Scientific American.

Amber in Eastern Prussla.

a cheap substitute for more durable material, and presents a handsome appearance. It consists of plaster of Paris mixed with cement and fibrous materials. The arch proper is built of wood and looks not unlike a well built scaffold. This is being entirely overlaid with staff, and the figures will be placed in position at the proper time. Some of the larger pieces will be modeled directly in place, but most of the sculpture has been enlarged in the Madison Square Garden, where our staff photographer has been able to get some photographs of the animated scene by flashlight, for in the madrush against time there is no chance for posing.

The sculptor makes his model in his studio, generally 2 or 3 feet high; he then obtains a plaster model from it, and this is taken to Madison Square Garden, where it is enlarged under the direction of Carl Beil, who had charge of the men who did the same work at the World's Fair. Usually the head and hands are modeled full size in the sculptor's studio. A wooden carcass is built to support the head and hands, and then the work of building up the man 12 feet high is begun. All of the trunk and legs are outlined with wire netting, the staff being applied over this. Pieces of wire cloth, burlap, and even excelsior are freely used. The plaster is brought in pans and is applied with trowels and coarse medeling tools. Drapery is readily obtained by using burlap dipped in the plaster. Some of the sculptors do their own work, others employ professional modelers. The proportions are kept with caliners and by means of plumb lines and scales which correspond to the ruled squares of a painter's cartoon. There is not very much finishing, except to face and hands, and the bodies are freely shaped with hatchets and rasps. Some of the figures were modeled full size, as in the alto-reliefs shown in one of our engravings; here the actual modeling clay and not the plaster is being used. A wooden framework blocks out the main masses and the clay is modeled directly on this. A small sketch a few inches high is of course made first.

The staff for the architectural part of the structure was modeled elsewhere, and the first piece was applied to the arch September 7. Admiral Dewey is certainly to be congratulated for the splendid trophy of victory, even though, a few days after the celebration, it will be only a memory.

THE Sanyo Railway of Japan has recently introduced dining cars, and sleeping cars are also to be run.

Amber is found all along the Prussian shores of the Baltic, but principally in the peninsula of Samland. All amber, found everywhere, is state property, but the state cannot mine amber without the permission of the owner of the ground. Before the beginning of the present century, digging was the only means employed for obtaining amber. It was done in an irregular manner, and in 1862 dredging was practiced. This was continued until 1890, when mining by means of shafts was also resorted to; diving has also been practiced with great success. Amber occurs in the socalled blue earth, a sandy clay with many grains of quartz and granite. In the dry state the earth is green, and when it is wet it becomes almost black. The blue earth is washed with water, the big lumps being reduced with the help of mallets, and passed over sieves, and the slime is returned to the sea. The shafts have a depth of from 30 to 60 feet, and further inland they may be double this depth. One mine has nearly a thousand employes. The inferior pieces of amber are made into what is called "ambroid." The pieces are washed and dried, coated on the outside with some chemical, and are then moulded with the aid of heat

Our Trade with Africa.

Public interest in African affairs is very great at the present time, while that continent is in such an unsettled condition. Africa is regarded by many commercial nations as a great future market for exports, and the demand for United States goods is not at all backward. Exports from the United States to Africa were in the fiscal year of 1899 more than five times as great as they were in 1889, amounting in the former year to \$3,496,505, and in 1899 to \$18,594,424. From "Cape to Cairo" and from Liberia to Abyssinia American manufactures and American foodstuffs are steadily making their way into public favor, and the consumption is constantly on the increase. Railroad bridges in the Nile Valley, mining machinery in the gold and diamond districts, cloth and foodstuffs are all eagerly sought for. Exports from the United States to Africa have grown more rapidly since 1893 than those to any other of the grand divisions of the world, while Asia and Oceanica come next, and they are followed by Europe, North America and finally South America

It is an encouraging sign that not only are our exports to Africa growing rapidly, but they are evidently taking the place, to a greater or less extent, of those articles formerly supplied by other countries. The British South African Export Gazette says "that American competition has to be met in all departments of trade. This competition is also not to be ignored because the shipments in many cases are small in quantity and value, as this is a peculiarity incidental to the opening of all new markets. The energy which our transatlantic cousins put into all of their new departures is earnest of a sufficiently active exploitation in the near future. This can only be met by renewed care and energy on the part of English firms in cultivating the South African markets."

