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COMBINED PAPER CUTTER, BOOK MARKER, AND FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.

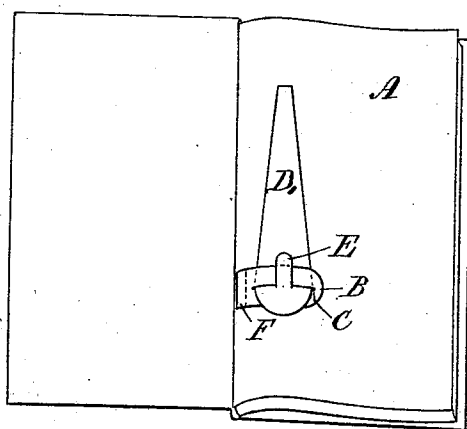


Fig. 2.

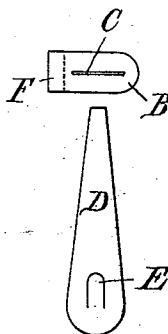
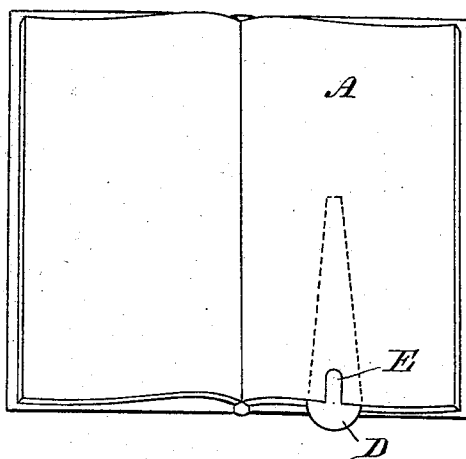


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES H. MUNRO and ALEXANDER R. MUNRO, of New Glasgow, in the Province of Nova Scotia, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Paper-Cutter, Book-Marker, and Fastener for Attachment to Books, Magazines, &c.; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of an open book, showing our combined paper-cutter, book-marker, and fastener attached to the page immediately inside the front cover. Fig. 2 is a view of an open book, showing the paper-cutter detached from the fastener and used as a book-marker; and Fig. 3 is a plan of the paper-cutter and fastener detached.

Our invention has for its object to attach to a book, magazine, &c., a paper-cutter to supply the reader with means for conveniently cutting the leaves, said paper-cutter being held removably by a fastener attached adhesively to the book, &c., prior to sale, and which cutter is also available for use as a book-marker.

Our invention consists of a fastener comprising a tag or strip of cardboard or other suitable material, said fastener having a slot or incision therein and adapted to be adhesively attached at one end to a book, magazine, &c., and a flexible paper-cutter, of cardboard or other suitable material, held removably in said slot by a tongue incised in the heel and pointing toward the opposite end of the paper-cutter, said tongue when inserted in the slot overlapping a portion of the fastener to hold the paper-cutter in place when the fastener is attached to a book, &c. The tongue pinches the leaves of a book when the cutter is used as a book-marker and holds it frictionally in place by introducing the cutter slidingly between the leaves.

A represents a book, magazine, &c., the leaves of which are uncut.

B is a fastener, comprising a tag or strip of cardboard or other suitable material and provided with an incised straight slit or slot C.

D is a flexible paper-cutter of cardboard or

suitable material of sufficient stiffness to sever a folded edge of paper, and in which paper-cutter an incision is made to cut a tongue E near the heel, the free end of the tongue pointing toward the opposite end of said cutter. When the heel of the paper-cutter D is grasped between the thumb and finger and the smaller end inserted in the slot in the fastener, the heel of the paper-cutter may be depressed or bent by the thumb and the tongue thrown up by the forefinger, so that when the paper-cutter is pushed fully into said slot the tongue overlaps a portion of the fastener and the heel another portion and the base of the tongue arrests the paper-cutter and prevents the heel slipping through the slot and frictionally holds the cutter from slipping out of the fastener until pulled for use.

A portion F of the fastener at one end of the slot—say to the dotted line—is adhesively attached to the book, magazine, &c., preferably to the first page, to retain the fastener and paper-cutter in place during transportation and sale.

When a leaf is to be cut, the cutter is drawn from the fastener, the leaf cut with the paper-cutter, and the paper-cutter replaced in the fastener.

When the paper-cutter D is to be used as a book-marker, the book is opened at the page to be marked or to which reference is desired and the smaller end of the paper-cutter inserted under one or more leaves, at the same time bending the heel downward by the thumb and lifting the point of the tongue by the forefinger, as previously described. The cutter is then pushed until the leaves are pinched under the tongue to hold the paper-cutter frictionally for use as a book-marker, as shown in Fig. 2.

The paper-cutter is also adapted as an advertising medium by printing thereon an announcement.

We claim as our invention—

1. The combination of a fastener B, comprising a tag or strip of cardboard having a slit or slot C, therein, and adapted to be adhesively attached at one end to a book or magazine, and a flexible paper-cutter D, of cardboard or other suitable material having a tongue E, made by an incision near one end,

the free end of the tongue pointing toward the opposite end, said paper-cutter inserted in the slot and held frictionally by the tongue, the heel of the paper-cutter overlapping a portion of the fastener, as set forth.

5 2. The combination of a book or magazine, a fastener B, comprising a tag or strip of cardboard or other suitable material adhesively attached at one end to the book or magazine,
10 and having a slit or slot C, and a paper-cutter D, of cardboard or other suitable material inserted in said slot and having a tongue E, incised in said paper-cutter and overlapping

a portion of the fastener, to hold the paper-cutter frictionally in place against the fastener, as set forth.

3. The combination of a fastener B, having a slot C, and a paper-cutter D, having a tongue E, overlapping a portion of the fastener when the cutter is inserted in the slot, as set forth.

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