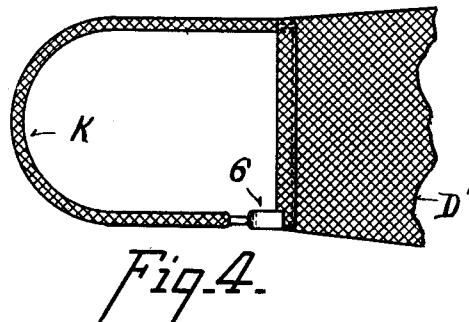
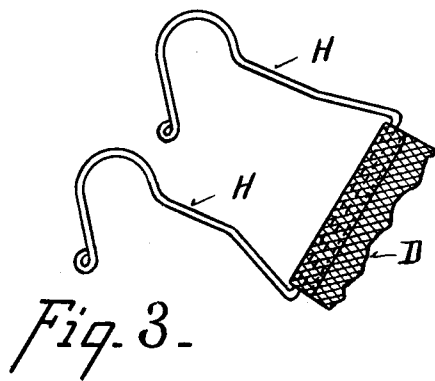
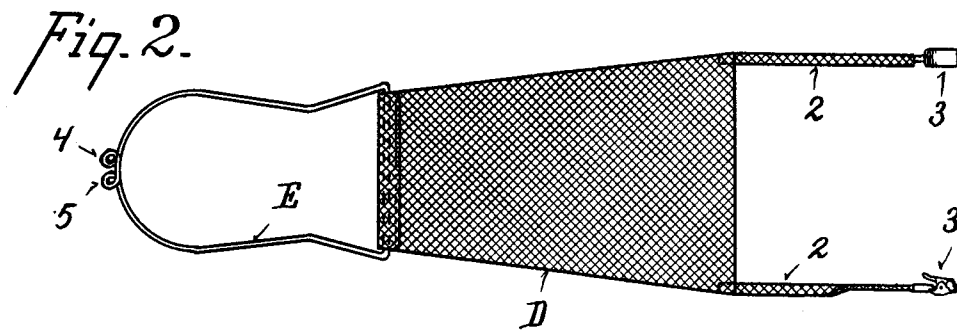
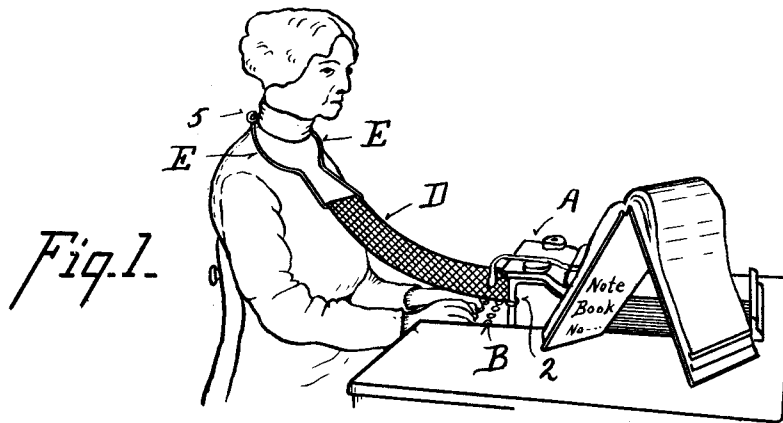


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Type-Writer Keyboard-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to typewriter keyboard covers.

One of its objects is to provide a keyboard cover to prevent the operator from seeing the keyboard, without interfering with the operation of the typewriter.

Another object is to provide a keyboard cover quickly and readily adjustable to position and capable of use on any typewriter.

Another object is to provide a keyboard cover which tends to cause the operator to sit in proper relation to the machine, and which will become detached from the operator automatically when the operator moves or leans too far away from the typewriter.

