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Fig. 1.

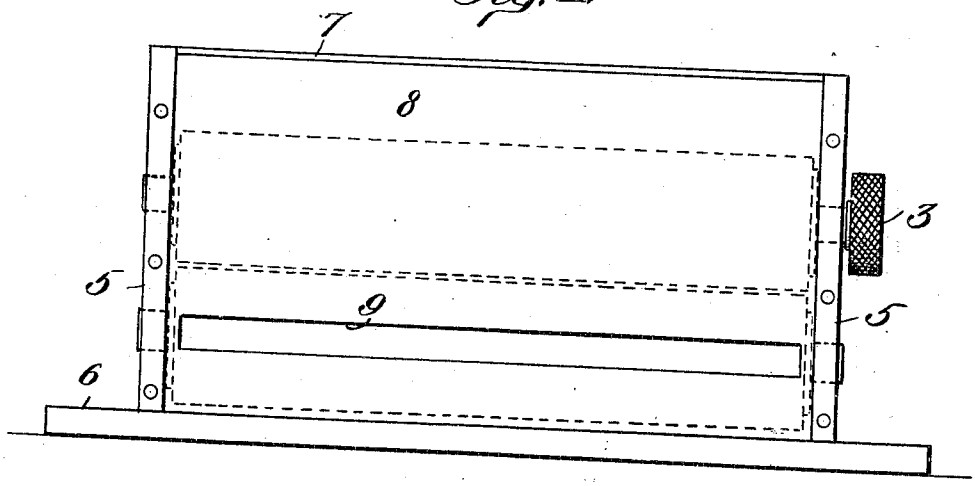
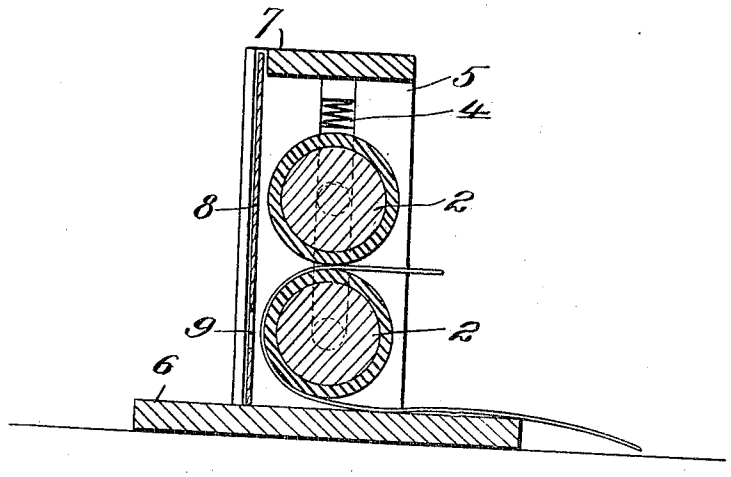


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. GRIFFIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sparks, in the county of Berrien and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Copy-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to copy-holders capable of successful use by type-writists, compositors, copyists, and others, the object of the invention being to provide a simple device of this character which can be inexpensively made and which is effective in use.

A copy-holder made in accordance with my invention includes rollers of some suitable kind, between which the paper or copy is fed, and a plate set in front of the rollers, said plate having a sight-opening through which a line or lines of matter on the paper or copy associated with the rollers may be seen. This plate in the present instance is mounted to be lifted, by reason of which the paper or other copy can be readily led between the rollers. When the paper is positioned for copying therefrom, the plate will be lowered so as to bring the sight-opening therein opposite the line or lines of copy.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification I show in detail one simple form of embodiment of the invention, which, to enable those skilled in the art to practice said invention, I will set forth in detail in the following description, while the novelty of the invention will be included in the claim succeeding said description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a copy-holder involving my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same.

Like characters refer to like parts throughout the views.

A copy-holder involving my invention comprises a plurality of rollers. The rollers may be of any desirable number, although I prefer to employ two, as shown in the drawings, each of the rollers being designated by 2 and being shown as superposed, the paper or copy to be transcribed being passed between these rollers and positively fed therebetween. One of the rollers may be provided with a knob, as 3. I make the upper roller of a weight sufficient to cause the same to make proper contact with the copy fed between the two rollers. I do not restrict myself to any particular construction of rollers. Each of them may, for example, consist of a wooden core and a rubber or equivalent covering on the core. The rollers have journals at their ends supported in vertical slots, as 4, in vertically-disposed standards 5, which are shown as rising from the base 6 and as surmounted by the top 7, the standards 5, base 6, and top 7 constituting a convenient framework for the device. The base 6 is made wider than the top, so as to constitute a table for supporting the copy, the copy passing from the upper side of the base or table 6 on the forward side of the lower roll 2 and then between the lower roll 2 and the upper roll 2, the line or lines of the copy being read by a user of the device when the copy is in front of the lower roll.

In front of the two rollers I dispose a face-plate, as 8, which when in its normal position abuts at its lower edge against the upper surface of the base 6 in order to bring a slot or sight-opening, as 9, in said face-plate 8 directly opposite a line of copy in front of the lower roller 2. The slot 9 may be of a depth sufficient to read several lines, although ordinarily it is of a vertical extent sufficient to read but a single line, whereby confusion will be avoided. The length of the slot 9 is practically the same as that of the rollers, so that I can read copy throughout the entire width thereof. The face-plate 8 is vertically slidable in slideways on the standards 5, so that it can be lifted from its normal position to permit the ready passage of copy between the rollers 2, said plate having a vertical movement sufficient to carry its lower edge above the bite between the two rollers.

What I claim is—

A copy-holder comprising a base, standards rising from the base, rollers supported by the standards and between which copy is fed, the base constituting a supporting-table for the copy, and a plate slidably supported by the standards for the purpose of elevating said plate to bring its lower edge above the bite between the rollers, the plate having a longitudinal slot positioned when the plate is sustained by said base, opposite copy on the rollers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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