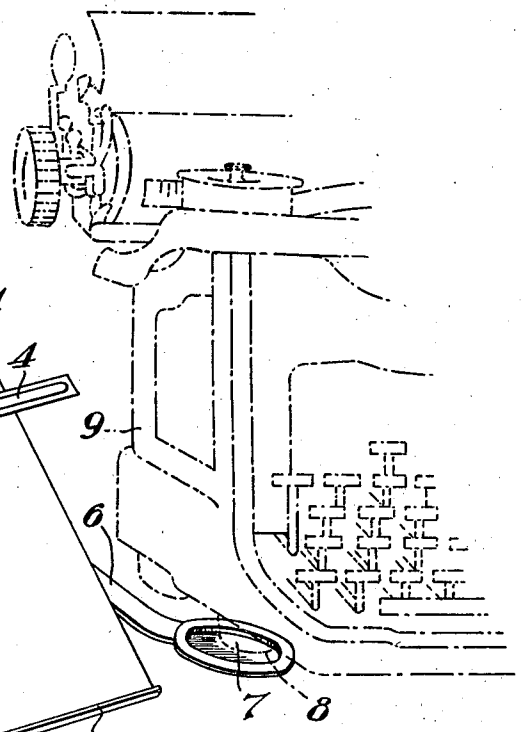
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FIG. 1.



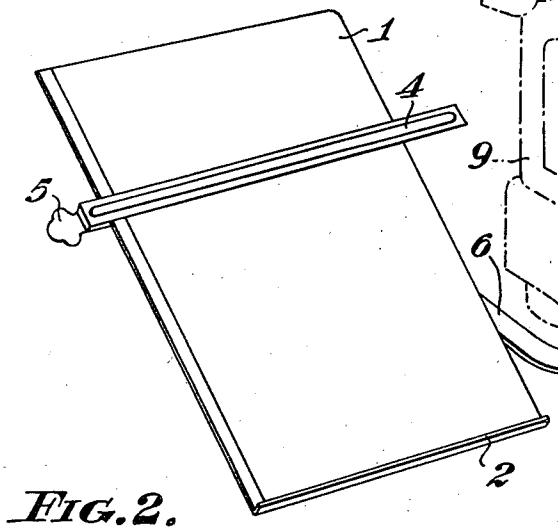


FIG. 2.

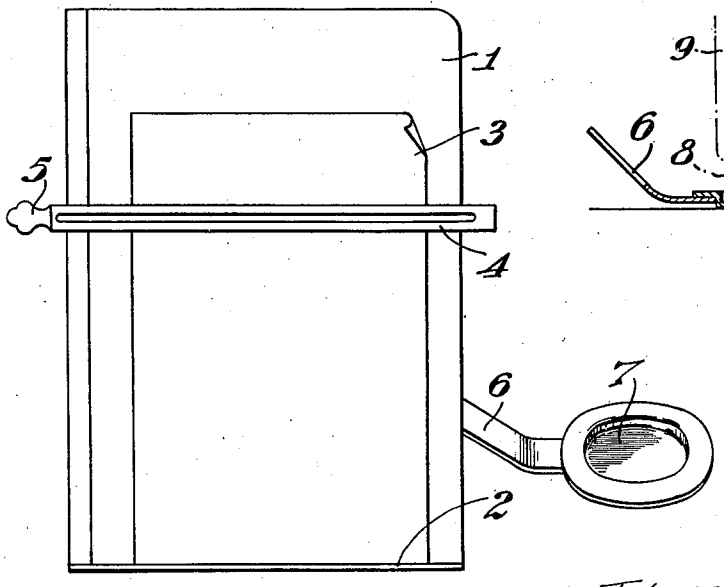
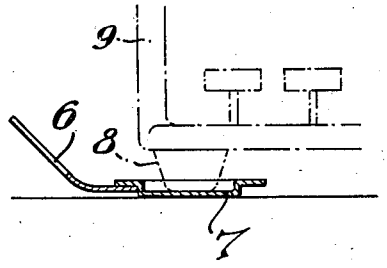


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to a support for matter such as manuscript to be copied by typewriting or like means. An object of this invention is to provide a support which can be mounted with ease in its supporting position, as it consists of one simple support which upon the application of sufficient weight on its base, for example the weight of a typewriter, assumes its supporting position without the employment of nuts and bolts or other fixing means. A further object is to provide a support which is manufactured from sheet material such as metal. Another object is to provide a support which holds the manuscript or other copy in a position where it can be read and followed conveniently by the operator of the machine.

