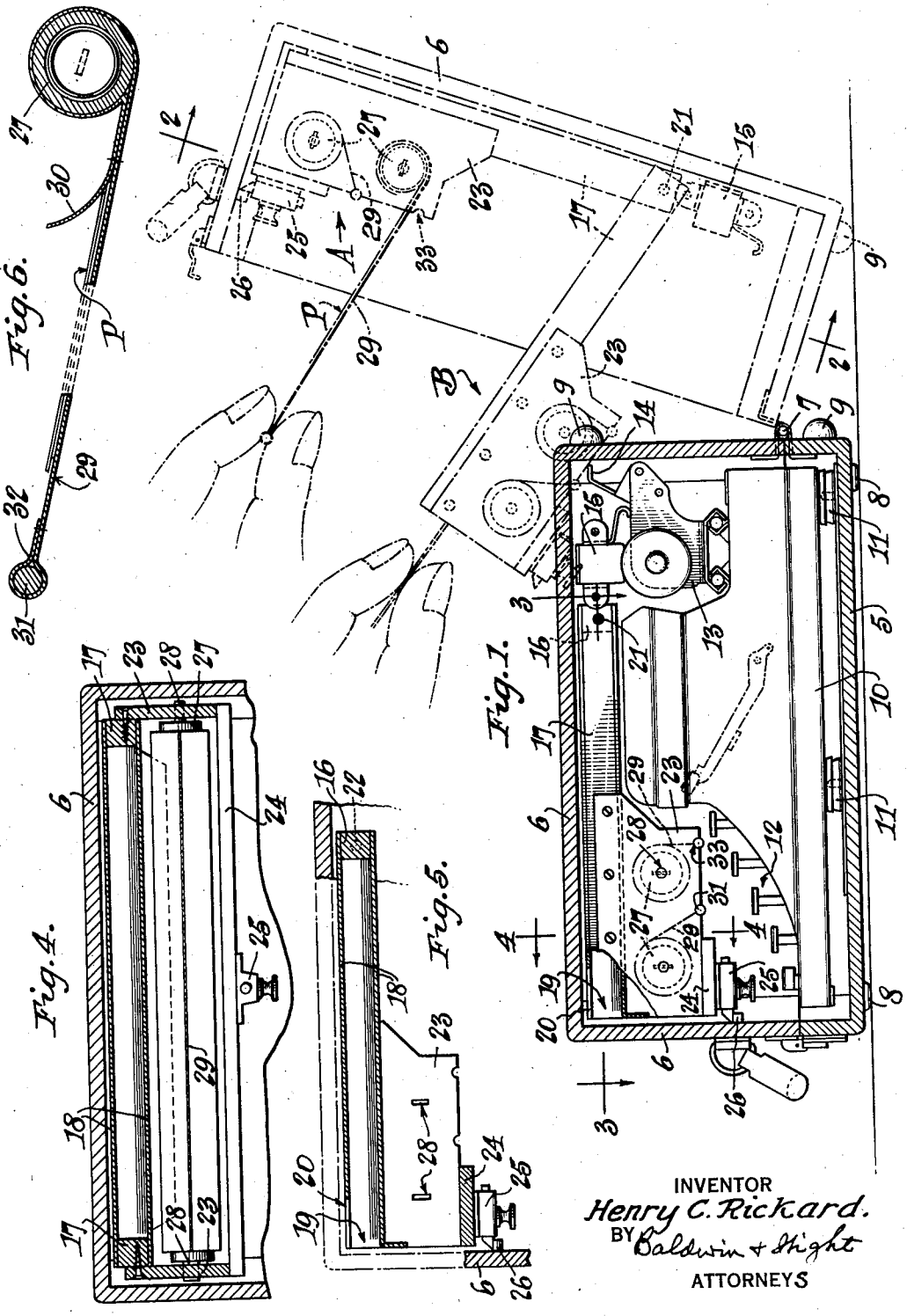
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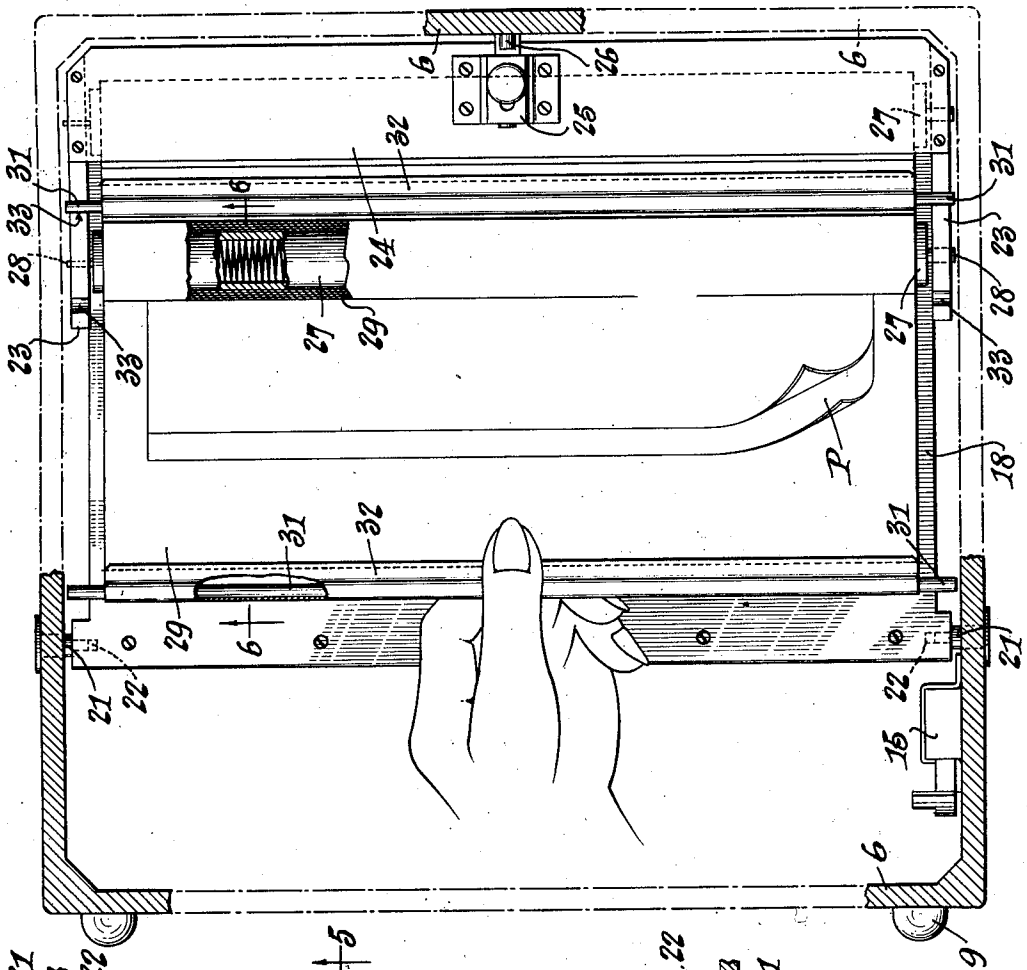


