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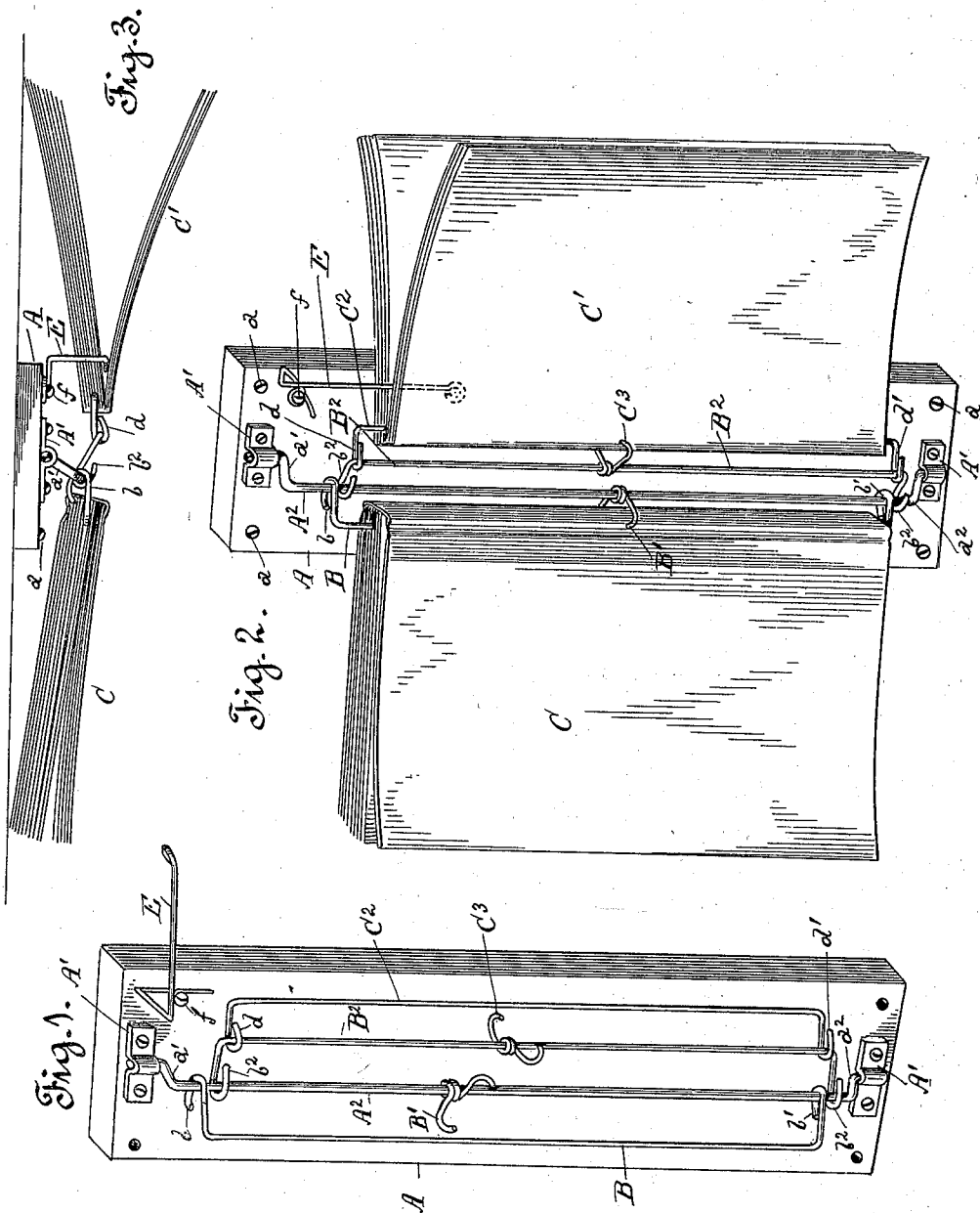
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED MARKS, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Directories, Catalogues, or Similar Articles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention relates to a certain new and useful catalogue, directory, or index holder for use in libraries, offices, stores, houses, or similar places; and it consists in the arrangement of parts and details of construction, as will be hereinafter fully set forth in the drawings and described and pointed out in the specification.

The invention is mainly designed for the holding of telephone-directories which are arranged in book form, and more especially for the directory for larger cities or where the same is subdivided into two books, or one directory for the city and another covering the entire State; and the object of the invention is to provide a holder which may be readily secured to the wall in close proximity to the telephone and which will enable the operator or user of the telephone to quickly and easily handle the directory in order to ascertain any desired subscriber's number or call, the holder being so designed that either directory may be made use of without interfering with the other.

