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NOTEBOOK HOLDER FOR TYPEWRITERS

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Fig. 1.

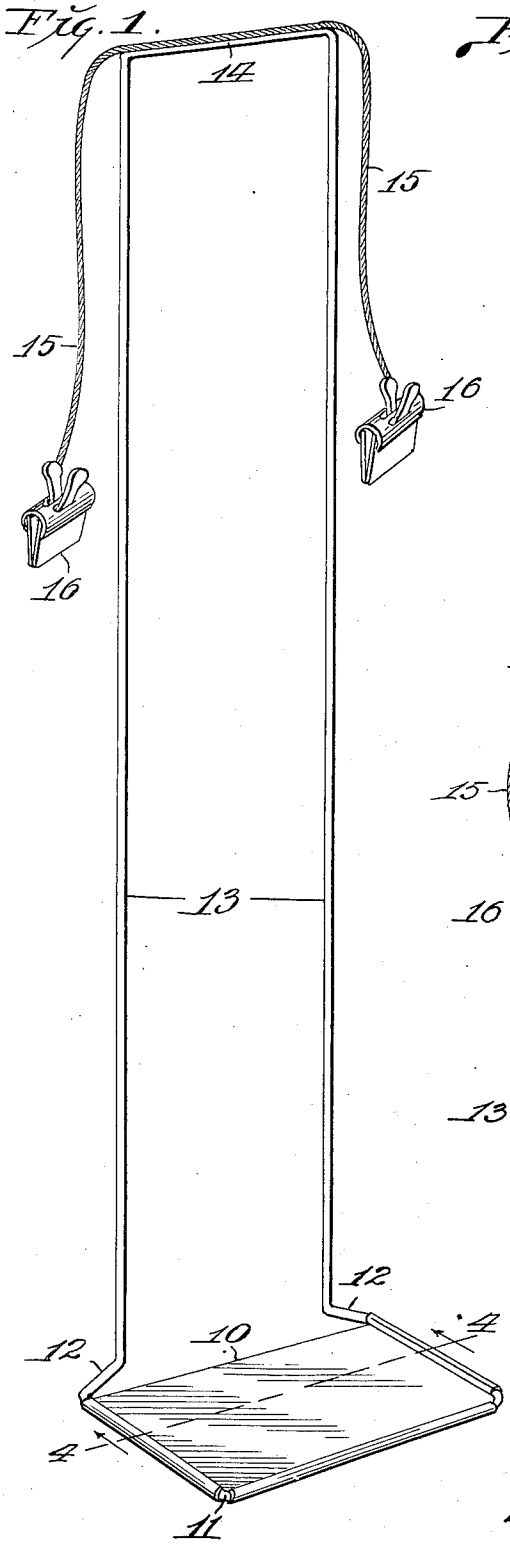


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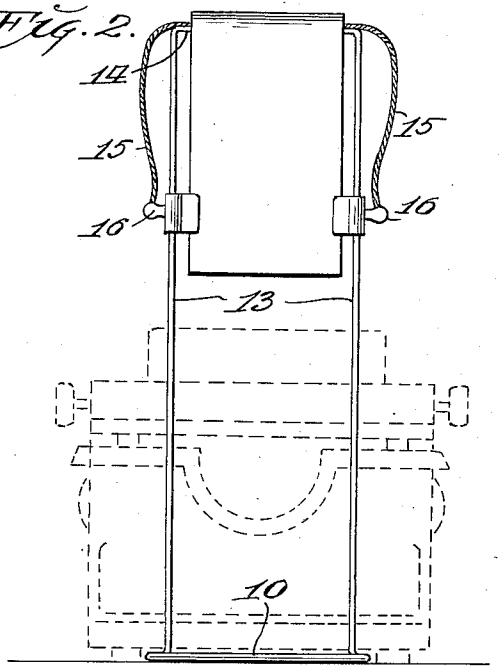


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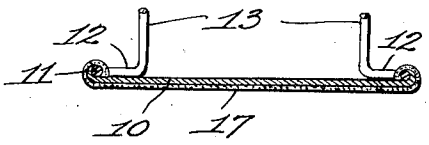
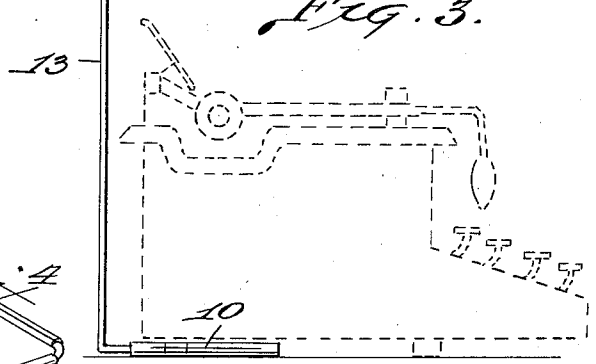


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a notebook holder especially designed for use in connection with standard typewriters and has for its principal object, the provision of a relatively simple, practical and inexpensive device that may be conveniently employed for firmly holding and supporting a stenographer's notebook directly above and to the rear of a typewriter while the notes are being transcribed.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a notebook holder of the character referred to that is not in any way connected to the typewriter with which it is used or to the desk or table upon which the typewriter is supported, further, to provide a holder that will maintain the notebook firmly in position directly in front of the eyes of the operator and further, to provide a holder that will not in any way interfere with the operation of the moving parts of the typewriter and the lower portion of the holder being constructed so that it will not mar the surface of the desk or table upon which the typewriter and holder are positioned.

With the foregoing and other objects in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the notebook holder constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the holder as it appears when positioned to the rear of a standard typewriter, the latter being shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the holder as it appears while positioned for use with the typewriter shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 4 is a cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates a rectangular plate, preferably formed of metal and of such size as to fit beneath the rear portion of a standard typewriter between the rear feet thereof.

