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OF

ADOLPHUS THEODORE WAGNER.

APPARATUS FOR INDICATING A PERSON'S  
THOUGHTS BY THE AGENCY OF NERVOUS  
ELECTRICITY.

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**Apparatus for Indicating a Person's Thoughts by the  
Agency of Nervous Electricity.**

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*(This Invention received Provisional Protection, but notice to proceed with the application for Letters Patent was not given within the time prescribed by the Act.)*

**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by Adolphus Theodore Wagner at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 23rd January 1854.

I, ADOLPHUS THEODORE WAGNER, of Berlin, in the Kingdom of Prussia,  
5 Professor of Music, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for  
“**A PSYCHOGRAPH, OR APPARATUS FOR INDICATING PERSONS THOUGHTS BY THE AGENCY  
OF NERVOUS ELECTRICITY,**” to be as follows:—

The apparatus consists of a combination of rods or pieces of wood joined  
so as to permit of free action in all the parts. From one of the legs of the  
10 instrument hangs a tracer; on one or more of the other extremities is fixed a  
disc, upon which the operator is to place his hand, and from this extremity or  
these extremities depends another tracer. The other parts of the apparatus  
consist of a glass slab or other non-conductor, and of an alphabet and set of  
figures or numerals. Upon a person possessing nervous electricity placing his  
15 hand upon one of the discs the instrument will immediately work, and the  
tracer will spell upon the alphabet what is passing in the operator's mind.

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Apparatus for Inducting a Person's Thoughts by the  
Agency of Nervous Electricity.

(This Invention secured Provisional Protection, but notice to proceed with the  
application for Letters Patent was not given within the time prescribed  
by the Act.)

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION for by Adolphus Theodore Wigram Esq  
the Clerk of the Commission of Patents, with his Petition, on the  
22nd January 1854.

I, Adolphus Theodore Wigram Esq, of London, in the Kingdom of Britain,  
Petitioner, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for  
a new and improved apparatus for inducing a person's thoughts by the  
agency of nervous electricity, as follows:—

The apparatus consists of a combination of rods or tubes of wood, placed  
so as to permit of free motion in all the parts. It is composed of the top of the  
instrument being a rod; on one or more of the other extremities is fixed a  
disc upon which the operator is to place his hand, and from this extremity  
there is extended a spiral spring. The other parts of the apparatus  
consist of a plate of or other non-conducting rod of an insulated and not  
flexible or movable. Upon a given point of the spiral spring the  
hand upon one of the ends of the hand will induce a spark, and the  
other will give the operator a shock in the operator's hand.

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