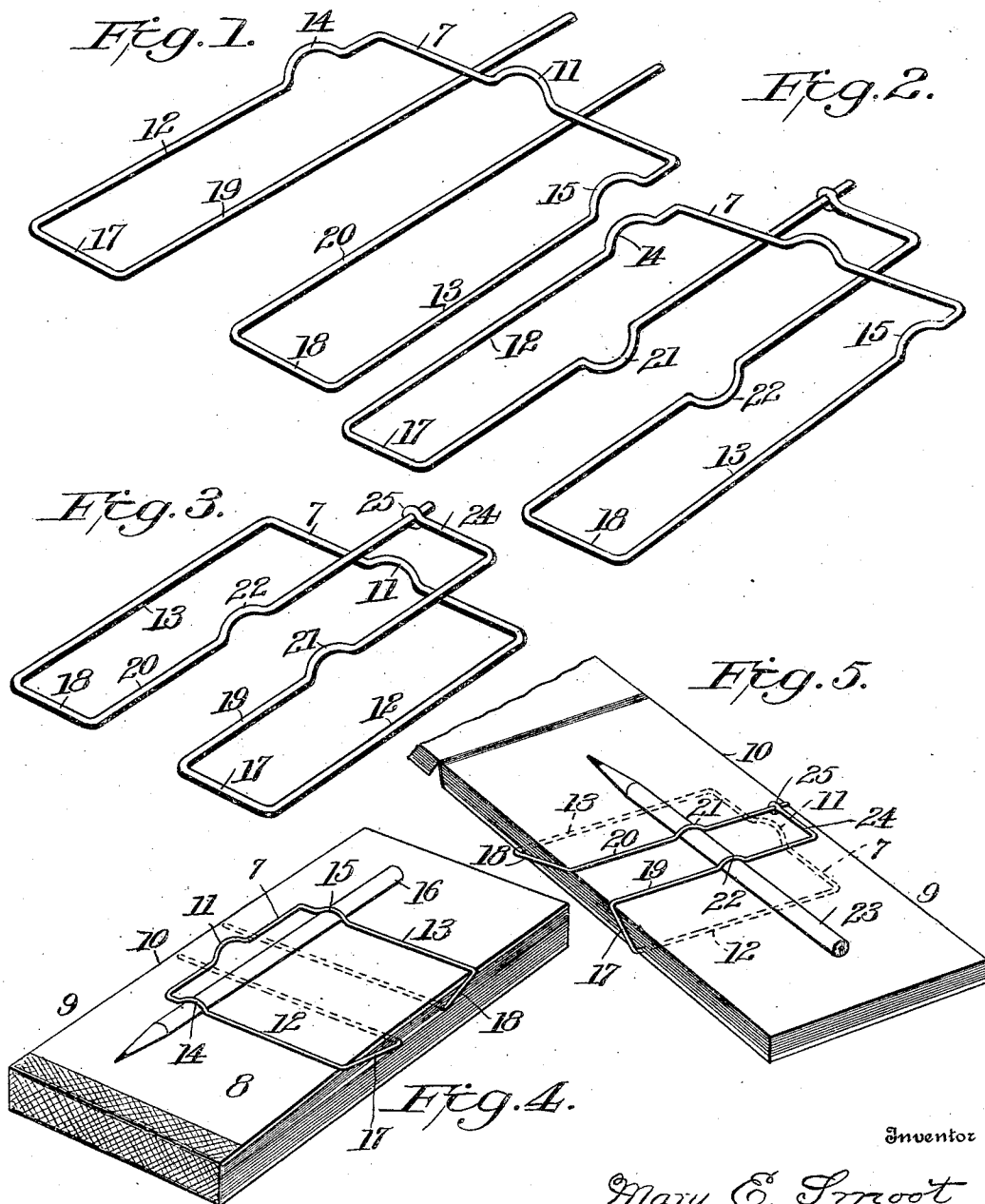


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. SMOOT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Book-Marks, Line-Guides, and Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is in the nature of a combined book-mark, line-guide, and pencil-holder intended for general use where a page in a book is to be marked, or a copyist or reader guided in copying from or reading matter from a book, and when it is desirable to have ready at hand a simple and secure pencil-holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a single, cheap and simple device capable of performing all of the before-described operations and with this object in view, the invention consists in the improved construction and arrangement of parts whereby such a device is rendered possible, all as fully described and afterward specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates some embodiments of my invention Figure 1 is a perspective view of probably the simplest and preferable form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a slightly modified form, in which there are provided pencil-holding curves in the guide-bars, which are rigidly connected together. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of another modification also showing means for securing the ends of the guide-bars together. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of my invention, constructed as shown in Fig. 1, applied to a closed note-book, that portion of the device illustrated outside of the book being in position for use as a pencil-holder, and that portion inside of the book (shown in dotted lines) serving as a book-mark and line-guide. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a note-book with my invention constructed as shown in Fig. 3 in position thereon, the book being open and the device being in position for use as a book-mark, line-guide, and pencil-holder.

