

from the shaft and adapted to maintain said carrier bearing at different elevations, whereby said carrier may be held while the character members are assembled so as to clear the latter from said base and may then be held in lower position so as to permit the assembled character members when aligned to rest on said base substantially as set forth. 4th. The combination, with a swinging character member carrier supported at its rear by trunnion bearing and supported at its forward central portion by a leg, said carrier having a series of ways on which character members travel, and a base independent of said carrier on which the assembled character members rest when aligned, of a spring actuated rock shaft, and justifying mechanism connected with the latter, said shaft carrying two supports of different projections for said leg, substantially as set forth. 5th. The combination, with a character member way having its assemblage portion angular to its distributive portion, and a character member, of a guide or check constructed to be engaged by the assembling character member as the latter travels on said distributive portion and cause it to assume a proper position for travel on said assemblage portion, substantially as set forth. 6th. The combination, with a character member way having its assemblage portion angular to its distributive portion, and a character member, of a guide or check located on the distributive side of the angular junction of said assemblage and distributive portions, and constructed to be engaged by the assembling character member before the latter passes from said distributive portion on to said assemblage portion, substantially as set forth. 7th. The combination, with a character member way having its assemblage portion angular to its distributive portion, and a character member, of a guide or check angular to the path of the assembling character member and constructed to be engaged by the latter while on said distributive portion, substantially as set forth. 8th. The combination, with a character member way having its assemblage portion angular to its distributive portion, and a character member, of a guide or check having free spring action and constructed to furnish a cushion bearing for the assembling character member, substantially as set forth. 9th. The combination, with a character member way having its assemblage portion angular to its distributive portion, and a character member, of a guide or check having a free yielding extremity and constructed to be engaged by the assembling character member, substantially as set forth. 10th. The combination, with travelling character members, and ways having assemblage portions collected together at different elevations in a common plane and having distributive portions respectively located in lines angular to said plane, of two guides or checks each having a yielding rear extremity angular to the path of the assembling character members, and constructed to be engaged by the lower portions to the latter before travelling from off said distributive portions on to said assemblage portions, substantially as set forth. 11th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of two rear bearings for the character members, respectively located in transverse planes to the latter, which do not pass through the characters, said character members being without rear bearing for those portions thereof which are in transverse plane with said characters, substantially as set forth. 12th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of a mould having an opening fitted against the front edges of the assembled character members, and two rear bearings for the character members respectively located above and below the plane of the mould, the portions of the character members intermediate of said two rear bearings being without rear support, substantially as set forth. 13th. The combination, with the character members, and means for assembling them in line, of two rear bearings for the character members, respectively located in transverse planes to the latter, which do not pass through the characters, said character members being without rear bearing for those portions thereof which are in transverse plane with said characters, and spaces fitting in between said two rear bearings and extending into said line, substantially as set forth. 14th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of a compressor shaft constructed to have a combined longitudinal and rocking movement, a spring actuated rock shaft, and mechanism connecting the latter with said compressor shaft, substantially as set forth. 15th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of a longitudinally movable compressor shaft having pin and groove connection with a relatively stationary member of the machine, a portion of said groove being angular to the longitudinal axis of the compressor shaft, substantially as set forth. 16th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of a compressor shaft movable so as to bring the compressor in proper clamping position against said line, and an actuating shaft engaging with said compressor shaft for such purpose, said actuating shaft carrying a locking device which interlocks with said compressing mechanism to maintain the compressor in said clamping position, substantially as set forth. 17th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling them in line, of a compressor shaft movable so as to bring the compressor in proper clamping position against said line, and a rock shaft engaging with said compressor shaft for such purpose, said rock shaft carrying a projection which interlocks with said compressor shaft to maintain the compressor in said clamping position, substantially as set forth. 18th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a rocking space carrier, and spaces supported on the latter, and

constructed to be expanded by the rocking movement of said carrier, substantially as set forth. 19th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them into line, of a rocking space carrier, and spaces constructed to be expanded by the rocking movement of said carrier, said spaces further constructed to have travel on said space carrier longitudinally thereof, substantially as set forth. 20th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a rocking space carrier, and compound spaces fitted on the latter, and constructed to expand the line by the rocking movement of said carrier, said spaces also constructed to have travel longitudinally on said carrier, each of the engaging faces of the parts of each space being inclined reversely to the other, substantially as set forth. 21st. The combination, with the character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space carrier common to all the spaces, and independent of said means, and out of said line, and spaces constructed to fit an said line while on the carrier, substantially as set forth. 22nd. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space shaft on one side of said line, and spaces constructed to fit in said line while on the shaft, substantially as set forth. 23rd. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space carrier common to all the spaces, and independent of said means and out of said line, spaces which fit in said line while on the space carrier, and justifying mechanism formed independent of said compression means, substantially as set forth. 24th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space shaft parallel with and out of said line, compound expandible spaces which fit in said line while on the shaft, and space expanding mechanism formed independent of said compressing means, substantially as set forth. 25th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space carrier common to all the spaces and independent of said means, and located outside of the plane of said assembled character members, and spaces on the space carrier and projecting into the plane of the assembled character members, said spaces constructed to be assembled in any desired plurality on said space carrier respectively at different points of the line, and to be distributed therefrom at the breaking up of the line, substantially as set forth. 26th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a rocking space carrier independent of said means, and spaces on said space carrier and constructed to expand the line by the rocking movement of said series, substantially as set forth. 27th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a rocking space carrier independent of said means and located outside of the plane of said assembled character members, and spaces supported on said space carrier and having their working portions projecting from the latter into the plane of the assembled character members, said spaces constructed to expand the line by the rocking movement of the space carrier, substantially as set forth. 28th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of spaces, and justifying mechanism formed independent of said compressing means, and constructed to expand the line and to simultaneously move the spaces along the line, substantially as set forth. 29th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of spaces, and space operating mechanism formed independent of said compressing means, and constructed to move the space members in planes angular to the line and at the same time to move the spaces longitudinally of said line, substantially as set forth. 30th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of spaces, and carrying mechanism formed independent of the character carrying mechanism and also of said compressing means, said space carrying mechanism constructed to operate the spaces in their justification of the line and at the same time laterally move them along and within said line, substantially as set forth. 31st. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of compound expandible spaces, and mechanism formed independent of said compressing means, and constructed to expand said spaces within the line in justifying the latter, and to simultaneously move the spaces bodily along said line, substantially as set forth. 32nd. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a space carrier, compound expandible spaces on the latter, and space expanding mechanism formed independent of said compressing means, and constructed to expand the spaces within the line and to simultaneously move the space carrier parallel with the line, substantially as set forth. 33rd. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of spaces constructed to expand the line by rocking movement, and mechanism constructed to simultaneously rock said spaces and move them bodily along said line, substantially as set forth. 34th. The combination, with character members, and means for assembling and compressing them in line, of a rocking space carrier, and means for moving the latter at right angles to its plane of rocking movement simultaneously with such rocking movement, spaces on said carrier and constructed to expand said line by said rocking movement of the carrier, and at the same time to be carried bodily along said line with the carrier as the latter moves at right angles to its said plane of rocking movement, substantially as set forth. 35th. The combi-