With these and other objects which will be apparent from the following specification in view, a preferred form will now be described with reference to the accompanying sheet of drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the support showing it retained by a typewriter,

Figure 2 is a front view of the support, and

Figure 3 is a view partly in section showing how the support is retained.

In the drawing, the support comprises a platform or bracket 1, said platform having a lip 2 at its bottom on which the sheet 3 (Figure 2) rests, while horizontally across said platform, on the sheet, a strip-like member 4 is provided, the said strip being retained on the support so as to slide vertically thereon. The strip therefore serves as a linear guide for the copy on the sheet, to facilitate the reading thereof line by line. The member 4 has a clip-like spring 5 or other suitable device whereby the said member 4 can slide but is prevented from dipping accidentally.

The platform 1 has an arm 6 secured to one side thereof, by means of rivets, welding or other means, the said arm 6 being bent or angled as shown within its length. The said arm carries a plate or pallet 7 forming a foot, which foot is also at an angle with respect to the main portion of the arm. The foot 7 may be of any suitable form provided it is flat and of small thickness, but preferably it is of annular form and flanged as shown in Figure 3.

Being thus of flat structure the foot 7 is of shovel or pallet form upon the arm 6, and as can be appreciated, besides forming an obtuse angle with the arm 6 this foot with the prolongation of its plane forms an acute angle with the plane of the platform 1.

The foot 7 which, as said, is flattish and of little thickness, is prepared in order to be pressed and held by the base 8 or foot of a typewriter or other machine 9.

As the weight of the machine 9 is several times greater than that of the platform 1, on being pressed by such machine the foot 7 serves as a base to the arm 6 which becomes perfectly firm and erect to sustain the platform as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Due to the angle of the elbow of the arm 6 and the disposition of the foot 7 with relation to the whole apparatus, the platform 1 acquires a diagonal position and is raised at the back, giving good support to copying matter 3 fronting upon the operator using the machine 9.

The arm 6 with its flattish foot 7 can be fixed to the right as well as to the left of a bracket for application to either side of the machine, provided it keeps the angular disposition with the parts of the support and especially with the foot 7 in order to occupy the correct position, without interfering with the action of the carriage or other parts of the typewriter 9.

Doubtless in putting the invention into practice, modifications in the construction and form of the apparatus will have to be introduced, as in place of the structure indicated, the foot may be made rectangular or in other form, provided it is always flattish and of small thickness in order to be held by the machine 9, but such variation will not depart from the fundamental principles clearly specified in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A support for matter to be copied comprising a platform, an arm secured to the platform, said arm being angled within its length, a foot on the free end of said arm for retention beneath the frame of a typewriter or other machine with the platform supported with its base pressed on the supporting surface and the platform disposed at an angle so as to face the operator.

2. A support for matter to be copied comprising a platform, an arm secured to one side of the platform said arm being angled within its length, a foot on the free end of said arm, for retention beneath the frame of a typewriter or other machine with the platform supported with its base pressed on the supporting surface and the platform disposed at an angle so as to face the operator.

3. A support for matter to be copied comprising a platform, an arm secured to one side of the platform, said arm being angled so as to extend downwardly and forwardly, a plate forming a foot on the free end of said arm, said foot extending outwardly and at such an angle with respect to the platform that the said foot can be retained beneath the frame of a typewriter or other machine with the platform inclined rearwardly and towards the operator.

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