

End Note



1901 Standard Desk Calcumeter

Really Retro

Your stapler sits on your desk, still clamped shut on a small sheaf of papers from yesterday, and your computer, silently colluding, has locked up on a screen with about an hour's worth of work frozen inside. As you lean forward, squinting, looking for the cursor, you notice in the reflected image a Rorschach pattern at the bottom of your shirt pocket being created by an exploded ballpoint. The shape is a little like something you saw on the Nature Channel, but you can't be sure.

Need a respite from your high-tech train wreck? Once you get your computer unfrozen, dial up www.officemuseum.com to open a window on days gone by when life was simpler and slower, and the technology was much heavier.



1896 Comptometer



1906 Jupiter N Pencil Pointer



1890 Hollerith Electric Tabulating System



1895 Millionaire Calculating Machine