The Current Supplement.

The current Supplement, No. 1237, has a number of most interesting articles. "Notes on Manila and Cavité" describes some curious features of our new possessions. "Victoria Regia" is the subject of a large engraving dealing with this curious aquatic giant. "Archæological Discoveries at Carthage" refers to the important discoveries which have recently been made upon the site of one of the most interesting cities of antiquity. There are a number of articles devoted to trade besides the regular consular page. "Manufacture of Carbons" describes most ingenious automatic machinery for plating the carbons and presses and baking "The Relations of Physics and Astronomy furnaces. to the Development of the Mechanic Arts" is the conclusion of Prof. Abbe's interesting paper.

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RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Agricultural Implements.

HARROW.-CHARLES OHAVEN and FRED P. UHRIG. Fort Madison, Iowa. This clip-guard harrow-tooth holder has a solid front recessed for the reception of the tooth and adapted at the same time to strengthen and hold the tooth fast in place. The clip-guard is drawn together by means of a bolt and nut at the back of the bar through holes made for the bolt in the ends of the clip combined with the bar, tooth and bolt. This device differs from tooth-holders made of two pieces and bolted together at the back of the bar, as these give an opportunity to the clip to spring from its work and loosen the tooth.

Bicycle-Appliances.

AUTOMATICALLY-OPERATED BICYCLE-PUMP. JOHN S. BUBB, Kittanning, Penn. This invention provides improvements in bicycle-pumps connected with the bicycle frame and adapted to be conveniently shifted into and out of operative position by the rider while mounted on the machine. In its essential features the invention comprehends a novel construction of pumping and distributing mechanism adapted to be disposed within the frame-tubing, and so arranged as to be ope rated by an eccentric of crank-mechanism connected with either the drive-wheel axle or the crank-axle.

Electrical Apparatus.

ELECTRIC METER. - ALBERT PELOUX, Geneva, Switzerland. The invention provides an electric meter of the motor-type, in which a motor system moves a metallic disk or cylinder. The disk, in turning between the poles of permanent magnets or electromagnets, acquires a speed of rotation in proportion to the electric energy expended. The meter has the merit of dispensing with movable wires upon the armature, thus making an exceedingly strong apparatus, as the movable part consists only of a spindle, two iron cores, a disk, and a movable brush. The meter may be employed for a three or five-wire system.

field, Mass. The electric switch has a terminal-block which shall last a reasonably long time. A machine a slot in one side of the box proper. A two-armed shut- invention. The machine comprises two superposed ter within the box has one of its arms pivoted on the connected disks respectively carrying dies and nunches inside of the box, the arms of the shutter being adapted adapted to receive the stencil-sheet between them. to close the slots. This switch is simple in construction, positive in its action, large in capacity, and is arranged to ing-disks and is carried above the frame. The disks and to reduce the arcing to a minlmu:n.

VISUAL SIGNAL APPARATUS. - RUDOLF EIN-BIGLER, Manhattan, New York city. The invention provides an electrical signal device particularly adapted for use in offices or buildings, and comerises a series of main aununciators placed in a spitable position and aponthe inner or normally-hidden side of each one of which is placed a numeral designating a person to be called. In connection with each one of the main annunciators an auxiliary annunciator or a series of auxiliary annunciators is provided, electrically operated and controlled from various points of a building or the like, temote from the main board, so as to indicate the calling person to the

Engineering-Improvements.

CUT-OUT COCK FOR ENGINEERS VALVES. DENNIS BROWN, Somerset, Ky. This cut-out or stopcock is especially designed for use when a number of locomotives are coupled to a single train, the arrangement then enabling a connection to be established between the train-line pressure and the train-pipe gage, so that each engineer can see what pressure is in the trainpipe and what is drawn off by the engineer of the leading engine. Should the leading engine not charge or control the brakes, the engineers of the other locomotives can instantly charge and handle the brakes.

GOVERNOR CUT.OFF, - MARTIN . ARNEGARD, Hillsborough, N. D. The governor cut-off is an improvement on a similar device patented by the same inventor. The novel features of the present invention are found in the construction of the pivoted bar forming a flexible downward extension of the vertically-slidable governor 'shaft" or bar, in the tension adjustment for the springcounterbalance for the governor shaft or bar, whereby the speed of the engine may be changed at will without materially affecting the sensitiveness of the governor, and in the improved attachment of the governor-arms to the cross-head of the sliding shaft or stem.

