

Typewriter Remington

A development-not an experiment.

MANY DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENTS

SUCCESSFULLY INCORPORATED INTO THIS NEW MODEL. MOTABLE AMONG THEM ARE

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1892 Model.

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Excellence of Workmanship, Superiority of Design,

Great Simplicity, Easy Manipulation,

Durability,

Speed,

The Remington Typewriter is absolutely unrivaled.

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Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict,

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New-York.

"A Development, Not An Experiment" Versus "To See Or Not To See"

The contest arose during the 1880s and 90s between the visible writers and the "standard" typewriters, such as the Remington, whose upstrike mechanism printed on the underside of the platen. Though the advantages of visibility are

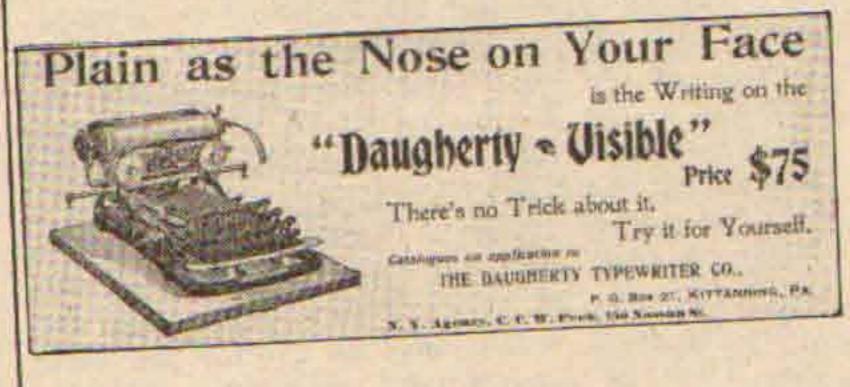
uncontestable to today's typewriter user, the case was not cut and dried back then.

Remington's sales pitch was founded upon the longevity of its design; it had been "proved." Their stance even bordered on public arrogance, as when they implied, in an 1892 ad, that users of competing machines would somehow become involved in litigation for patent infringement. Even when their new model, the No. 6, appeared in 1894, the theme of their advertising was the virtue of the machine's not really being new at all - it was a development in the face of, we were to believe, the newer kinds of visible writers that were mere experiments. Even by the turn of the century, Remington ads requested the prospective purchaser to Think of how competitors had come and gone, while the reliable old Remington kept rolling along.

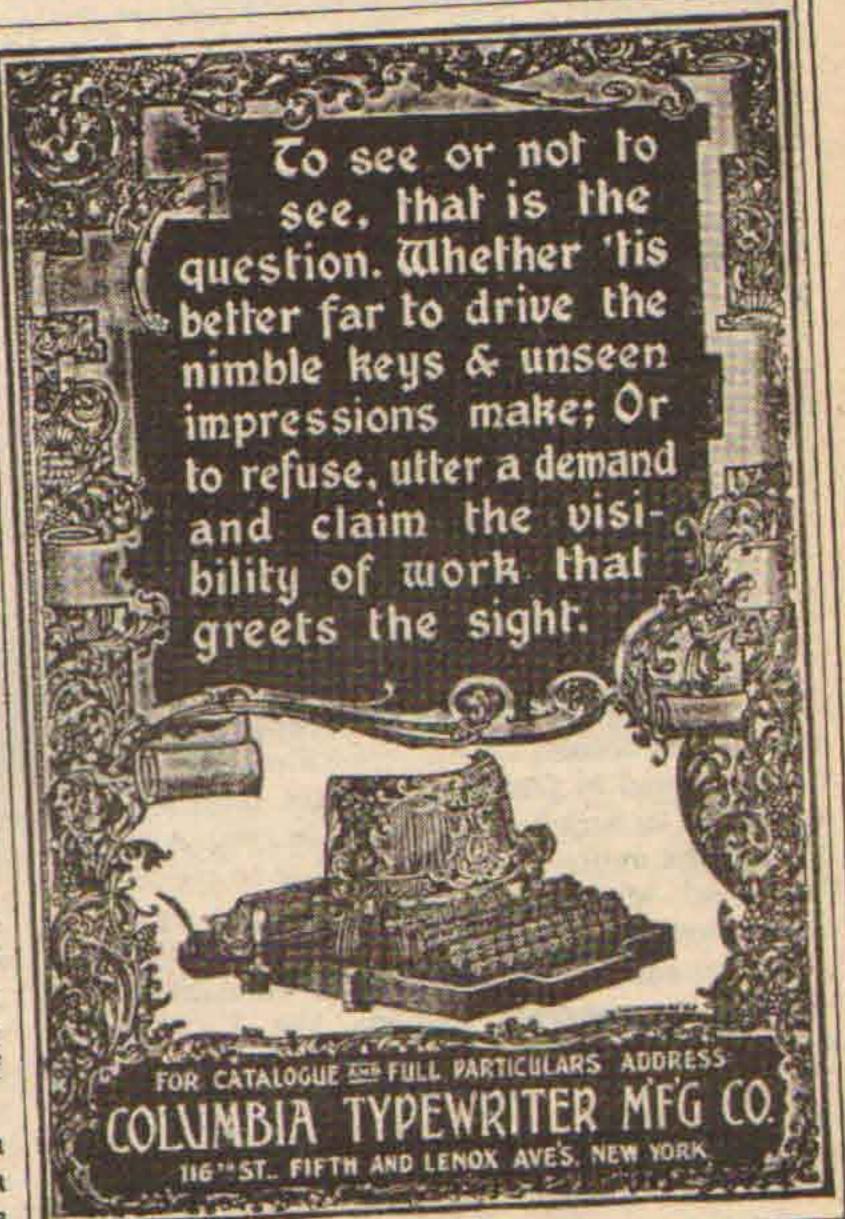
To today's population, machines are constant companions; the average household contains more animation and sound from mechanical sources than from organic ones, and machines-bearing names like Cougar and Barracuda and Mustang-become not just practical conveyances, but expressions of the owner's personality as well. It may therefore seem alien to us that machines once were new to the population. But that's what they were in the decades just before the twentieth century. As much as machines were exciting, they were also a trifle threatening. Our own view of the computer-a labor-saving device that has menacing connotations and that, despite its embodiment of the wonders of technology, seems to create more mistakes than it solves-could probably be considered a view parallel to the popular view of machinery generally during the 1880s and 90s.

In this context, then, a machine that had a demonstrable history behind it must have been a reassuring thing. That the Remington interests

were successful at exploiting their psychological advantage is undeniable. During the period represented by these ads, the sales of Remington typewriters was greater than the combined sales of the other machines represented here.







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