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Fig. 1.

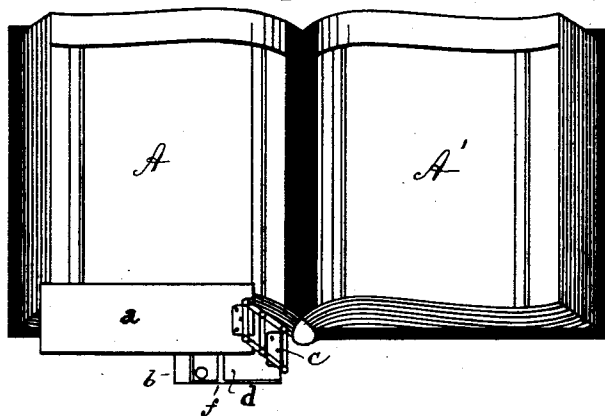


Fig. 2.

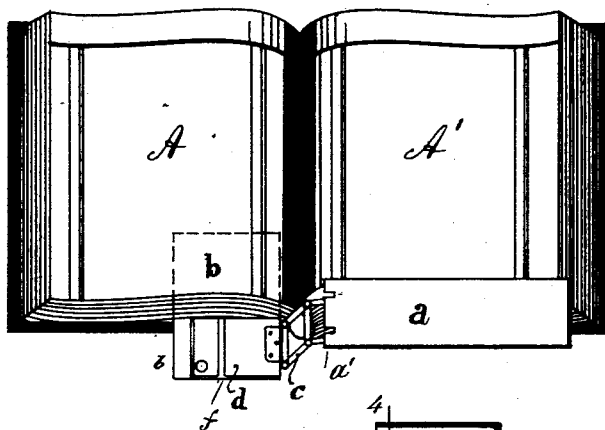


Fig. 4.

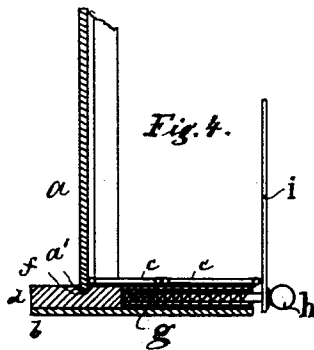
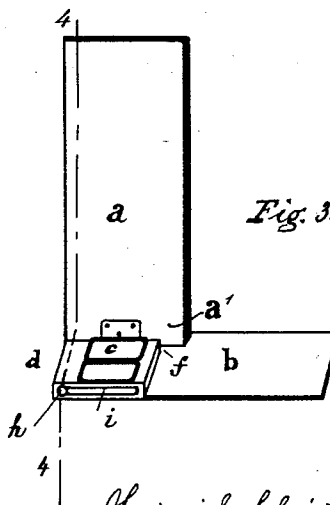


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HEINRICH CHRISTIAN THIEMANN, residing at Hamburg, Germany, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hand or Book Rests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a rest designed to afford a support for the hand of a person writing on the lower lines of a thick ledger or other book. The device is also adapted to be used as a support for holding a book in an approximately upright position while reading or copying.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rest, showing it in use as a hand-support. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the plate *a* turned over. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rest when constituting a book-support; and Fig. 4, a vertical section on line 4 4, Fig. 3.

The rest is composed essentially of two plates *a*, *b*, arranged at right angles to each other and connected by a triple hinge *c*. On that end of the plate *b*, which is connected to plate *a*, there is secured a smaller plate *d*, which is of greater thickness than plate *b*. The plate *d* is provided with a groove *f*, adapted to receive and hold the inner edge *a'*, of plate *a*. Within a bore of plate *d*, there is secured a catch *h*, surrounded by spring *g*, and provided with a folding finger *i*.

When the apparatus is to be used as a hand

rest (Figs. 1 and 2), the plate *b*, is placed between the closed leaves of the book, while the plate *a*, may be folded either upon the left hand open leaf *A* (Fig. 1), or the right hand open leaf *A'* (Fig. 2). Thus the plate *a* will form a convenient rest for the hand.

When the apparatus is to be used as a book rest (Figs. 3 and 4), the plate *b*, is placed into a horizontal position and the plate *a*, is fitted with its lower edge *a'* into the groove *f*, of plate *d*. The book is placed upon plate *b*, and against plate *a*, and is held in its open position by the finger *i*, which is swung upward to bear against one of the open leaves.

What I claim is—

1. A book rest composed of two plates placed at right angles to each other, and of a connecting triple hinge, substantially as specified.

2. The combination in a book rest of plates *a*, *b*, with a connecting hinge *c*, a grooved plate *d*, secured to plate *b*, and adapted to receive the edge of plate *a*, a spring catch engaging plate *d*, and a folding finger secured to such catch, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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