My invention further comprises certain details of form, combination, and arrangement, all of which will be fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a typewriter, desk, and operator showing my improved keyboard cover in position for use. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the keyboard cover detached. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a portion of a keyboard cover illustrating a modification. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a portion of a keyboard cover illustrating another modification.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the preferred embodiments of my invention.

As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, A represents a typewriter, which may be of any of the usual types having a keyboard B. The keyboard cover comprises a web of cloth or similar material D which is flexible, soft and of sufficient strength, said cloth being preferably of dark color to render it opaque, and to relieve the eyes of the operator from unnecessary strain, and of sufficient width to cover the keyboard. At the typewriter end the web D is provided with means to attach it to the typewriter, preferably consisting of tapes 2 and garment clasps 3 by means of which the corners of the web may be readily secured to or detached from the frame of the typewriter above the keyboard and preferably

below the typewriter carriage. At the opposite end of the web D, I provide a yoke-shaped member E of flexible metal wire or rod, the free ends 4 and 5 of which preferably slightly overlap each other, and are capable of being sprung apart to adjust the yoke about the neck of the operator as indicated in Fig. 1. The yoke E and web D are secured together by lapping the end of the web D around the middle portion of the member E and stitching the free or lapped end to the web D.

When the keyboard cover is in position as shown in Fig. 1, it covers the keyboard and prevents the operator from seeing the keyboard, and causes the operator to rely upon other faculties than sight to strike the right keys, and without otherwise interfering with the operation of the typewriter. The cover is readily and quickly attached to any typewriter without requiring screws, brackets or other similar means of attachment, and without liability of injuring or marring the typewriter or desk. The cover is of very light weight, and the yoke E is readily and quickly attached about the neck of the operator, and may be automatically detached by the operator leaning backwardly, when the free ends of the yoke spread apart to release the operator. This arrangement prevents the operator from seeing the keyboard by leaning backwardly, and tends to keep the operator, or cause the operator, to sit in proper relation to the typewriter, and where employed in schools by a number of operators, the instructor can readily detect at a glance any displacement of the covers. The use of the cover results in the operator quickly becoming able to strike the desired keys without looking at the keyboard, and to thus operate the typewriter without looking away from the note book.

As illustrated in Fig. 3 a forked member H is employed in place of the yoke member E of Fig. 2, the free ends of the member H being bent to fit over and rest upon the shoulders of the operator. The member H is also automatically detachable from the operator when the operator moves backwardly.

In the modification Fig. 4 a tape K of either elastic or of inelastic material is attached to one corner of the web D' and its free end provided with an attaching member, preferably a spring garment clasp 6,

which enables the tape K to be readily passed around the neck of the operator and secured to the opposite corner of the web D'.

The device herein illustrated and described is capable of considerable modification without departing from the principle of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

10 1. A keyboard cover comprising a cover member supported substantially in a horizontal plane above the keyboard, means at one end of said cover member to attach it in position relative to the keyboard, and
15 means at the opposite end to attach said cover member to the operator.

2. A keyboard cover comprising a flexible cover member to extend from the typewriter to the operator above the keyboard,
20 means at one end of said cover member to hold said cover member in position above the keyboard, and means at the opposite end of said cover member to attach said member to the operator.

25 3. A keyboard cover comprising a flexible cover member supported substantially in a horizontal plane above the keyboard, means

at one end of said cover member to detachably attach said cover member to a typewriter above the keyboard, and means to
30 detachably connect the opposite end of said cover member to the operator.

4. A keyboard cover comprising a flexible cover member to extend from the typewriter to the operator above the keyboard,
35 means at one end of said cover member to detachably support said cover member above the keyboard, and a flexible metal member to detachably connect the opposite end of said cover member to the operator. 40

5. A keyboard cover comprising a flexible cover member to extend from the typewriter to the operator above the keyboard, means at one end of said cover member to
45 detachably support said cover member above the keyboard, and a flexible yoke to detachably connect the opposite end of said cover member to the operator.

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

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