

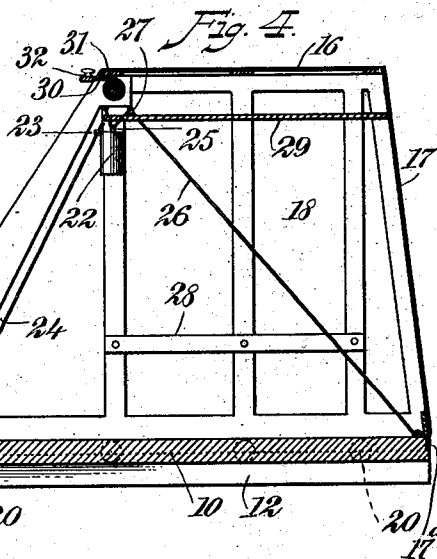
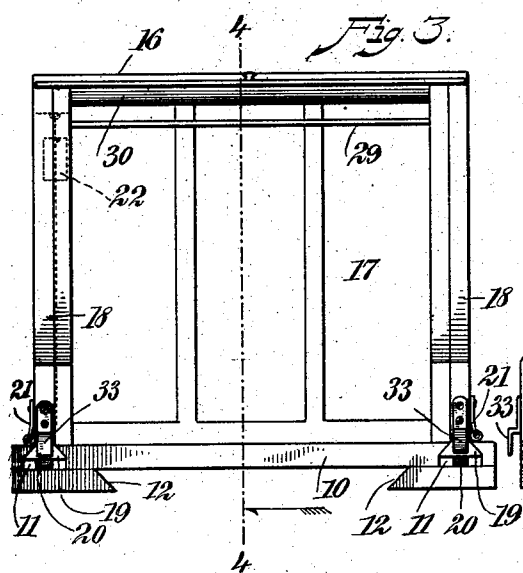
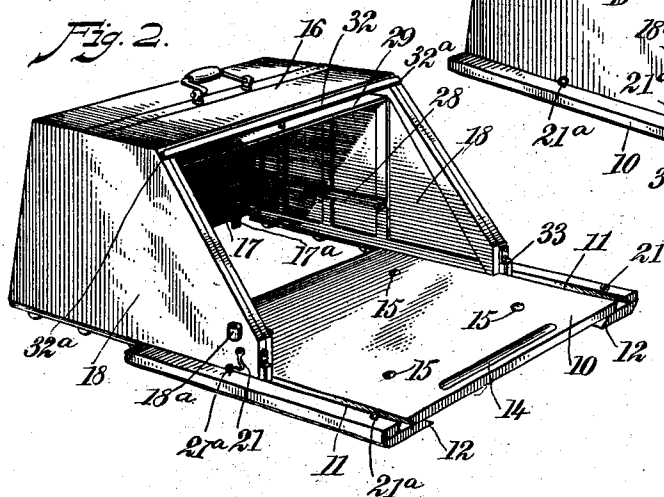
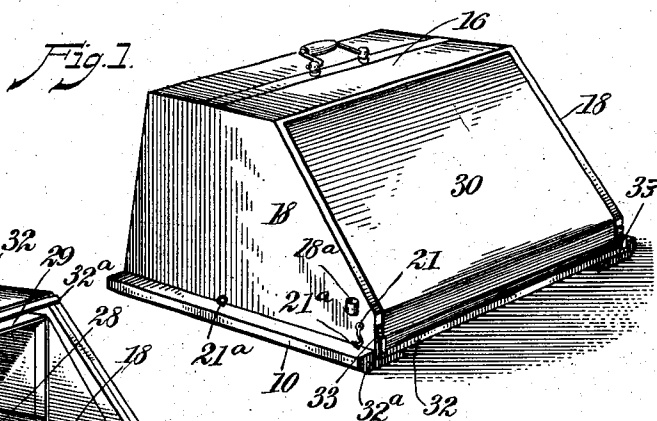
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FOWLER PRENTICE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a case for inclosing type-writing, adding, sewing, and other machines, not only to protect them from dust and exposure to the atmosphere, but also to allow their ready transportation. According to the form here illustrated it comprises a base and a cover or top portion, the latter being fitted with a suitable handle and mounted to slide on the base. Fastening devices are provided for holding the cover in active position and means are also provided for automatically moving the cover back out of position as soon as the fastening devices are released. Various other features of major or minor importance are involved, and all will be fully set forth hereinafter.

This specification is an exact description of one example of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the cover partly open. Fig. 3 is a front elevation, and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3.

The base 10 is flat or plate-like, as shown, and is constructed, preferably, of wood. It has in its upper face at each side an undercut or dovetail groove 11, and on its under side adjacent to its edges overhanging ledges 12 are provided, these ledges 12 serving to carry slidably a shelf which may be moved in or out at will and which when the type-writer is in use may be drawn out to serve as an extension of the base 10. Said base is formed also with a groove 14 in its upper face for the reception of pencils and the like, and cavities 15 are preferably provided to receive the bottom knobs of the type-writer.

