PORTABLE TEST-TYPE*

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The apparatus described in this note might be helpful to surgeons who, like myself, have a scattered population to cover. In this kind of area, eye clinics are, perforce, held in buildings where the installation of permanent test-type cabinets or drums is impracticable. Some form of portable test-type is therefore required. This should possess means of illuminating the chart, and should be sturdy enough to withstand hard wear, and yet light enough to transport readily from one clinic to another.

The apparatus consists of a collapsible tripod stand supporting a sectioned rod upon which is clipped a washable test-type chart and a spot-light. Illumination is provided by strip-lights carried on an arm which is inserted into a socket attached to the tripod stand. The whole can be folded into a small space and carried about in a waterproof canvas bag.

I have found that this test-type stand combined with a portable surgeon’s trial case has been useful not only in the clinics but also in satellite consulting rooms.

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