

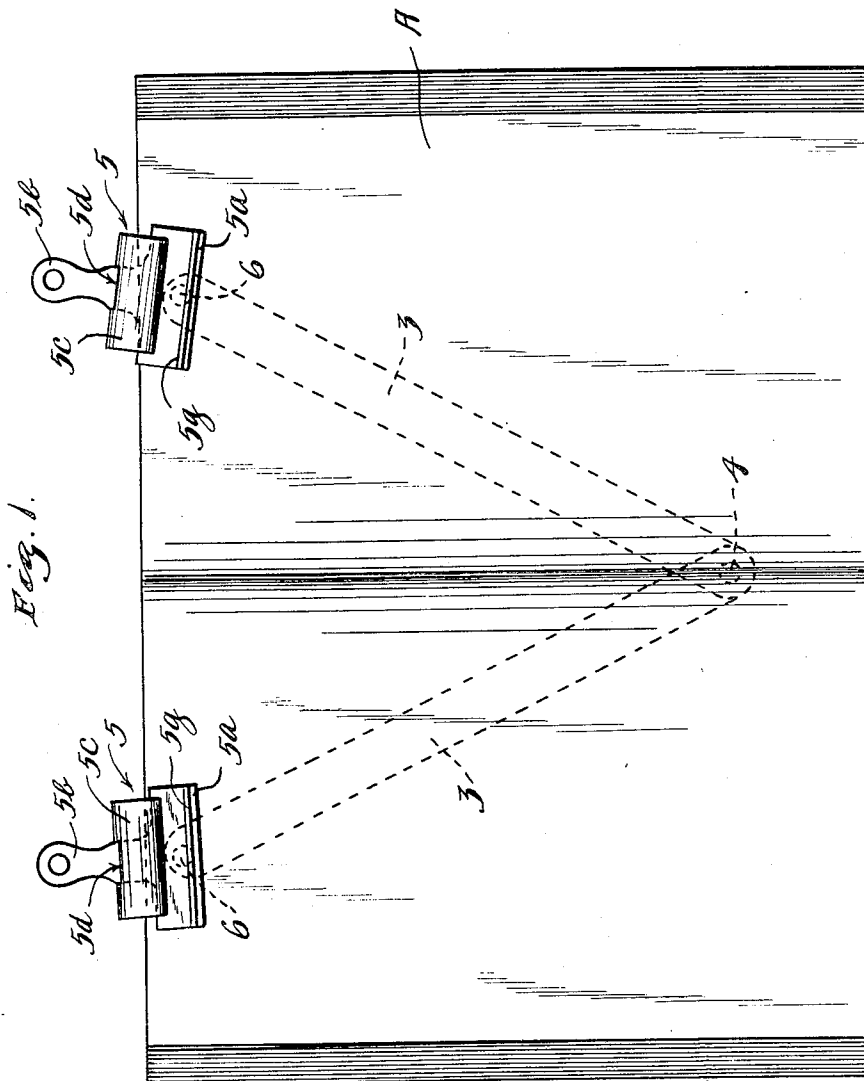
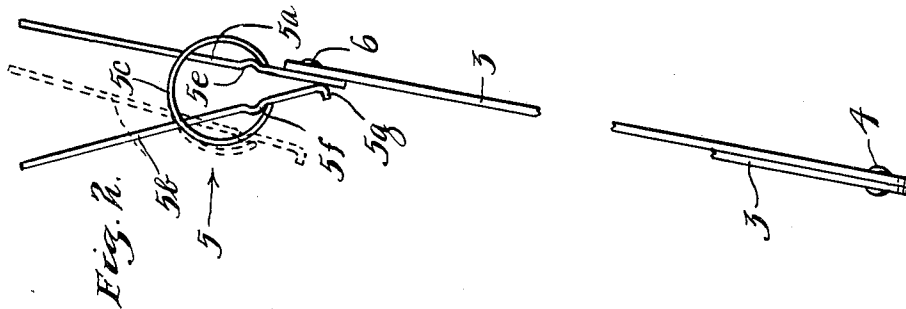
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This invention relates to holders for magazines, books and the like.