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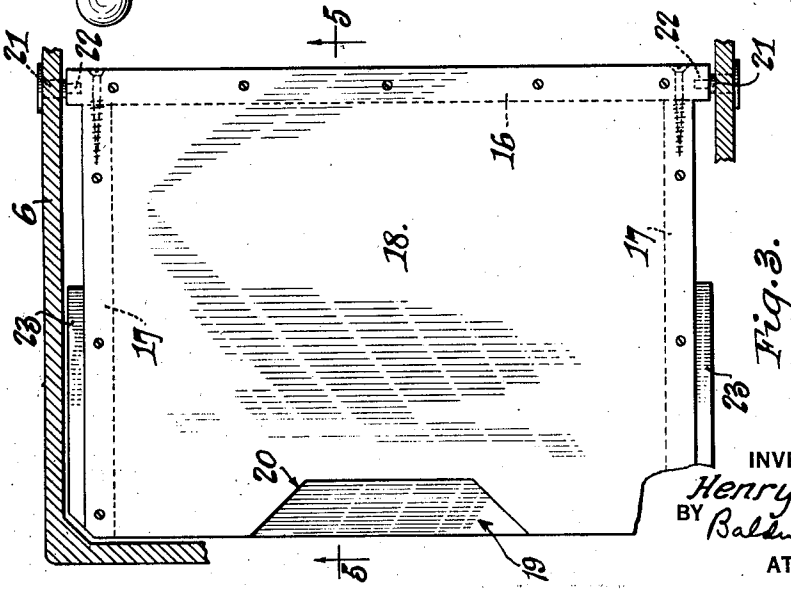


