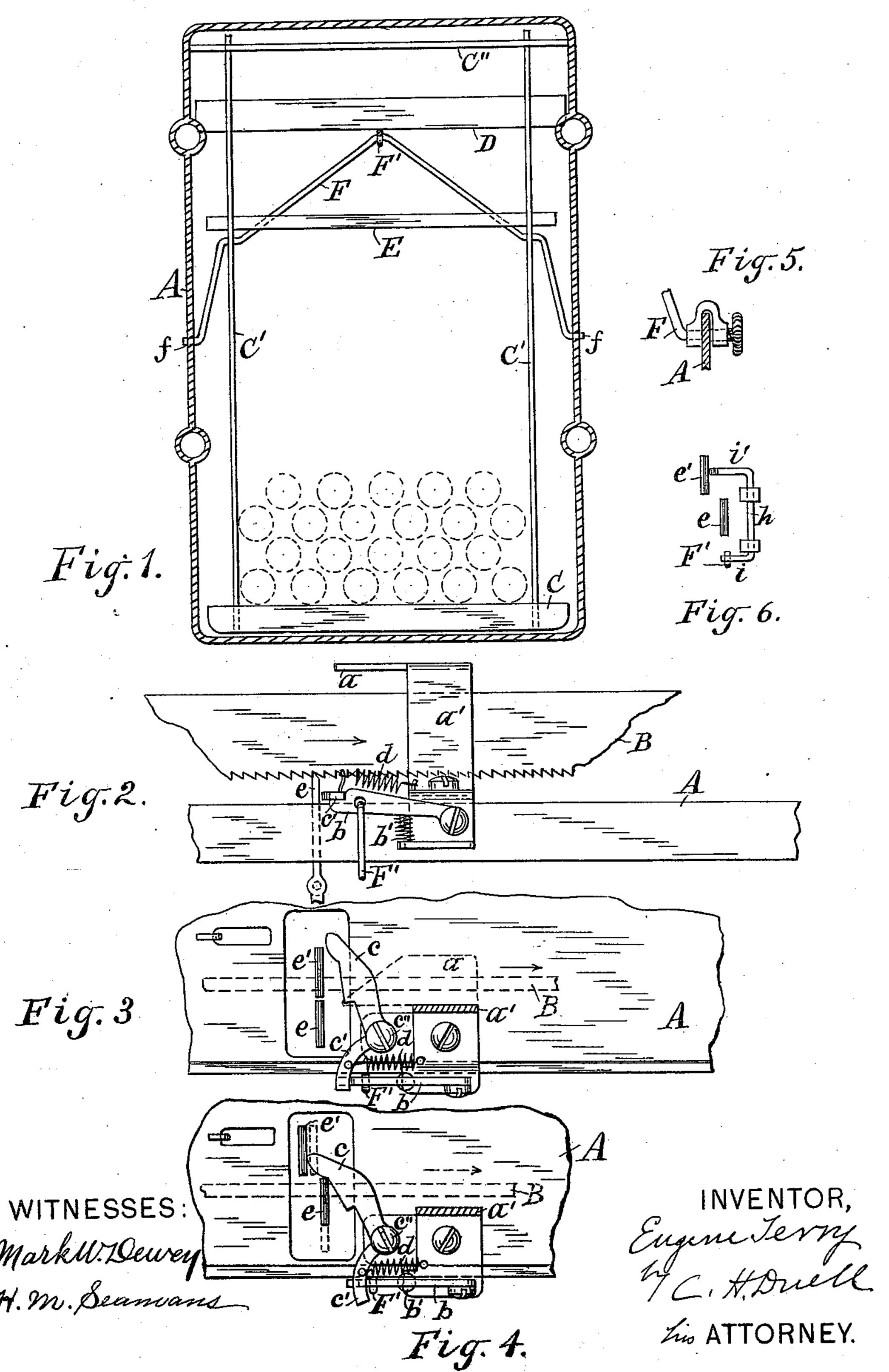
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE TERRY, of Ithaca, in the county of Tompkins, in the State of New York, have invented new and 5 useful Improvements in Type-Writing Machines, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is

a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to type-writing mato chines; and the object is to provide a construction whereby the spaces between words may be made when the last letter of each word is made, thereby saving time. It will be obvious that if the spaces between words 15 are made without taking up time a much greater speed may be obtained with a typewriter, or, in other words, a greater number of words may be written in a given length of time.

