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Book-Holder.

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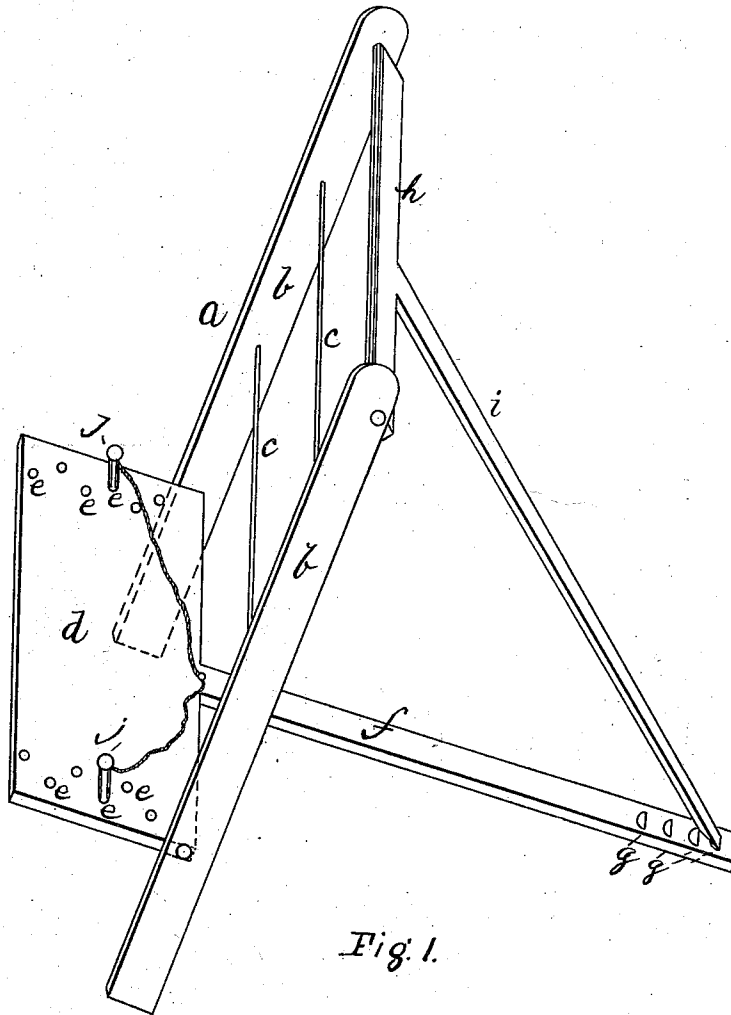


Fig. 1.

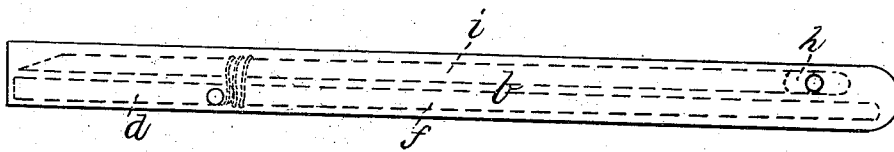


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-HOLDERS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS A. MOULTON, of Old Town, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective of my invention; Fig. 2, a side view, folded.

Same letters show like parts.

My invention consists of an improved book rest or holder so constructed as to support the book in a convenient position for reading, and, when not in use, capable of being folded within a small space. It is adjustable to different degrees of inclination, and also to books of different thicknesses.

Referring to the drawing, *a* shows a frame, consisting of two uprights, *b b*, held together by cords *c c*, or similar devices. At *d* is a support or shelf, upon which the book rests, perforated at *e e*, and having attached thereto an arm, *f*, extending backward, and provided with notches *g g* upon its upper surface at its rear end. This shelf is hinged or pivoted to the uprights *b b* near their front edge and bottom. At the top of the uprights, and near their rear edge, is pivoted a cross-bar, *h*, provided with an arm, *i*, of such a length as to reach the notches in the arm *f*, and serve as a support or third leg to the holder. This arm

is sharpened at its lower end in such manner as to engage the notches in the arm *f*.

When the holder is in use the arm *f* is thrown backward, throwing the shelf *d* to the front, as in Fig. 1. The arm *i* is drawn out, and its end inserted in one of the notches *g* of the arm *f*, and the holder is ready for use, resting upon the bottoms of the uprights *b b* and the end of the arm *f*, forming a triangle, and furnishing a firm support for the book. Pegs *j j*, placed in the perforations *e e* of the shelf *d*, serve to keep the book open, and to hold it in place.

The shelf *d* and cross-bar *h* being pivoted near the opposite edges of the uprights *b b*, instead of in the center, the holder is rendered capable of folding within a small space, occupying only the thickness of the standards *b*, thus requiring no more room than a book. This is distinctly shown in Fig. 2, which shows the holder folded.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a book-rest, the combination of the frame *a*, shelf and arm *d f*, and cross-bar and arm *h i*, said shelf and cross-bar being pivoted at opposite edges of the uprights *b b*, substantially as and for the described purposes.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of August, 1875.

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