Mechanical Devices.

WAVE-MOTOR.-WILLIAM A. NORTON, Port Richmond, Richmond, New York city. The wave-motor comprises two connected floats, on one of which a rockshaft is mounted operatively connected with the other float. Gear-wheels have clutch-connection with the power-shaft and are engaged by racks operated alternately in opposite directions by the rock-shaft. A watermotor is connected with the power-shaft. Mechanism actuated by the rock-shaft supplies water to the motor. The waves rock the floats, thereby operating the racks to impart motion to the power-shaft. At the same time water is supplied to the motor. The rack-and-gear motion is designed to start the operation.

STENCHING - MACHINE. - STUART B. MOORE. ways desirable to stencil the address. But to use metal stencils for each shipment would be too costly. It is ELECTRIC SWITCH. - Albert E. Wells, Pitts- | therefore desirable to be able to make paper stencils box provided with a cover having a slot registering with, for forming such stencils is provided by the present An index plate or disk is fixedly secured to the punch insure a simultaneous breaking of all points in a circuit, are pivoted to rotate upon a block reciprocated with the disks in the guideway of a frame,

> BOX-SEALING MACHINE - JOSEPH T CRAW vention provides for the distribution of cementing or gluing material to the portions of the flaps to be sealed. feet or hands. The cement or glue is automatically applied and the flaps folded to a sealing position. The operator has merely to feed the filled boxes to the machine.

AUTOMATIC LATHE. Lucius A. Carson, Hope dale. Ohio. The object of this invention is to provide an improved lathe designed for automatically turning, ling a series of cartridges arranged to be successively fed | in place.

boring, sawing off, and completely finishing small articles of wood. The lathe comprises a support for a stick. The stick is moved in the support by a spiked wheel which can be rotated intermittently in opposite directions and through different distances. The stick can can be operated upon by various tools in the different positions to which it is moved.

COMPUTING-MACHINE.-JOHN J. WALL and HER MAN ROGALSKY, Buhler, Kans. This invention provides for the use of merchant and custom millers, a convenient computing-machine for the purpose of finding out at a glance how many pounds of flour or feed are to be given in exchange for a certain amount of bushels or pounds of wheat at a certain number of pounds to the bushel, thus saving much valuable time in computing and also avoiding the possibility of error in separately figuring the accounts.

HOOP-MACHINE. - James Fowley, Cobden, Ill. This machine makes barrel-hoops directly from the log, with one end tapered to a thin edge to form the lap and the other end pointed to form the outer wrap. With the vertical or slicing saw are connected a series of five vertical cutter-heads arranged in front of the saw, one set having relatively stationary bearings and the other set having respectively blades with V-shaped cutting edges and plain blades, means being provided for giving them an automatic motion to and from the log to form pointed ends and bevel-faces on the opposite ends of the log.

ANIMAL-TRAP .-- WILLIAM H. HARDEN, Quitman, The self-setting trap has an entrance-compartment connected by a passage with a second compartment. In the passage is a tilting platform. A gate controls the opening of the passage into the second compartment, the platform tilting into and out of register with the gateway of the gate. Connections between the gate and the tilting platform cause the platform to open the gate as it moves into register with the gateway. A clock-mechanism readjusts the tilting platform. The various operations described are effected by the animal as it sæks to escape.

MOTOR. - EDGAR L. GARVEY, Gainesville, Tex. The present invention provides a fan or like motor in which the energy is stored up by a spring and conserved efficiently. Operatively connected with a rotatable springcarrying and spring-actuated drum is a train of year. wheels which drive a shaft. A pinion is splined on the shaft and is adapted to slide thereon in order to engage the different gear-wheels to vary the speed.

