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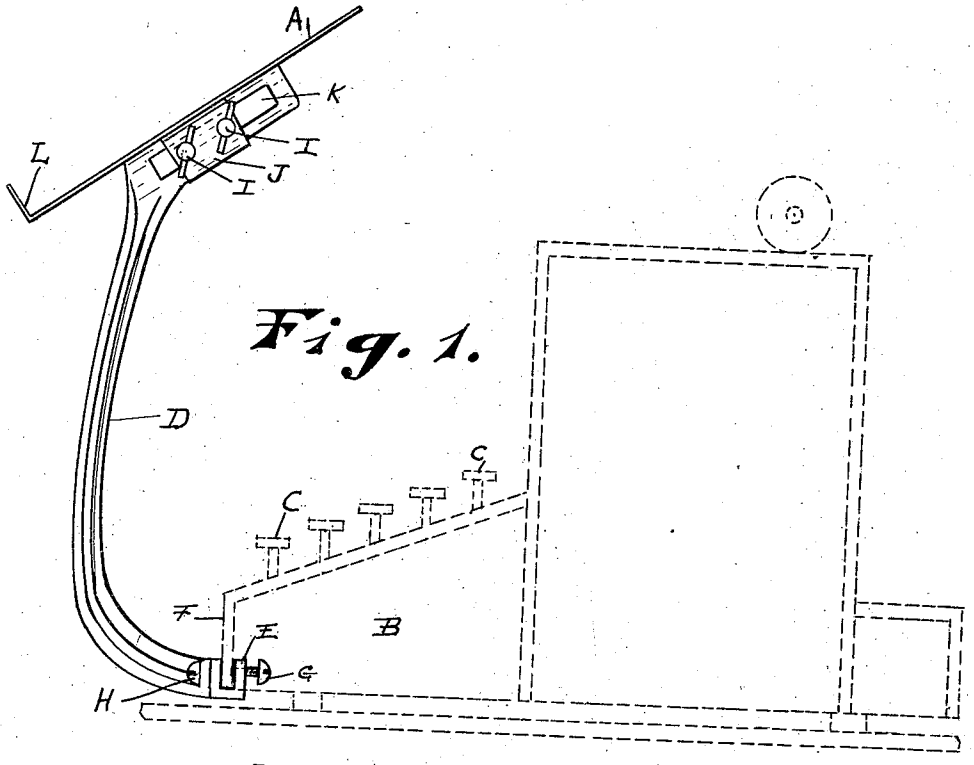


Fig. 1.

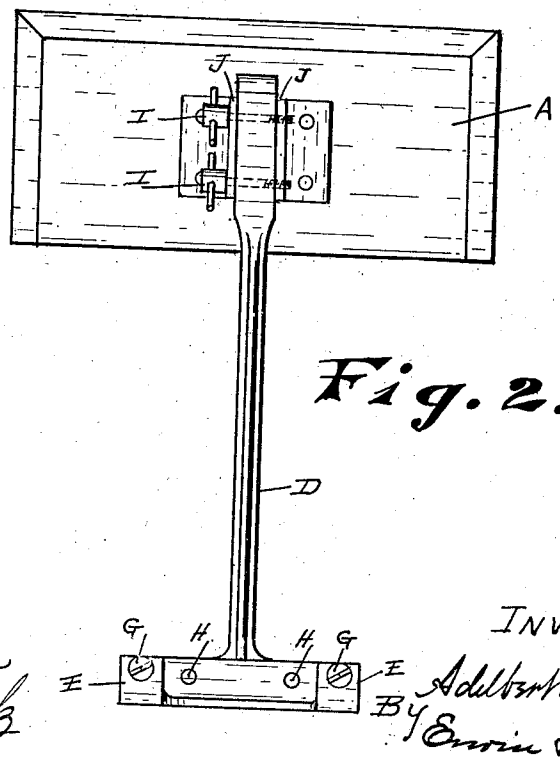


Fig. 2.

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KEYBOARD-COVER FOR TYPE-WRITERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADELBERT L. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Keyboard-Covers for Type-Writers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is among other things to provide a suitable screen to be used in connection with typewriters for the purpose of obstructing the line of vision between the operator and the key-board while the operator is learning the so-called touch system.

Heretofore, screens for such purpose have been connected with and supported from the back or one of the sides of the machine, but when made to be thus supported with one style of a machine they cannot in many instances be used with other styles of machines as they are liable to be in the way of the carriage or other parts of the machine.

The object of my present invention is therefore more especially to provide a screen that is equally adapted to be used in connection with all ordinary typewriters, regardless of their style of construction, and which may be adjusted at any desired angle to the key-board, and may also, if desired, be used for supporting manuscript which is being copied by the operator.

My invention is explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a side view of the device attached to a machine, and Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof.

Like parts are identified by the same reference letters in both views.

A represents the screen which is adjustably supported from the machine B above the key-board C by the standard D. While it has heretofore been common as stated to connect the screen supporting standard at one of the sides or at the back of the machine, the standard D of my device is constructed and adapted to be attached to the front of the machine, centrally between the respective sides of the key-board. Experience has proven that when the shield supporting standard is thus connected, it is not only not in the way of the hands of the operator as may have previously been supposed it would be, but it serves an additional useful purpose in compelling the operator to operate only those keys with each hand that good practice requires him to operate, and the temptation to manipulate more keys with the right hand than the left or more with one hand than the other when learning to operate the machine is prevented and the operator is required to practice in such a manner as will make him most proficient when the art has been once properly mastered.

To facilitate attaching my device to a machine, I preferably provide the lower end of the standard D with a clamping bracket E which is adapted to engage the vertical wall F of the key-board when it is temporarily secured in place by the clamping screws G, the bracket E being secured to the standard D by screws H. The shield A is adjustably secured to the upper end of the standard D by a plurality of clamping screws I and shield retaining flanges J, J. The screws I have closely fitting apertures in the flanges J and are centrally connected with the standard D in the elongated slot K. The slot K is preferably made wider than the clamping screws I and permits of such lateral adjustment therein as may be necessary to change the inclination of the shield A to the bearing surface of the standard D, while the length of the slot K is such as to permit the shield A to be adjusted higher or lower in its relation to the bracket as may be required to best obstruct the line of vision between pupils of different heights or to support manuscript in the most desirable position for the operator. The lower side of the shield A is provided with an angular flange L for the purpose of preventing the manuscript which is supported thereon from sliding off its lower side. It will be obvious that by this construction the shield A is not only adapted to be adjusted in its relative position to the standard D but the entire device may, by releasing the clamping screws G, be readily removed from the machine. It will also be obvious that if desirous to attach the shield to a machine which is not adapted for the reception of the bracket E, said bracket may be removed from the standard D by withdrawing the screws H, when the standard D may be connected with the machine by the screws H and the bracket E dispensed with.

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

1. The combination of a typewriting machine, a vertical standard centrally located between the sides of the key-board and extending upwardly above the key-board in front of the central portion thereof and adapted to limit the movement of the respective hands of the operator to the respective sides of the machine, a screen supported from the upper end of said standard and means for adjustably connecting the lower end of said standard centrally with the front of the machine.

2. The combination with a typewriting machine, of a screen supporting standard provided at its upper end with an elongated slot, a screen provided with a retaining bracket, adapted to engage the respective sides of the upper end of said standard, a pair of clamping bolts supported from said bracket within the slot of said standard and adapted to secure said bracket and screen at any desired point of adjustment in relation to said supporting standard, and means for connecting the lower end of said standard to the front of the typewriter, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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