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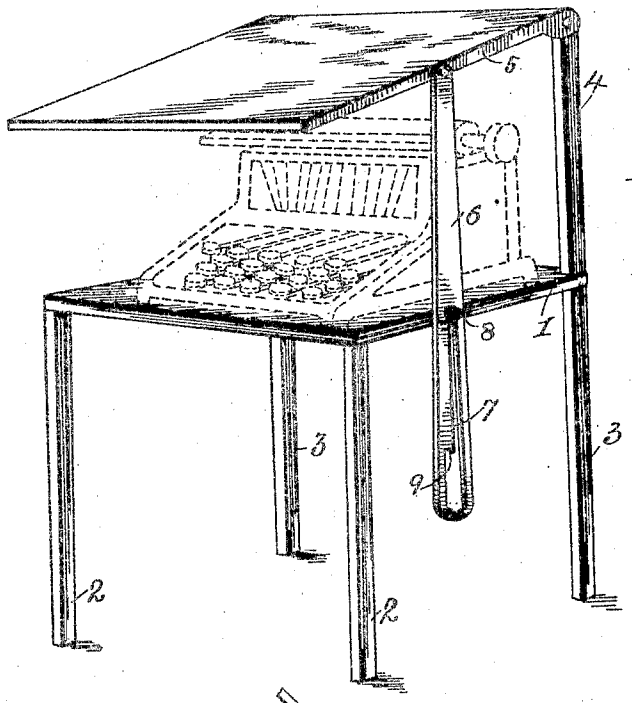
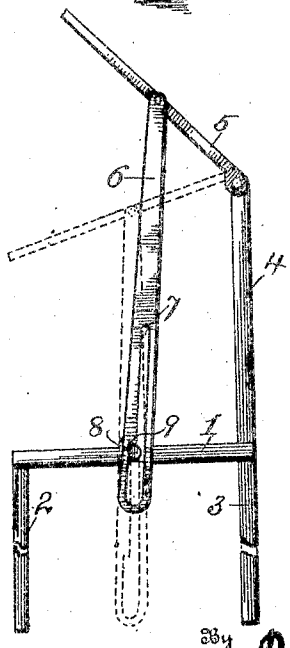


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHESTER E. KINGSTON, citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Type-Writer Tables, of which the following is a specification.

It is well known that in the teaching of the "touch" system of typewriting, it is customary to blindfold the pupil, which is obviously an uncomfortable and disagreeable practice, or to blank the keys of the typewriter, such latter being undesirable since the pupil learns the keys by continually watching them to note their position.

The object of this invention is an improved typewriter table which is designed to enable the "touch" system to be taught without the necessity of blindfolding the pupil or blanking the keys of the machine and which is so arranged that it may be adjusted to completely obstruct the typewriter from the view of the pupil, without inconveniencing the latter or in any way hindering the operation of the machine.

With this and other objects in view that will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved typewriter table, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof showing the screen raised out of operative position.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawing by the same reference characters.

My improved table embodies a body portion 1 supported by front legs 2 and rear legs 3, and two standards 4 which project upwardly from the rear of the body portion 1 and which in the present instance are formed by the upward extension of the rear legs 3. The screen 5 of the table is hingedly connected at its rear end to the standards 4 at corresponding points thereof. This screen is designed to be held over the body portion 1, and for this purpose a supporting rod 6 is pivotally connected at one end to one side of the screen, the other end of the rod being formed with a longitudinally extending slot 7 in which a stud 8 projecting from the corresponding side of the body portion 1, is mounted. This stud normally abuts against the upper end of the slot 7, to hold the screen 5 in an operative position, above and spaced from the body portion 1.

The rod 6 is formed in the slot 7 with one or more downwardly facing shoulders 9, which, upon the raising of the screen 5 and its attached rod 6, are designed to be engaged with the stud 8 to hold said screen in raised position.

In the practical use of my improved table, the screen 5 is secured in raised position and the typewriter is placed on the body portion 1 near the front thereof, the screen being then lowered into operative position. In such latter position the screen completely obscures the machine from the view of a pupil sitting in front of the table but it in no way hinders the operation of the machine, since there is sufficient space between said screen and the body portion 1 to permit the free movement of the pupil's hands. It will also be noted that the screen may be easily and quickly raised and held in such position when it is desired to insert paper in the typewriter or the like.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

The herein described typewriter table comprising a body portion, front and rear pairs of legs supporting the same, the rear legs being extended upwardly beyond the body portion to form standards, a screen pivotally secured at its rear end to the standards and arranged to extend over the body portion, a rod pivotally connected at one end to the screen and formed at its other end within its margin with a slot provided near its lower end with a downwardly facing shoulder, and a stud projecting from the body portion and slidingly mounted in the slot, said stud being arranged to abut against the upper end of the slot or the shoulder at the lower end thereof, to hold the screen in a raised or lowered position, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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