My invention is applicable to that class of type-writing machines in which the successive depression and release of a series of keylevers vibrate and throw a series of types against an inked substance and the paper to 25 be written on, and after each depression and release of any key and while the type and key-lever are resuming their original position move the paper a type-space distance, and thus print or write one letter at a time.

My invention is shown as applied to a machine which has a paper-carriage hung on a guide-rail moved transversely to the key-levers, as a Remington machine, but may be applied to other similar machines. The car-35 riage is moved by a spring-wheel and strap and reversed by hand, as usual, after a line has been written, or the carriage may be moved by any suitable and well-known means, as these things do not appertain to my inven-40 tion.

To this end my invention consists in the combination in a type-writing machine of the rack-bar, the escapement-lever carrying a fixed detent and a shifting detent, and a 45 space-key with mechanical means by which the shifting detent is retracted a double distance when the space-key is depressed; and my invention consists in certain other combinations of parts hereinafter described, and 50 more particularly set forth in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional plan view of a Remington type-writing machine. I detent e'. (Shown by dotted lines in the same

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a part of a machine, showing my improved spacing mechanism applied. Fig. 3 is a top plan view 55 taken below the carriage-rack. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of my improved spacing devices in their operative position. Fig. 5 shows a clamp that may be used for a fulcrum of the auxiliary spacing-lever when the frame 60 of the machine is not perforated, and Fig. 6 is a modified form of means for moving the pivoted pawl for two spaces.

Referring specifically to the drawings, A is

the frame of the machine, and B is a portion 65 of the rack of the paper-carriage. (Not shown in the drawings.) This rack is usually pivoted or hinged so that it may be lifted from the feed-pawls at the end of each line when the carriage is reversed to prevent wear and noise. 70 The rack can be lifted as far as the stop-plate a, formed upon and lying at right angles to a post a', secured to and extending upward from the frame A.

The unfeathered arrows in the different 75 views show the direction of movement of the carriage-rack after the printing of each letter and the release of each key.

In Fig. 1 I have indicated the keys for forming the letters by dotted lines; but their le- 80 vers are omitted for the sake of clearness.

C is the spacing-key, and C' C' are its levers, which extend, as usual, from front to rear of the frame, where they are fulcrumed on a pivot C". Springs (not shown) placed 85 between the key-lever and the bar D hold the levers up against the pivot.

E is the universal space-bar lying under all of the keys, so that it will be depressed with each one and when released will operate oo a pair of detents e and e' to allow the papercarriage with its rack B to move in the direction of the arrow under the tension of its spring one notch. The universal space-bar E is so connected with the said detents that 95 both move forward, as shown clearly in Fig. 4, about three-sixteenths of an inch. The detent e cannot move transversely; but the detent e' is pivoted and acted upon by a spring. so that when it is moved out of engagement 100 with the rack, as shown in Fig. 4, said detent automatically moves to the left a distance of one notch in the rack or to the position of

figure.) When the key is released, the pivoted detent e' enters the notch to the left of the one occupied by the rigid detent e, and when the latter is entirely removed from the 5 rack the tension of the carriage-spring moves. the carriage with its rack a distance of one notch to the right, which returns the pivoted detent e' to its normal position in line with detent e or to the position the detents occupy to in Fig. 3.

The above operation is common in ordinary type-writers of this class, and for this reason need not be more fully described, because

it is well known.

