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54 **Keyboards.**

57 A keyboard sub-assembly for a typewriter has a baseboard (1) formed with a plurality of upstanding projections (3) which receive keys (4) with a snap action. Each key (4) is a push-fit onto the corresponding projection (3), and each key (4) is retained on the baseboard (1) by means of a lug (15) having a lip (17) which snap-engages within a recess (12) on the underside of the baseboard (1). A coil compression spring (18) is interposed between each key (4) and the

corresponding projection (3). The sub-assembly of the baseboard (1) and the keys (4) can be assembled into a deck (29) with a push-fit, as a result of the baseboard having projecting lugs (27) which snap-engage within slots (32) formed in the deck (29). The keys (4) shroud the projections (3) so as to prevent foreign matter reaching the underside of the baseboard (1).

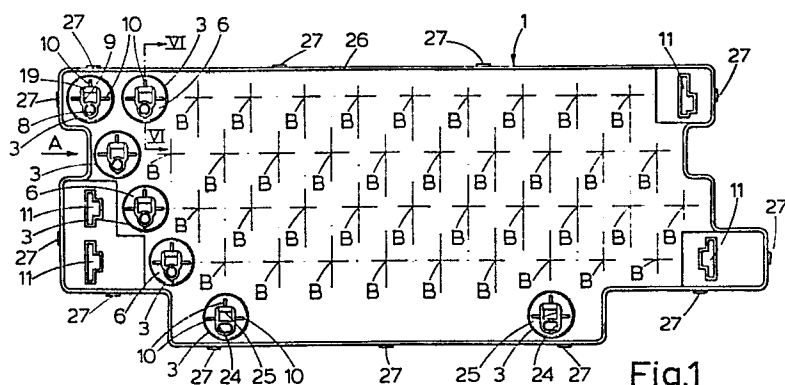


Fig.1

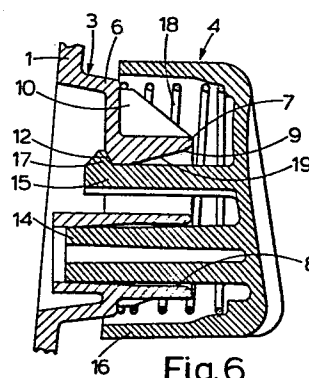


Fig.6



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- ☐ All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
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- 1) Claims 1-11
- 2) Claim 16
- 3) Claim 20

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