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The invention relates generally to cabinet-contained portable typewriters and has for an object to provide a novel accessory mountable in a portable typewriter cabinet and adapted to contain, and render conveniently accessible, writing materials to be used in the typewriter with which the accessory is associated.

It is customary to mount portable typewriters in cabinets or containers comprising a base, upon which the typewriter is secured, and a lid or closure cover hinged to the base and having provision for engaging, and holding secure, movable parts of the typewriter. Examples of this type of equipment are to be found in U. S. patents to Bernard J. Dowd 1,894,483, issued January 17, 1933, and 1,901,289, issued March 14, 1933, and the cabinet and typewriter equipments, in themselves, form no part of the present invention. The invention resides in the provision of a novel accessory, designed to carry paper, envelopes and carbon paper or other materials, mounted in the cabinet cover so as to lie above the typewriter when the container is closed and be accessible, when the container is open, for removal therefrom of materials to be used in the typewriter.

Another object of the invention is to provide an accessory of the character stated in which a material containing pocket is provided which is inaccessible when the accessory is in its normal position in the opened container cover, but which is swingable out of said cover to render said pocket accessible.

With these and other objects in view which will more fully appear, the nature of the invention will be more clearly understood by following the description, the appended claim and the several views illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a vertical cross section of a portable typewriter cabinet embodying the invention, parts being broken away and in section.

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken substantially on the line 2—2 on Figure 1, parts being broken away in section.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary horizontal section taken substantially on the line 3—3 on Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a detail vertical cross section taken on the line 4—4 on Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary vertical cross section taken on the line 5—5 on Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a detail vertical cross section taken on the line 6—6 on Figure 2.

In the drawings in which like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all of the figures, my improved accessory is shown in combination with a portable typewriter cabinet or container including the usual base 5 and lid or cover section or closure 6 which is hinged to the base as indicated at 7. The cabinet is also provided with the usual rest pads 8 depending from the base, and similar pads 9 which extend in part from the base and in part from the cover, as shown in Figure 1.

The well known form of portable typewriter 10 is encased within the cabinet and the rest pads or foot portions 11 thereof are secured in any approved manner to the cabinet base, or the typewriter may be otherwise removably secured to said base. Examples of accepted forms of cabinets and typewriter securing means are to be found in the Dowd Patents 1,894,483 and 1,901,289 referred to hereinbefore.

The usual keyboard of the portable typewriter is generally designated 12, the carriage 13, the paper table 14, and holddown devices secured to the cover and designed to hold the carriage against movement in the well kown manner are indicated at 15. See Figures 1 and 2.

All of the parts hereinbefore described are conventional and may assume the form of any of the well known equipments now on the market.

The cover section or closure 6 constitutes a supporting means for the improved accessory which comprises a U-shaped frame composed of a transverse body rail 16 and a pair of longitudinal side rails 17, the rail 16 forming the base of the U and the side rails 17 the legs thereof. Upper and lower plates 18 of sheet metal or other suitable material are secured to the opposite faces of the U frame and thus complete a writing material-receiving pocket or receptacle open toward the free ends of the legs 17 as at 19 and having side walls 17—17, a rear wall 16, and a top and bottom 18—18. See Figures 3 and 5 of the drawings. One of the plates 18 is cut out as at 20 to facilitate grasping of the writing material contained in the pocket.