RATCHET-MECHANISM - Louis P. Wellman-Taurus, N. J. This mechanism is designed to convert has teeth provided with sloping side surfaces. An flaps of paper boxes after the boxes have been filled and connecting springs. The tooth-engaging ends of the is of such simple construction that the boxes may be lever have their inner ends beyeled and slightly rounded conveniently manipulated by a single operator. The in- at the corners. The device is particularly designed for use with mechanisms driven by the reciprocation of the

MACHINE-GUN.-Hon. EDWIN M. CAPPS, San Diego, Cal. The invention relates to improvements in rapid. which the shade is supported. A continuous flange is firing machine-guns; and it refers particularly to guns projected opwardly from the inner edge of the ring and in which the barrel and firing mechanism are arranged to its capable of yielding inwardly to admit the shade to the operate in conjunction with the cartridee-holders, have | ring. The flange stands out normally to hold the shade

into a firing position. The invention provides a novel barrel and firing mechanism and automatically-fed cartridge-holders designed to fire any of the ordinary forms of military cartridges in which premature firing is rendered impossible and in which non-explosion will not be held in the support against accidental movement, and impede the firing action of the gun. The invention also furnishes a novel method of sighting by means of stadia measurement.

Miscellaneous Inventions.

PACKING-CASE. - THOMAS MILLER, Jr., and WIL-LIAM O. JOSLIN, Springborough, Olno. This invention seeks to provide a knock-down tobacco-case with a simple fastening device for securing the several parts together and so arranged that there are no projections to prevent several cases from being packed closely together. The eud-pieces of the case have cleats on the inner side. The top, bottom, and side pieces have also cleats on the inner side. Through openings in the cleats fastening bolts pass, each consisting of sections arranged at right angles to each other. A shoulder on one of the sections engages the inner side of the case; and nuts engage the screw-threaded portions of the bolts. By loosening the nuts on the sides, the case expands and can then be readily lifted from its contents,

DUST-CART.-FRANZ Loos, Carlsbad, Austria-Hungary. The cart can be filled without causing unpleasant dust and can be automatically dumped at the desired place. A special feature of construction is a portion forming a dust inlet and having a sliding bottom and a sliding cover, both connected with a bell-crank lever whereby they are operated. Swinging on the cart is a dust-box having a sliding cover, which dust-box is capable of being connected with the sliding bottom, the cover of the box being engaged by the bell-crank lever

WAGON-STANDARD .- REINHOLD KLATT, Strong City, Kans. The standard has a body and base, the latter being provided with a downwardly-extending marginal flange inclosing the end of the holster. Fastening devices are passed through the bolster and the base of the standard. A strap is fastened down on the top of bolster and has engagement with the base of the standard. The standard does not in any way weaken the bolster to the extent necessary in the application of the ordinary standards.

ACETYLENE GAS MACHINE -JACOB D. KAUF-MAN, CHARLEY B. TITUS, and ADNAH E. VANARSDALE. Little River, Kans. It is the object of this invention to provide an acetylene-apparatus having a large carbid capacity and so arranged that the generator is completely surrounded by water, thus keeping the gas cool. in the gasometer the generator is arranged. Removreciprocating into rotary motion. The ratchet-wheel ably placed in the generator are carbid-holders, each having a perforated top or cover through which water is operating lever is provided formed in two separable passed. A gas-pupe leads from the lower portion of the Jersey City, N. J. This machine is adarted to seal the halves having a common pivot and drawn together by generator and upward into the gasometer and has a portion coiled around the generator. Distributing and blow-off pipes are provided.

SHADE-FRAME. - Franklin E. Howard, Buffalo, N. Y. This shade-frame for electric lamps has supporting-arms adapted to engage the lamp. To the arms a continuous ring is attached having tapering sides on

ELEVATOR-CARRIER.-EGBERT J. HOOKER, Poultney, Vt. The present invention provides a carrier adapted for use in quarries which carrier is so constructed that it will travel on an elevated track or cable at any desired speed, it being possible to stop the carrier at any desired point on the cable or track. The brake used for the carrier does not in the least interfere with the cable or track and operates independently of the cable. The parts are so constructed that when the load is in dumping position, the carrier will be automatically held sta

EXERCISING DEVICE. - ABRAM A. HENDRICKSON, Jamaica, Queens, New York city. This invention pro vides a novel handle for exercisers, consisting of a han dle-bar having a frame upon which a finger-bar is adapted to slide longitudinally, the elastic cord being attached to the bar. The handle-bar is held in the palm and the tingers are passed over the finger-bar. In operation, the finger-bar will be alternately moved back and forth under the action of the cord and of the fingers. The device possesses the merit of exercising the fingers as well as

HAND-STAMP.-HENRY II. HARRISON, Manhattan, New York city. This invention provides a hand-stamp for making reproductions from copying-ink, the printing surface being formed of a plastic or viscous compound mounted or run into the proper form and then permitted to set. The stamp has a body curved in the arc of a circle and provided with a handle-bar running between its ends, so that the stamp may be held in the hand, and its arc-shaped printing surface rocked over the surface to be printed, all of which provides a much more effective and expeditionsarrangement than that in which the surface to be printed is laid down on a stationary printing pad or form.

