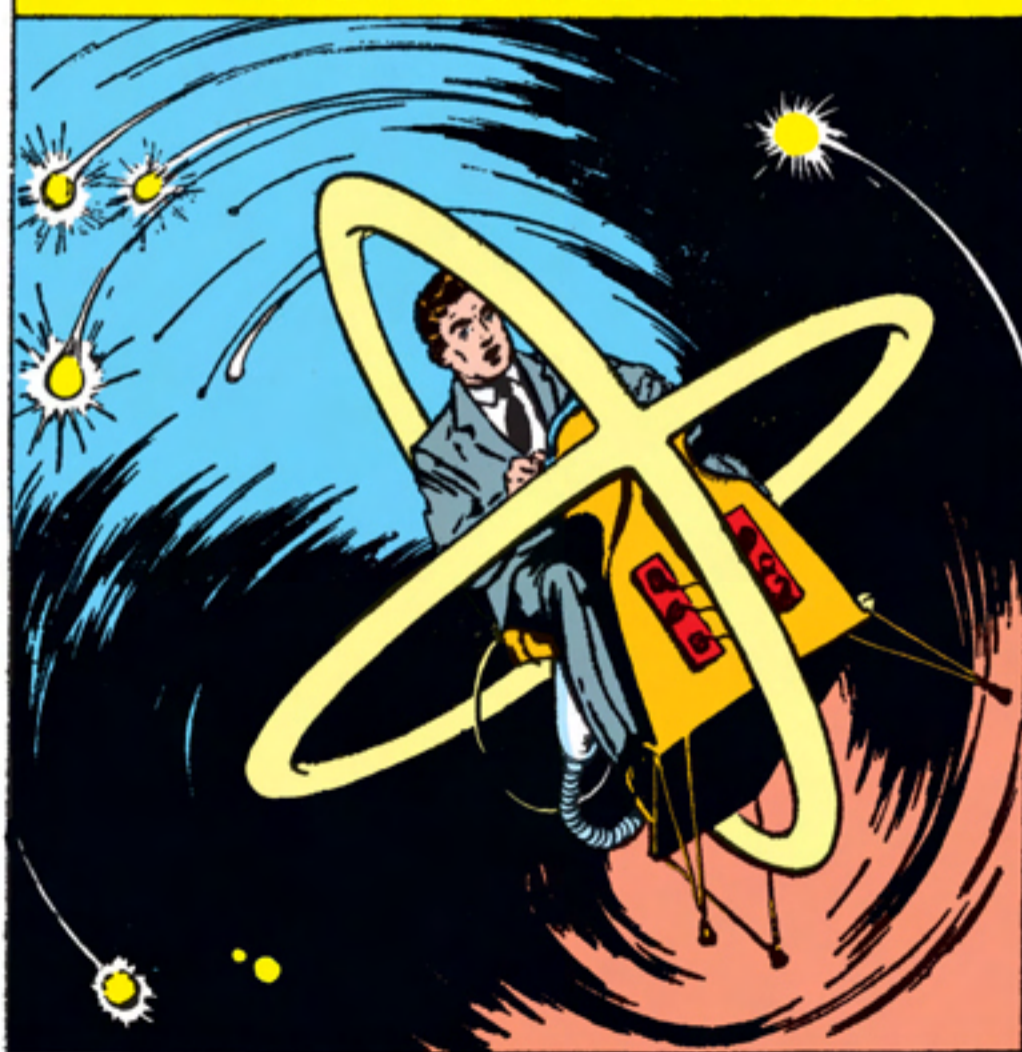
I HAVE MOVED AHEAD FIVE HOURS!



THEN I DREW A BREATH, SET MY TEETH, GRIPPED THE STARTING LEVER WITH BOTH HANDS AND WENT OFF INTO TIME.



DAY WENT INTO NIGHT, AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT IT WAS TOMORROW. THE CHANGE FROM NIGHT TO DAY WAS LIKE THE FLAPPING OF A GREAT BLACK WING.



THE SENSATIONS OF TIME TRAVELLING WERE EXCESSIVELY UNPLEASANT. IT WAS A FEELING OF HELPLESS, HEADLONG MOTION.