Like reference characters are applied to the same parts wherever they appear in the several figures of the drawing.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the device illustrated in Fig. 1, which is preferably made of a single piece of spring wire, comprises a preferably rectangular main body consisting of an end bar, 7, which when

the device is in use, as shown in Fig. 4, will normally rest upon the outside cover or back, 8, of the book, 9, preferably parallel with, and close to, the edge 10. At any suitable point in this end bar 7, a handle is constructed, in this instance such handle being in the form of a substantially semi-circular bend, 11, in a direction to cause it to rise, or project, at substantially a right-angle, from the back 8 of the book so that it may be readily grasped by the fingers to manipulate the device. While this form of handle is not absolutely essential, it is preferred for the reason that it may be cheaply and quickly made.

At each end of the end-bar 7, the spring wire of which the device is formed is bent at substantially right angles, forming substantially parallel sides 12 and 13 which will be hereinafter designated as side-bars. These side-bars 12 and 13, at any desired point, preferably near the end-bar 7, are each bent outward and back in substantially semi-circular curves, as at 14 and 15, such bends being similar to that forming the handle 11, and being intended to receive a pencil as at 16, and hold it, by the resiliency of the wire of the device, against the back 8 of the book 9, as best shown in Fig. 4. At the ends of the side-bars 12 and 13, the wire is bent inward, substantially at right angles, forming short bars 17 and 18, which for the purposes of this specification I shall denominate "connecting bars," such bars being substantially parallel with the end bar 7. At the inner ends of the connecting bars 17 and 18, the wire is again bent, at substantially right angles, forming what I denominate "guide bars," 19 and 20, preferably extending parallel with the side-bars 12 and 13, and of such a length as to extend beyond the end-bar 7, being passed under said end-bar.

The device constructed as described is probably in its simplest form and is complete for all purposes for which it is intended.

To use it, the guide bars 19 and 20 are slipped over the edge of the leaf to be marked in the book, with said guide bars crosswise of the leaf and parallel with the lines thereon, or the lines of writing or stenographic notes. When these bars 19 and 20 are pushed forward over upon the page a sufficient distance, the end bar 7 is passed over the back of the book, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, or over the opposite side of the last

leaf of the book to be clamped when the back of the book is not to be included, when the continued pushing of the guide-bars over the page will move the whole device, until its motion is stopped by the connecting bars 17 and 18 reaching the edge of the back of the book. In this position, the elasticity of the wire composing the device will cause the bunch of leaves clasped by the device, to be tightly held together between the end bar 7 and side bars 12 and 13 on the outside, and the guide-bars 19 and 20 on the inside, and a pencil, slipped under the bends 14 and 15 of the side bars, will be securely held there, while the guide-bars will mark the desired page. By moving the device along on the book, these guide bars will serve as line guides for the user of the book.

In Fig. 2 I show the guide bars 19 and 20 having bends 21, 22, of the same form as bends 14 and 15, so that the pencil may be held thereunder, as at 23 in Fig. 5, as well as at 16, in Fig. 4. When the guide-bars are thus provided with pencil holding bends, either of said bends may be used as a handle to move the device along on the book, and to facilitate such operation, I may provide means to prevent the springing apart of the guide-bars. Such means may be varied, but probably the preferable construction is shown in Figs. 3 and 5, in which one of the guide-bars, as 19, is bent at its end as at 24, toward the other guide bar 20, and engaged with the latter in any suitable manner, as for instance, by bending it around said bar 20 in the form of an eye 25.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A combined book-mark, line-guide and pencil-holder, comprising an end piece, side bars extending at substantially right angles

therefrom, and guide bars substantially parallel with and connected to the side bars, two of the bars being formed with curves in line with each other to form a pencil holder.

2. A combined book-mark, line-guide and pencil-holder comprising an end piece, two side bars extending from the end piece at substantially right angles thereto, curves in said side bars adapted to serve as pencil holders, two guide bars substantially parallel with the side bars, and bars at substantially right angles to and connecting the side bars and guide bars.

3. The herein described combined book-mark, line-guide and pencil holder composed of bent wire, comprising an end piece, side bars at substantially right angles thereto, guide bars substantially parallel with the side bars, and bars at substantially right angles to the side bars and guide bars and connecting them together, the guide bars being bent to form pencil holders.

4. The herein described book mark, line-guide and pencil holder composed of bent wire comprising an end piece, side bars at substantially right angles thereto, guide-bars substantially parallel with the side bars of sufficient length to extend beyond the end piece, bars at substantially right angles to the side bars and guide bars and connecting them together, the guide bars having bends adapted to serve as pencil holders or handles, and rigid connections between the guide bars.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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