EXTENSION-TABLE. - WILLIAM R. HALLETT, Ham burg, Ill. The inventor has devised a table provided with simple means for automatically raising the intermediate leaves into place while the table is being extended, and for lowering the leaves while the table is being shortened. The table comprises two frames mounted to slide one relatively to the other. To each frame a table-top section is rigidly secured. Plates are mounted to swing on the inner surface of one of the frames and are engaged by intermediate leaves. Rock-bars have cam ends engaging the plates; and from the rock-bars yielding tappets extend down and are engaged by a cross bar carried by one of the frames.

ORE-CONCENTRATOR. - HENRY C. GRANNATT Colorado Springs, Col. In the frame of the concentrator are a series of slats pivoted at their lower edges, each having a riffle extending along its pivoted edge. The slats are placed in successively lower planes so that the overflow from one is received by the next. 'The riffles extend from the feeding end of the slats a part only of their length and are of successively greater length. The frame can be reciprocated longitudinally of the slats; and the slats are simultaneously given a slight oscillation on their pivots. The device may be used in places where the supply of water is limited.

DEVICE FOR TEACHING MUSIC.—Johnson Mor-RIS, Marshall, Tex...-The purpose of the inventor has been to provide an improved mechanical device whereby simple music in any key can be readily taught. The device comprises a modulator provided with columns containing characters indicating every semitone and tone within the tonal compass of the modulator, and also provided with rows of hooks adjacent to the characters. A tone-ladder is provided with arms to engage the hooks and to indicate the steps in the diatonic scales of the characters in the columns. Independent arrows are provided to indicate the tones contained in any desired

SEA-GOING RANGE-FINDER.-JOHN DONEGAN Cincinnati, Ohio. The range-finder comprises two telescopes arranged in the same horizontal plane, one of the telescopes being pivoted to swing relatively to the other. A cylinder extends longitudinally of the telescopes and turns in unison with the swinging of the pivoted telescope. The cylinder is provided with rows of numerals indicating distances which can be read by a longitudinally-extending fixed bar. An indicator at the rear end of the cylinder indicates the row of numerals on the cylinder on which the distance is to be read. This indicator comprises a fixed disk having graduations corresponding with the graduations of the fixed bar. A pointer move on the disk in unison with the cylinder and pivoted tele-

COMPOSITION OF MATTER.-GUSTAV T. BRUCK-MANN, Brooklyn, New York city. The purpose of the present invention is to provide a means whereby an oxygenated agent may be added to hydrogen peroxid in sufficiently large quantities to preserve the peroxid without producing the disagreeable and painful effect on the tissues incident to the use of mineral acids. To this end the inventor employs carbon dioxid, which disappears largely at the time the peroxid is medicinally nsed, and is present in large quantities only so long as its preserving action is required.

STRAP-PROTECTOR.-EDWARD G. AWCOCK, New Orleans, La. This simple, metallic, protective device for harness is entirely independent of the strap to which it is applied. The device is adapted for connection with a buckle and for receiving a ring. snap, or other connecting medium between straps in a harness. The loop-attachment of a buckle to a strap need not be depended upon for security. The connections between the straps will not wear the leather.

WRENCH.-ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Greenville, Miss. The novel feature of this invention is found in a peculiar nut, slidable on the shank when in one position and locked against sliding when in another position, so that the law in one case can be moved, while in the other position it is locked against movement. 'The jaws are so arranged that they cannot readily become disarranged, and that they can securely grip an object without danger of the movable jaw's slipping or losing its hold

CONCENTRATOR. -- JOHN C, and RICHARD C. WATERS, Romley, Colo. On a vertically-sustained pivot a head is mounted to rock. Two relatively adjusts. ble arms are attached to and extend oppositely from the head. A third arm is secured to the head, and extends between the two first-named arms. On the three

arms a segmental table is mounted which is adjustably supported at its outer edge. A curved trough is secure at the inner edges of the table adjacent to the pivot: and a flange is located at one edge of the table adjacent to the trough, the opposite edge of the table being adapted to discharge the concentrates, and the curved trough being adapted to receive the tailings.