For standard typewriters this base plate should be about eight inches in length and four and three-quarters inches in width.

Suitably secured, preferably by brazing or otherwise, to the front end and edges of plate 10, is a three-sided frame 11 of wire.

From the rear corners of the base plate, the side members of the wire frame are bent inwardly toward each other in a horizontal plane, as designated by 12 and from the outer ends of these short portions, the wire is extended upward to form spaced vertically disposed parallel legs 13. The height of these legs from base plate 10 to the top of the holder is approximately twenty-one inches, so that when the lower portion of the holder is positioned to the rear and beneath the typewriter, the upper portion of said frame projects a substantial distance above the top of the typewriter.

The space between the upright legs of the holder is sufficient to accommodate practically all standard forms of stenographer's notebooks.

The upper ends of legs 13 are connected by a horizontally disposed rail 14.

Secured to rail 14, is the intermediate portion of a flexible member 15, preferably wire cable of small diameter and the end portions of this member hang freely from the ends of rail 14.

Suitably secured to the lower ends of the depending portions of flexible member 15, preferably by brazing or by rivets, are clips or clamping devices 16, of conventional design, preferably of the type employing a pair of hinged or pivoted jaws that are normally forced against each other by a spring and said clips having projecting handles which when pressed toward each other open the jaws.

In order to prevent marring of the surface of the desk or table on which the holder is used, the underside of plate 10 may be coated with a layer 17 of rubber or rubber composition and if desired this coating may extend upwardly over the front and ends of frame 11.

When the holder is associated with the typewriter for holding a notebook, the base portion of the holder is positioned on the desk or table beneath the rear portion of the typewriter between the feet thereof, as illustrated in Fig. 3 so that the upper portions of the legs 13 project a substantial distance above the rear portion of the typewriter.

The back of the notebook is now positioned on rail 14, with both front and rear covers and the leaves between said covers depending between the upper portions of the legs 13.

The clips 16 are now opened and positioned upon the legs 13 to the sides of the leaves and covers of the notebook and the jaws of said clips are permitted to close upon the leaves and covers of the notebook so as to firmly hold same in position on the upper portion of the holder di-

rectly above the rear portion of the typewriter, as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3.

The weight of the base plate 10 and the frame 11, at the lower end of the holder, is sufficient to firmly retain the holder in an upright position and to also counterbalance the weight of the notebook when positioned on the upper portion of the holder and as the base portion of the holder is positioned beneath the rear portion of the typewriter while in use, the notebook will be firmly supported so as to maintain the notebook directly in front of and parallel with the eyes of the operator.

By thus supporting the notebook directly in front of the eyes of the operator, the head and neck of the operator may be held in normal perpendicular position while reading notes from the notebook and unequal or distorted strains on the eyes and eye muscles are eliminated.

The construction of the holder is such that it may be easily and conveniently placed in position behind and beneath a standard typewriter or removed therefrom and when properly positioned for use the holder cannot be accidentally tipped rearwardly, forwardly or laterally and the supported notebook cannot be dislodged from its position on the upper portion of the holder.

The base member 10 of the holder while in use, occupies a position on the desk beneath the rear portion of the typewriter between the feet thereof and as a result there is no direct transmission of vibration to the base of the holder as the keys of the typewriter are operated.

Further, the layer of rubber 17 on the base that makes direct contact with the surface of the desk is effective in eliminating any vibration that might be otherwise transmitted to the frame of the holder from the typewriter through the panel of the desk on which the typewriter and holder are supported. This elimination of vibration to the notebook holder is an especially desirable feature of my invention for where the book holding frame is vibrated as a result of operation of the typewriter, the typist cannot readily follow the notes on the pages of the supported book.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a notebook holder for typewriters that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved notebook holder for typewriters may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a notebook holder for typewriters, a base adapted to be positioned beneath the rear portion of a standard typewriter between the feet thereof and spaced apart from the underside of the typewriter, spaced parallel members projecting upwardly from the rear portion of said base, a rail connecting the upper ends of said spaced parallel members, a flexible member having its intermediate portion connected to said rail and clips carried by the ends of said flexible member.

2. In a notebook holder for typewriters, a plate adapted to be positioned beneath the rear portion of a typewriter between the feet thereof and spaced apart from the underside of the typewriter, a wire frame secured to said plate, spaced parallel members projecting upwardly from said frame at the rear end of said plate, a rail connecting the upper ends of said spaced parallel members, a flexible member having its intermediate portion secured to said rail and clips carried by the ends of said flexible member.

3. In a notebook holder for typewriters, a pair of parallel spaced upright members, a rail connecting the upper ends of said members, a flexible member having its intermediate portion secured to said rail the end portions of which flexible member depend from the ends of the rail adjacent the upper portions of the spaced upright members and clips carried by the ends of said flexible member.

4. In a notebook holder, a substantially L-shaped frame, the upright member of which comprises a pair of spaced parallel members, a rail connecting the upper end of said spaced members, a flexible member secured to the intermediate portion of said rail the end portions of which flexible member depend a substantial distance from the ends of said rail adjacent the upper portions of the spaced parallel members and clips carried by the ends of said flexible member.

5. A notebook holder for typewriters, comprising a base adapted to be positioned beneath the rear portion of a typewriter between the feet thereof and spaced apart from the underside of the typewriter, a coating of flexible material on the underside of said base, spaced parallel members projecting upwardly from the rear portion of said base, a rail connecting the upper ends of said spaced parallel members, a flexible member having its intermediate portion secured to said rail, the end portions of which flexible member depend a substantial distance from the ends of said rail adjacent the upper portions of the spaced parallel members and clips carried by the ends of said flexible member.

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