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FIG. 1.

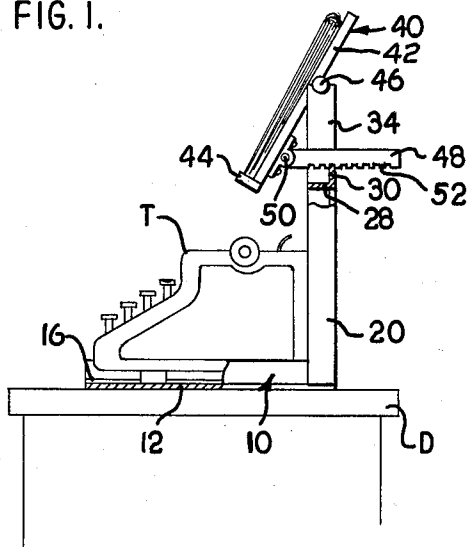


FIG. 2.

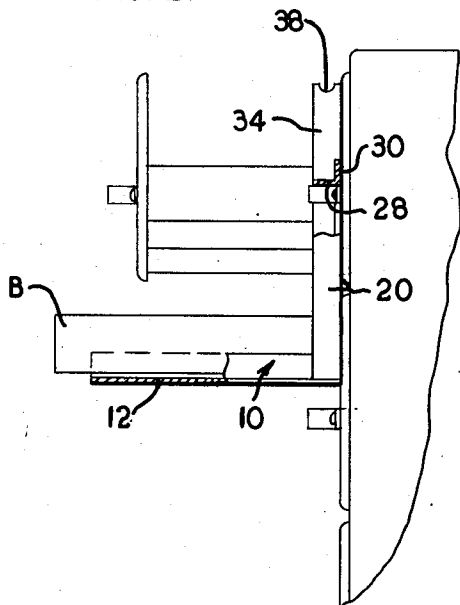
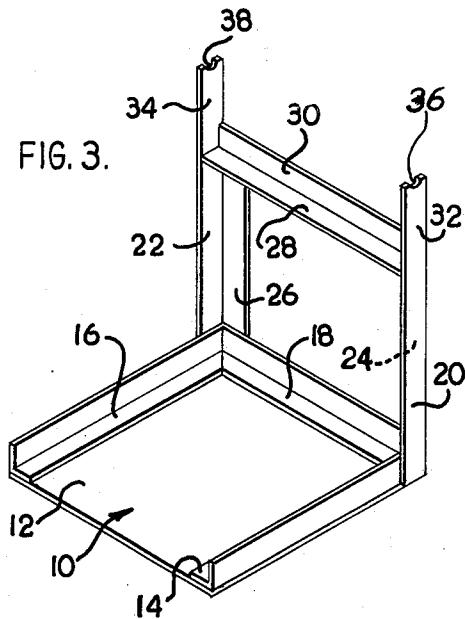


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to a copy holder and filing aid and has for its primary object to support copy at the eye level of a copyist and above a typewriter so as to facilitate the transcription of shorthand notes or the copying of manuscript or the like.

Another object is to support a file basket or the like adjacent a file drawer to enable the contents of the basket to be quickly and easily distributed in the file drawer.

The above and other objects may be attained by employing this invention which embodies among its features, a base, a pair of spaced parallel uprights carried by the base, said uprights having aligned recesses opening through the upper ends thereof, and a tie and supporting bar fixed to the uprights and extending therebetween intermediate the ends thereof to form a hanger by which the device may be suspended from the handle or the like of a file drawer.

Other features include a table, aligned trunnions fixed to the table and extending outwardly from opposite edges thereof, said trunnions being adapted to be received in the recesses in the uprights to pivotally support the table on the uprights, and a notched bar pivotally connected to the table and engaging the tie bar for holding the table at a desired tilt.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side view of a copy holder and filing aid showing it mounted and ready for use by a copyist, portions of the device being broken away more clearly to show certain details;

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the device in use as a support for a file basket; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the base and uprights with the copy supporting table removed.

Referring to the drawings in detail a base designated generally 10 comprises a rectangular plate 12 having attached thereto adjacent three of its edges angle irons 14, 16 and 18, the flanges of which extend upwardly to form a shallow tray having an open front.

Extending vertically from the base 10 at the corners thereof adjacent the junctions of the angle irons 14 and 16 with the angle iron 18 are uprights 20 and 22 comprising angle irons with their flanges 24 and 26 at the rear of the device and extending toward one another. A tie and suspending bar 28 is fixed at opposite ends to the uprights intermediate their ends and like the uprights comprise an angle iron. The vertical flange 30 of the tie and suspending bar 28 extends upwardly from the said bar and lies flush

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with the rear flanges 24 and 26. The flanges 24 and 26 of the uprights 20 and 22 terminate at the underside of the tie bar 28 and the portions 32 and 34 of the uprights 20 and 22 which project above the bar 28 are provided in their upper ends with aligning recesses 36 and 38 respectively.

The device as thus far described may be employed to suspend a file basket B (Figure 2) on the handle or other protrusion carried by a file drawer to facilitate the filing of the contents of the basket B in an adjacent file drawer.

In order to use the device to hold copy at the eye level of a copyist and relieve the copyist of fatigue, I employ a table designated generally 40 comprising a rectangular plate 42 carrying along one marginal edge a copy retaining flange 44. Fixed to opposite side edges of the plate intermediate the ends thereof are aligning trunnions 46 which are entered into the recesses 36 and 38 to pivotally support the table on the uprights 20 and 22. As shown in Figure 1 the trunnions 46 are nearer the edge of the table 40 remote from the flange 44 in order that the flanged edge will tend to move downwardly under the influence of gravity. In order to hold the table 40 at the desired angle, a bar 48 is pivotally connected as at 50, to the plate 42 on the side opposite that from which the flange 44 projects and between the flange 44 and the trunnion 46. This bar is provided along its lower edge with a longitudinal row of transverse teeth 52 which engage the flange 30 of the tie bar 28 and hold the table 40 at the desired angle of tilt.

When the device is used as a copy holder it is placed on a table or typewriter desk D with the base 10 resting on the top thereof and the uprights 20 and 22 extending upwardly. The trunnions 46 are then entered in the recesses 36 and 38 to pivotally support the table on the uprights. The tilt of the table 40 may be regulated by moving the bar 48 so that the edge of the flange 30 of the tie bar will be engaged by the teeth 52. With a typewriter T resting on the base 10 it is evident that the device will be stable and that copy on the table 40 will be at the eye level of the user.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred form of this invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

In a copy holder for typewriters, a flat rectan-

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gular base plate having side and rear upstanding side flanges to support the typewriter, an open rectangular frame rising from the rear corners of said flanges, said frame comprising side members of L-angle iron, a horizontally disposed tie element also of L-angle iron interconnecting said side members toward their upper ends, said tie element having one of its flange portions upstanding, said side members having one of their flange portions extending inwardly toward each other at the rear side of said base and cutaway upwardly from immediately below said tie element and the top ends of the other flange portions thereof recessed, an inclined table having a flat bottom and bottom and side outstanding flanges to support the copy to be typed, the said bottom outstanding flange having a greater width than the said side outstanding flanges, trunnions projecting laterally from points slightly above the transverse centers of the latter flanges for pivotal support in said recesses, a bar pivoted at

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one end to one of the said latter flanges and having its lower edge provided with a series of notches, said bar extending rearwardly from its point of pivot to have said notches selectively engaged with the edge of the upstanding flange of said tie element to adjust the angle of inclination of the table.

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