COMBINED ADVERTISING-CABINET' AND BOOKCASE. - WILLIAM F. PATTON, Akron, Ohio. This device is designed for use in hotels and other public places and is arranged to display advertisements effectively and to contain books of reference. The bookcase used is provided with receptacles for books and has an advertising space at its front. Wings at the sides of the bookcase are arranged for displaying advertisements, are connected by hinges with the sides of the bookcase, and are adapted to be swung forward or rearward into angular positions relatively to the bookcase. A cap for the top of the bookcase is provided with advertising-

MAIL-BAG.-Louis Sanders, Brooklyn, New York This invention provides a mouth-controlling and mouth-locking device which will effectually hold the mouth of the bag open to receive letters and packages and which will also hold the month closed chanism at the mouth of the bag can be quickly operated. A receptacle is also provided for the destinationcard, in which receptacle the card is automatically re tained when the controlling mechanism is locked, and released when the mechanism is opened,

CHANGE-MAKER.-PETER P. McMENAMIN, Jersey City, N. J. This invention provides an improved change maker to enable cashiers and bartenders to make change quickly and correctly and to prevent so far as possible the ccurence of errors when paying out money or changing bills or coins of higher denomination. The changemaker is provided with cells for containing stacks of coins. Under each cell is a single slide for moving the pottom coin from under the stack. Each slide is manually operated and is arranged to be moved independently of the other slides. A series of slides can be mechanically operated at the same time.

SHIRT-BOSOM HOLDER.-CHARLES L. PASHLEY. Stamford, N. Y. In order to secure the opposite edges of a bosom to a vest so that, the vest cannot spread and bend the shirt-bosom, the inventor provides a plate having prongs at one end for attachment to the vest, and a hook at the other end. The plate is extended inwardly from the edge of the front opening. A loop engaging the hook is removably connected with the shirt.

PACKAGE FOR INCANDESCENT-MANTLES.~ HENRY ANHALTZER, Manhattan, New York city. The package comprises a casing, to the bottom of which a support for the mantle is secured. A supporting-bar extends through a loop at the top of the mantle and has its ends sprung into the upper portion of the casing, after which the casing is filled with collodion alcohol or ether. A mantle thus packed can be safely transported.

BATING PROCESS. - HENRY SCHLEGEL, Lapeer, Mich. After hides have been unhaired and before they are tanned, they are subjected to a "bating" process by which the lime is removed. Various acids have been used in the process, but bating has always required much care and skill. The inventor of the present process secures a simple bate by employing a solution consisting essentially of potassium bichromate.

DUST-GUARD. - JAMES S. PATTEN, Baltimore, Md. The guard is composed of sections of sheet metal slidable with relation to each other and having opposite, curved edges provided with integral bent portions forming seats for packing strips. The guard can be cheaply con structed. The wearing parts can be readily renewed.

FOLLOWER FOR PACKING BARRELS.-Norris M. Root, Masonville, N. Y. This invention provides improvements in devices for packing or holding meat. pickles, fish, or the like, under brine in a barrel. The follower used for this purpose is easily adjusted to the varying diameters of a barrel and has no metal parts to corrode. The follower comprises a disk or plate having guide-strips extended in opposite directions, which strips have longitudinal slots provided with notches in their lower walls. Holding-arms and cross-heads on the arms project into the slots, one thickness of the portions of the cross-heads being substantially equal to the distance between the walls of the slots, and the thickness at right angles to the first-named thickness being greater than the distance between the walls of the slots

COPY-HOLDER.-Louis Hudgin, Lochiel, Arizona. This holder rests on the desk of a typewriter and holds the copy in an inclined position over the machine and directly in front of the eyes of the operator. It consists of a rectangular vertical support frame hinged to foot pieces which are fastened to the desk, and having two pairs of hinged arms projecting out at an angle from its front face, one pair being at the center of the frame and the second or shorter pair projecting from the top. These arms.carry the copy-holder, which may be adwith the especial object of doing away with the necessity of fastening the device to the desk or machine.

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