The cover is formed, preferably, of a suit-

able framing covered with stout fabric or veneer and comprises a top wall 16, which is essentially horizontal, a rear wall 17, and side walls 18. The rear wall 17 has one or more projections 17^a, which limit the forward movement of the cover. 18^a indicates a cup fastened to the side of the cover to carry an ink-bottle, pins, or the like. The side walls have at their lower edges dovetail beads 19, which fit slidably within the grooves 11, and anti-friction-rollers 20 are provided, these rollers extending below the beads 19 and bearing on the bottom surface of the grooves 11, so as to mount the cover on the base in such a manner as to allow the free sliding of the cover forward and back on the base. Fastening-hooks 21 are mounted on the sides of the case and coact with eyes 21^a to hold the case closed or open, as may be desired, the rear eyes 21^a preventing the case from sliding off the base 10. For the purpose of automatically sliding the cover backward I provide a weight 22, which has an eye 23, sliding on a downwardly and forwardly inclined rod 24, extending from the upper portion of the cover along one of its sides 18 downward to the bottom thereof. This weight is provided with a second eye or pulley 25, which slides on a cord 26, one end of which is fastened to the upper portion of one of the side walls 18 of the cover, from whence the cord extends downward and rearward, its other end being fastened to the rear portion of the base 10 by a hook on the end of the string 26 engaging an eye in the base, which arrangement permits of detaching the string or cord, if desired. An eye 27 is fastened to the upper portion of the said side walls 18 adjacent to the upper end of the cord 26, and this eye 27 loosely receives the cord. The weight 22 tending to drop slides along the rod 24, and in doing so draws down on the loop of the cord 26, which lies between the upper end of the cord and the eye 27. This action pulls the cover rearward into the position shown in Fig. 2, the rollers 20 permitting the easy movement of the same. In the drawings I have shown only one weight 22 and its appurtenances, but, if desired, two may be provided, one being placed at each side of the cover

28 indicates racks which are placed at the inner side of each wall 18 and may be used to carry various articles employed in connection with type-writers. A horizontal shelf 29 is also provided, this being located just under the spring-roller hereinafter described and being principally useful for carrying sheets of paper to be used in the type-writer.

The front of the case is open, except for a curtain 30, which has its upper edge wound on a spring-roller 31 of the ordinary construction, this roller holding the curtain 30 normally wound, but permitting it to be drawn down, as shown in Fig. 1, the curtain then resting snugly against the edge of the walls 18 and having a slat 32 at its lower edge, the projecting ends 32^a of which are arranged to fasten under hooks 33, secured to the front edges of the walls 18 at the lower portions thereof. These hooks project below the top of the base 10, and when the slat is engaged with the hooks it lies in front of the base 10 and prevents rearward movement of the cover.

The use and advantage of this device will be apparent. When closed, as in Fig. 1, it effectually covers the type-writing machine, and by grasping the handle on the top wall 16 of the cover the case, with its load, may be readily carried from place to place. If desired, suitable fastenings may be provided for securing the type-writer more firmly in the case; but these are not required nor absolutely essential. The base of the case also serves as a stand for the type-writer when it is to be operated, and when this is desired it is only necessary to release the curtain 30, whereupon the weight or weights 22 will throw back the cover and expose the type-writer. If a supplemental shelf is provided below the base, this shelf may be drawn out at will to serve as an extension therefor.

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of my invention may be resorted to at will without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the intent of my claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A case, comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a weight, means for movably mounting the weight on the cover, a cord attached at one end to the base and at the other end to the cover, and means on the cover with which the cord has running engagement, said cord also having running engagement with the weight.

2. A case, comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a weight, means for movably mounting the weight on the cover, a cord having one end attached to the base and one end to the cover, means on the cover with which the cord has running engagement and the cord also having running engagement with the weight, the front side of the cover being open,

a curtain adapted to close said side, a spring-roller on which the curtain is wound, said roller being located at the upper side of the cover, and means at the lower portion of the cover for removably engaging the free end of the curtain to hold the curtain in active position, said free end of the curtain when thus engaged serving to hold the cover in closed position.

3. A case, comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a weight, means for movably mounting the weight on the cover, a cord attached at one end to the base and at the other end to the cover, said cord having running engagement with the weight, means on the cover with which the cord also has running engagement, the front side of the cover being open, and removable means for closing the front side of the cover, said means being mounted on the cover, and serving when in active position to hold the cover in closed position.

4. A case comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a weight, means for movably mounting the weight on the cover, a cord having one end attached to the base and the other end to the cover, said cord having running engagement with the weight, means on the cover with which the cord has running engagement, the front side of the cover being open, for the purpose specified, a spring-roller mounted on the top of the cover at the front thereof, a curtain wound over the roller and having at its free end a slat, the ends of which project beyond the side edges of the curtain, and hooks attached to the sides of the cover at the lower portion thereof, said hooks serving removably to hold the ends of the slat in engagement with the base.

5. A case, comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a weight, means for movably mounting the weight on the cover, and a cord attached to the base and having running engagement with the cover, said cord also having engagement with the weight.

6. A case, comprising a base, a cover mounted to slide thereon, a guide-rod mounted on the cover, a weight arranged to slide on said rod, an eye attached to the cover, and a cord run loosely through the eye and having the weight loosely engaged with the cord, said cord having one end fastened to the cover and the other to the base.

7. A case, comprising the combination of a base, a cover mounted to slide horizontally on the base and having an open front side, means exerting a pressure on the cover to move the cover rearward, a removable closure for the said open front side of the cover, and means for removably holding the cover in its forward or active position, said means also removably holding the closure in its active position.

8. A case, comprising the combination of a base, a cover arranged to slide back and forth thereon, means tending to move the cover rearward, the cover having an open front side, a curtain mounted at the upper portion of the

cover and serving removably to close said open front side of the cover, a slat attached to the lower or free end of the curtain, and hooks attached to the cover at the lower front portion
5 thereof, said hooks projecting below the upper surface of the base and arranged to slide back and forth along grooves in said base and adapted to be removably engaged by the slat, whereby to hold the cover in extended or ac-

tive position and to hold the case against rearward movement.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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