

Goiter, except exophthalmic goiter, is considered a minor defect.

The various deformities of the chest, as "funnel," "asymmetrical," "pigeon," "flat," or similar terms, are not coded as defects unless the degree of deformity is stated to be "marked," "severe," or of such degree as to interfere with standing erect, drilling, etc.

Relaxed inguinal rings are considered a defect; but when associated with such defects as syphilis, flatfoot, tuberculosis, gonorrhea, or valvular heart disease, the preference is given to the latter defects; when associated with hypertrophied tonsils, varicose veins, various deformities of the hand or foot, etc., then the preference is given to the relaxed rings.

Scars of the abdomen and extremities from operations or burns are not coded unless "extensive," "painful," or "with marked cicatricial contraction." If an abdominal scar is associated with a "weak abdominal wall," then it is considered a defect. Curvature of the spine is considered only when "marked" or "severe." Ankylosis of the joints, either fibrous or bony, is always coded as a defect. Old fractures of the

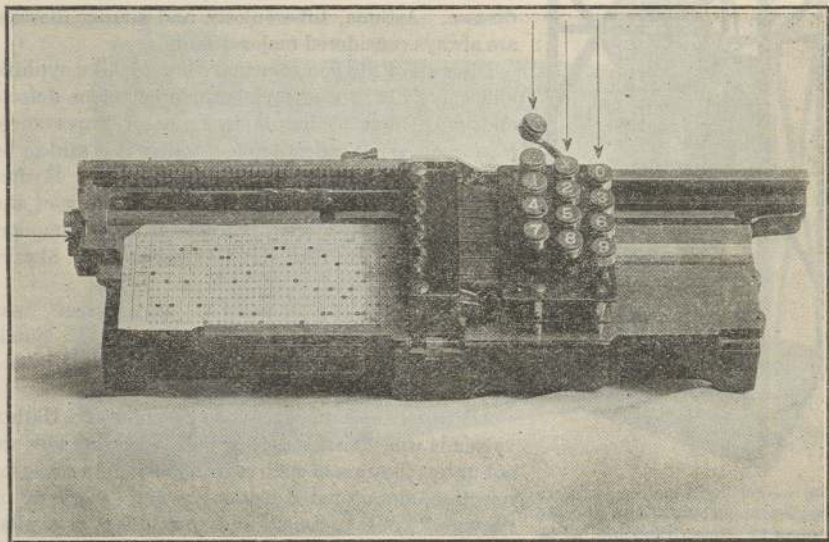


FIG. 3.—Key punch machine: The card is inserted into the carrying arm of the machine (indicated by arrow at left). The punch operator uses the keyboard (indicated by arrows at top), reading the code numbers from the left border and top of the card while she punches. As each figure is punched, the machine automatically carries the card to the left and in position for punching the succeeding figures.

extremities are not coded unless a "deformity" is present from malunion, or "ankylosis," or "loss of motion" is said to exist. A finger amputated at the distal phalanx is not considered a defect. If amputated at the second phalanx or proximally, it is as coded the loss of the whole finger. Varicose veins are considered only when "marked" or "painful," or "with symptoms."

The common deformities of the nose, as a deviated septum, nasal spurs, or hypertrophied turbinates, being common defects and ones that can in all probability be corrected, if necessary, are not considered for the statistics. Hypertrophied tonsils, because they play such an important part as a source of various infections of the body, are considered defects; but when associated with other defects as varicocele, venereal disease, or flatfoot, the latter are given the preference.

In coding defects of the heart, "functional," "systolic," "accidental," or "cardio-respiratory murmurs" are not considered as matters of great importance. When a definite disease of the heart is said to exist, as mitral stenosis or regurgitation, aortic