It is the general object of the invention to provide a novel and improved holder of cheap and simple construction, which can be effectively used for retaining a book, magazine or similar article in open condition and which holder can be held by one hand of the reader to support the book, magazine or other article.

Another object is to provide such a holder which can be used with magazines and books of different sizes and which will permit the pages of the book or magazine to be readily turned.

To these ends, generally stated, the invention consists in the novel parts and novel combinations of parts, hereinafter defined in the claims and described in the following specification, made in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like reference characters refer to the same or similar parts throughout the various views, and, in which,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an open magazine or book showing a holder embodying the invention applied in operative relation for use therewith; and

Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation of the holder, only a portion of one of the links thereof being shown and the spring clip on the remaining link being shown in one position in full lines and in another position in dotted lines.

In the drawing, there is illustrated an ordinary book or magazine A with the pages opened as they will be when the book or magazine is being read. In accordance with the invention, there are provided a pair of links 3 pivotally connected at their lower ends by a pivot 4. Spring clips 5 of any suitable type are preferably connected as by pivots 6 to the upper ends of the two links 3. Although as stated any suitable type of spring clip 5 may be utilized, in the illustrated embodiment, each clip 5 includes a pair of levers 5a and 5b respectively, and a split hollow cylindrical spring 5c through openings 5d of which the two levers 5a and 5b extend. The lower end of each lever 5a is connected to a link 3 by means of the pivot 6 and both levers adjacent their lower ends are interposed between the two edges of the spring 5c formed by the split therein. To prevent the spring 5c from sliding longitudinally of the two levers 5a and 5b, each lever is provided with a channeled portion 5e and 5f respectively. The lower end of the lever 5b is preferably outwardly bent from the lower end of the lever 5a at 5g.

In using the holder formed by the links 3 and spring clips 5 with a book or magazine such as the

book or magazine illustrated, the book or magazine is first opened to the point where it is desired to be read, whereupon the two links 3 are located behind the cover of the book or magazine and the upper ends of the two links are spread apart so as to set the two clips 5 at such proper spacing that the spring clips may be engaged with the pages of the book to clamp the same. The clips 5 may be tilted on the pivots 6 to convenient position for engaging the pages, whereupon the reader may by pressing the upper ends of the levers 5a and 5b together and inserting the pages between the lower ends of the levers, cause the clips to clamp the pages. The lower ends of the links 3 jointly contribute to form a handle which may be readily grasped by the reader to support the holder and the book or magazine A. The links 3 act somewhat in the manner of an easel to support the book or magazine in open condition, while the clips 5 act to prevent the pages from being turned by the wind or by the natural resiliency of the paper or other material forming the leaves and cover of the book or magazine. It will be seen that the holder and book can be conveniently held in one hand by the reader, so that the book or magazine can be read with the greatest convenience.

When it becomes desirable to turn a page of the magazine or book, it is only necessary to temporarily release the right hand clip 5, withdraw the page that it is desired to turn, swing the page, temporarily release the left hand clip 5 and insert the turned page between the lower ends of the two levers of the left hand clip.

It will be seen that an exceedingly simple and convenient holder for books, magazines and other reading matter has been provided. The device is particularly effective for use by invalids and aged persons. In actual practice, the links 3 may be artistically designed so as to present a neat and attractive appearance.

The holder of the invention has been successfully demonstrated in actual practice.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of the present invention.

It should be noted that the holder is adjustable by spacing the upper ends of the links 3 nearer or farther apart, for use in connection with books, magazines and the like of all different types and sizes.

What is claimed is:—

1. A holder for magazines and like articles

comprising a V-shaped combination handle and backrest for the article consisting of a pair of links pivoted together at their lower ends and having no connection at their upper ends, and 5 short spring clips attached to the upper ends of said links and facing said pivot to grip the pages of articles resting against said handle and backrest.

2. A holder for magazines and like articles comprising a V-shaped combination handle and back-

rest for the article consisting of a pair of links pivoted together at their lower ends and having no connection at their upper ends, short clamping backs at the upper ends of said links and clamping jaws pivotally and resiliently mounted on said clamping backs for cooperation with said clamping backs to clamp the pages of an article supported on said handle and backrest therebetween, said jaws facing said pivot connecting said links.

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