In order to comprehend the invention, reference must be had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, forming a part of this application, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the holder with the index-books or directories attached thereto, and Fig. 3 is a top plan view of Fig. 2.

In the drawings the letter A is used to indicate any suitable base-plate or platform which is adapted to be secured to the wall by means of screws or suitable securing devices *a*. At each end of the base-plate or platform is attached a bearing-plate A', within which are fitted the bent arms *a*² *a*' of the supporting-rod A². Being thus connected, the supporting-arm is free to swing in and out upon the base or platform A. This form of connection is preferred; owing to its simplicity,

although any other suitable style of connection may be employed for attaching the supporting-rod to the said base or platform. To this supporting-rod is removably secured the book or directory holding rod B, the ends of which rod are bent downward and then upward in order to form the spring-clamps *b b'*, by means of which the said holding-rod is attached to the supporting-rod A². By means of this holding-rod B and the spring-clamp B', mounted upon the supporting-rod A², the book or telephone-directory is secured in place. This holding-rod is ordinarily employed to attach the State directory C in place. The city or smaller directory C' is attached to a supplemental rod B², the ends *b*² of which are bent downward and turned over the supporting-rod, so as to permit of the rod B² being free to swing inward and outward without interfering with the movement of the holding-rod A². To this supplemental rod is removably connected the holding-rod C², which rod has its ends bent downward and upward, so as to form the spring-clamps *d d'*, which embrace the rod B² in order to provide a hinged connection for the holding-rod C². This rod stands parallel to the holding-rod B, although each rod is capable of movement independent of the other. By means of this holding-rod C² and the spring C³, mounted upon the supplemental supporting-rod B², the book or directory C' is secured or held in place.

I have only illustrated the device as holding two books, catalogues, or directories, although it is apparent that the same may be readily adapted for the holding of any number, the only requirement being to provide the necessary holding-rods therefor.

In order to secure a book, catalogue, or directory to the holder, one of the holding-rods—say B—is removed and placed between the leaves of the book or article to be secured at about the center thereof, the ends thereof projecting beyond the upper and lower edges of the book. The holding-rod is then connected to the supporting-rod by slipping or fitting the spring-clamp ends *b b'* thereover. When the holding-rod is thus secured, the book will be held in a vertical or upright position. To prevent the book slipping or being pulled from off the holding-rod during

use thereof, the spring-clamp is fitted over the backbone thereof and embracing the edges of the book firmly hold the same securely to the holding-rod. The other book, catalogue, 5 or index is attached to the holder in the same manner—that is, the holding-rod C^2 is first inserted between the leaves of the book and then secured to the supplemental rod B^2 by the spring-clamp ends $d\ d'$ being forced there- 10 over and firmly securing the book in position by attaching the spring-clamp C^3 to the backbone thereof.

To remove either book, it is only necessary to release the clamp for the backbone, after 15 which the book may be slipped from its holding-rod. Should three or more books be held to the holder, it might be necessary to disconnect the holding-rod in order to remove the book.

20 To one end of the base or platform there is fulcrumed by pin f the swinging arm or indicator E . This indicator is used to hold the book open at any given place. After the desired place has been found by the user of the 25 book the arm or indicator E is swung over, so as to bear upon the leaves of the book and hold the same open by the pressure thereof. The arm or indicator is of such length as to bear upon each half-section of the book. This 30 feature will be appreciated by users of telephones, as it holds the book or directory open at the desired place while the user is waiting for the central office to respond to a call.

Having thus described my invention, what 35 I claim as new, and desire to secure protection in by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a holder of the described character, the combination with a suitable base or platform, of a supporting-rod attached thereto, 40 an independent book-holder removably se-

cured to said rod and free to swing thereon, and a clamp slidably secured upon the supporting-rod and which engages the backbone of the book in order to secure the book in a vertical position.

2. In a holder of the described character, the combination with a suitable base or platform, of a supporting-rod secured thereto, a book-holder removably connected to said rod, a supplemental rod attached to said support- 50 ing-rod, and of a book-holder removably connected to the supplemental rod, said book-holder being free to swing inward and outward independent of the other.

3. In a holder of the described character, 55 the combination with a suitable base or platform, a supporting-rod secured thereto, a book-holder removably connected to said rod, a supplemental supporting-rod attached to the first-mentioned supporting-rod, a book-holder re- 60 movably connected to the supplemental supporting-rod, and of a clamp, which engages the backbone of the book secured upon each supporting-rod.

4. In a holder of the described character, 65 the combination with a suitable base or platform, of a supporting-rod secured thereto, a book-holder removably attached to the said rod, a clamp which engages the backbone of the book secured upon the supporting-rod, 70 and of a finger or indicator fulcrumed to the base or platform.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 22d day of November, 1898.

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