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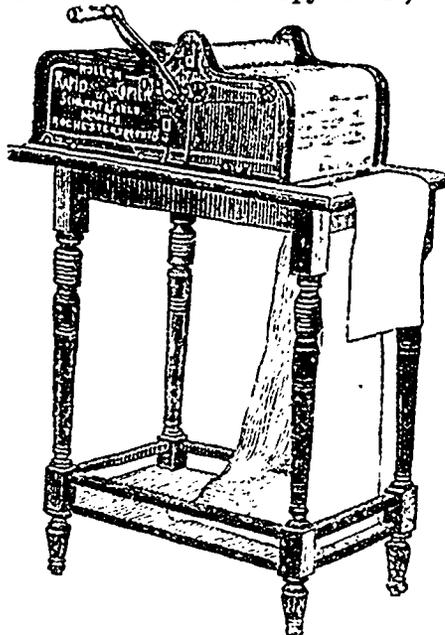
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AN IMPORTANT INVENTION.

The desirability and advantages of keeping office copies of all papers issued therefrom has so often been felt by business men that it has in many cases led to an imperative demand that every paper leaving the counting-house be copied, for future reference. There have consequently been many devices invented to meet this demand—such as manifold writers black-leaf copy books, etc., but



these have not been found to suit the general manuscripts produced in an office. The damp-leaf copy has ever since its production, about fifty years ago, held its own as the most practical; but the loss of valuable time and delay in procuring damp-leaf copies in a letter-book under the screw press has, in these days of quick movements, been found insufferably slow, and it is only very recently that this objection has been overcome by the introduction of the Roller Rapid Damp-leaf Copier, and this journal has

great pleasure in bringing this valuable invention before the public for the first time.

“It consists of a combination of rollers, which dampens and prepares a continuous web of copying-paper, and also copies thereon any manuscript written with a pen and ink, copying pencil, or the type-writer, by simply turning a crank handle.

“As many as eight or ten good copies can be taken off one writing, if copying ink be used.

“Accompanying each machine there is a cutting-up apparatus, with which the various copies can be cut up into any desired size.

“This machine can accomplish in five minutes as much work as would occupy an hour with the ordinary letter-press, and the after process of cutting up and filing away, properly indexed, compared with other systems, can be accomplished with the same relative saving of time and labour.

“Copies of outgoing correspondence can be filed away with the incoming.”

From the fact that it entails so very little trouble to copy *every paper*, be it letter, invoice, order, receipt, cheque, or statement, all of which bear an important part in the day's business, we are satisfied that the introduction and systematic use of this appliance will be a valuable assistance to the manager of a large establishment—who by looking over these copies in a few minutes can acquaint himself with the entire transactions of the day without leaving his own desk.

In proof of the universal need of some more rapid method of taking damp leaf copies than the old screw press, it may be mentioned that the same idea was being worked out by several inventors, as at the Washington Patent office, during last year, there were not less than four applicants for somewhat similar devices. The one we illustrate by cut, however, is the only one that obtained a patent. We are pleased to note that this valuable office accessory was invented by a Canadian, Mr. J. F. Lash, of Toronto.