The base of the U-shaped frame is pivotally mounted in the cover as indicated in Figure 3 of the drawings. Pivot pins 21 are projected inwardly through the cover side walls and enter receiving sockets 22 in the respective ends of the base rail 16. Thus mounted the frame lies in the upper portion of the cover parallel to the top wall thereof and with the opening 19 into the pocket or receptacle disposed adjacent the front wall of the cover, as shown in Figure 1. The frame is swingable out of the cover, as indi-

cated in dot and dash lines in Figure 1, in order to render the pocket thereof accessible.

The frame serves as a support for side wall or supporting members 23 which are secured to the side rails 17 as shown in Figures 1 and 4 of the drawings, and a cross bar 24 is secured across the walls 23. A spring latch member 25 is mounted centrally of the cross bar 24 and releasably engages a keeper member 26 projecting from the front wall of the cover, as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. The releasable latch 25 normally secures the accessory in the position illustrated at A in Figure 1, but by releasing said latch it is posible to swing the accessory to the position illustrated at B in Figure 1, and in position B the accessory is conveniently supported by the paper table 14 of the typewriter. Obviously any other convenient portion of the typewriter might be employed as a rest for the accessory when it is swung outwardly to render accessible the writing material accommodating pocket formed within the frame 16, 17. The axis of the pivot pins 21 is below and to the rear of the top of the typewriter when the cover section is in open position. Thus when the pocket device is rested on the typewriter it will be disposed in a forwardly and upwardly inclined position rendering the interior of the pocket easily accessible from the front of the cabinet.

Two spring rolls 27 are mounted as at 28 in the side wall members 23, and each carries an apron 29, 29 secured at one end to the respective roll and wound thereon. The rolls 27 may be of any conventional shade roller type which are so well known that detailed description of the structure thereof is deemed unnecessary.

The aprons 29, 29 are utilized for carrying writing materials such as paper, envelopes, or carbon papers, and a pocket flap 30 is preferably formed on the apron to receive the ends of such materials. It will be obvious by reference to Figures 1 and 6 of the drawings that by pulling outwardly on the end of a given apron, it will be unwound from its mounting roll to permit the insertion or removal of materials under the flap 30, and upon release of the apron it will wind the contained materials about the roll. In order to protect carbon paper or similar materials, the apron preferably is waxed or formed of waxy material.

In order to facilitate manipulation of the aprons, they are provided, at their free ends, with grip rods 31 encased in and projecting at their ends from end folds 32 formed on said aprons. Rod seats 33 are formed in the edges of the side wall members 23 to receive the extended ends of the grip rods 31, as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings.

The paper or other writing materials mounted upon the apron are indicated at P.

When the cabinet is in its normal closed condition illustrated in full lines in Figure 1 of the drawings, the extended portion of the accessory comprising the side wall members 23, the cross bar 24 and the apron carrying rolls 27, is accommodated in the cabinet space above the typewriter keyboard. When the cover of the cabinet is open as shown in dot and dash lines in Figure 1, in order to enable the use of the portable typewriter secured to the base of the cabinet, the roll equipments 27 of my improved accessory are rendered accessible to the user of the typewriter, as indicated in dot and dash line position A in Figure 1. If it is desired to use materials carried in the frame pocket the latch member 25 is released and the frame swung down to the position indicated at B as hereinbefore described.

It is of course to be understood that the details of structure and arrangement of parts may be variously changed and modified without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

I claim:

In a cabinet adapted to contain a typewriter and including a base section and a cover section movable upwardly and rearwardly about an axis adjacent the rear of the base to open position to expose the typewriter, a pocket device interiorly of the cover section and having a rear wall, side walls, top, and bottom, and an access opening at its front, said pocket device normally being disposed relatively close to the main wall of said cover section with its access opening closed by the cover section, means pivoting the pocket device to the cover section adjacent the rear thereof to permit swinging of the pocket device about an axis which is below and to the rear of the top of the typewriter when the cover section is in open position to enable the pocket device to be rested upon a typewriter in forwardly and upwardly inclined position to render the interior of the pocket accessible from the front of said cabinet when the cover section is in open position, and means for releasably holding the pocket device against pivotal movement relatively to the cover section to prevent interference with a contained typewriter during opening of the cover section.

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