Now, in order to move the detent e' a distance of two notches to the left, when desired or after the last letter of a word is printed, I strike the space-key C simultaneously with the key which prints said letter. 20 Upon the simultaneous release of both keys. two spaces are made, one for the space between two words and the second space for the

first letter of the second word to occupy, and which it does occupy when its corresponding 25 key is depressed. This double space is obtained by the following-described mechanism: F is a lever, preferably formed of an irregu-

larly-bent wire pivoted at its ends in perforations in the sides of the frame A at f f. In-30 stead of perforating the sides of the frame the ends of the lever F may be fulcrumed in small clamps (shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings) and clamped to the lower edge of the said. frame. From the center of the lever F, I ex-

35 tend a rod F' upward to a pivoted detent b. This detent extends horizontally and is supported in its raised or normal position not only by the rod F', but by a small coil-spring b'. The detent b engages the curved arm c'

40 of the lever c, which is pivoted to the frame or a small plate secured to the frame at c''. The lever c extends with its free end to the right of the swinging detent e' and is under the tension of a small spring d, so that when

15 the space-key is depressed and the detent bdrawn down to release the lever c the free end of the latter will be moved by the spring d to the left a distance of two notches in the rack B and carries with it the detent e', which has

50 been moved out of engagement with the rack by the same operation of the space-key. The position of the detents (shown in full lines in Fig. 4) show their position when the spacekey is depressed. When the said key is re-

55 leased, the parts resume their normal position (shown in Figs. 2 and 3) automatically. The space-key being released, the detents swing back until the pivoted detent e' enters the opposite notch or the second notch from where

60 it was before the operation. Then the carriage, with its rack B, is moved to the right a distance of two notches, carrying with it the detent e', which in turn presses back the lever c to its normal position against the action of

65 the spring d, allowing the detent b to resume its normally-raised position, which it retains until the space-key is again depressed.

In some cases I prefer to employ a shaft h, pivoted to the frame A, as shown in Fig. 6, and dispense with the detent b and lever c. 70 This shaft h has two arms i and i'. The former is connected to the rod F', and the latter arm, when drawn down by the rod F, presses the detent e' to the left.

I do not desire to be limited to the specific 75 means shown for accomplishing my invention, as it will be obvious that it may be accomplished by various means and devices without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I 80 claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is—

1. In a type-writing machine, the combination of the rack-bar, the escapement-lever carrying a fixed detent and a shifting detent, and 85 a space key with a lever to engage with and move the shifting detent a double distance when the space-key is depressed, as set forth.

2. In a type-writing machine, the combination of the paper carriage, the printing keys, 90 means for releasing the carriage allowing it to move a given distance upon the release of each of said keys, a space-key and a lever to engage the releasing means to move it so that the carriage will move a greater distance upon 95 the release of the space key, as and for the

purpose described.

3. In a type-writing machine, the combination of a rack, the escapement lever carrying a fixed detent and a shifting detent, a space- 100 key mechanism connected to and operated by the space-key, and a spring actuated lever released by said mechanism to move the shifting detent for increasing the length of the arc of vibration of the shifting detent, substan- 105

tially as described.

4. In a type-writing machine, the combination of a space-key, a lever pivoted to the frame of the machine and operated by the space-key, a detent connected to said lever by 110 a rod, a lever c held against the action of a spring by said detent when in its normal position, a pair of vibratory detents connected to a universal space bar, one of said detents being capable of transverse movement when 115 released from the carriage-rack, and engaging the lever c when the latter is released, to move said detent, as set forth.

5. In a type-writing machine, the combination of the frame, A, a space-key-lever, a le- 120 ver pivoted to the frame and lying below the space-key-lever, a rod connecting the lever pivoted to the frame with a detent, b, the lever, c, engaging the detent, spring, d, swinging detents, e, and e' connected to the uni- 125 versal space-bar E, and the rack B acted upon by a spring, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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