

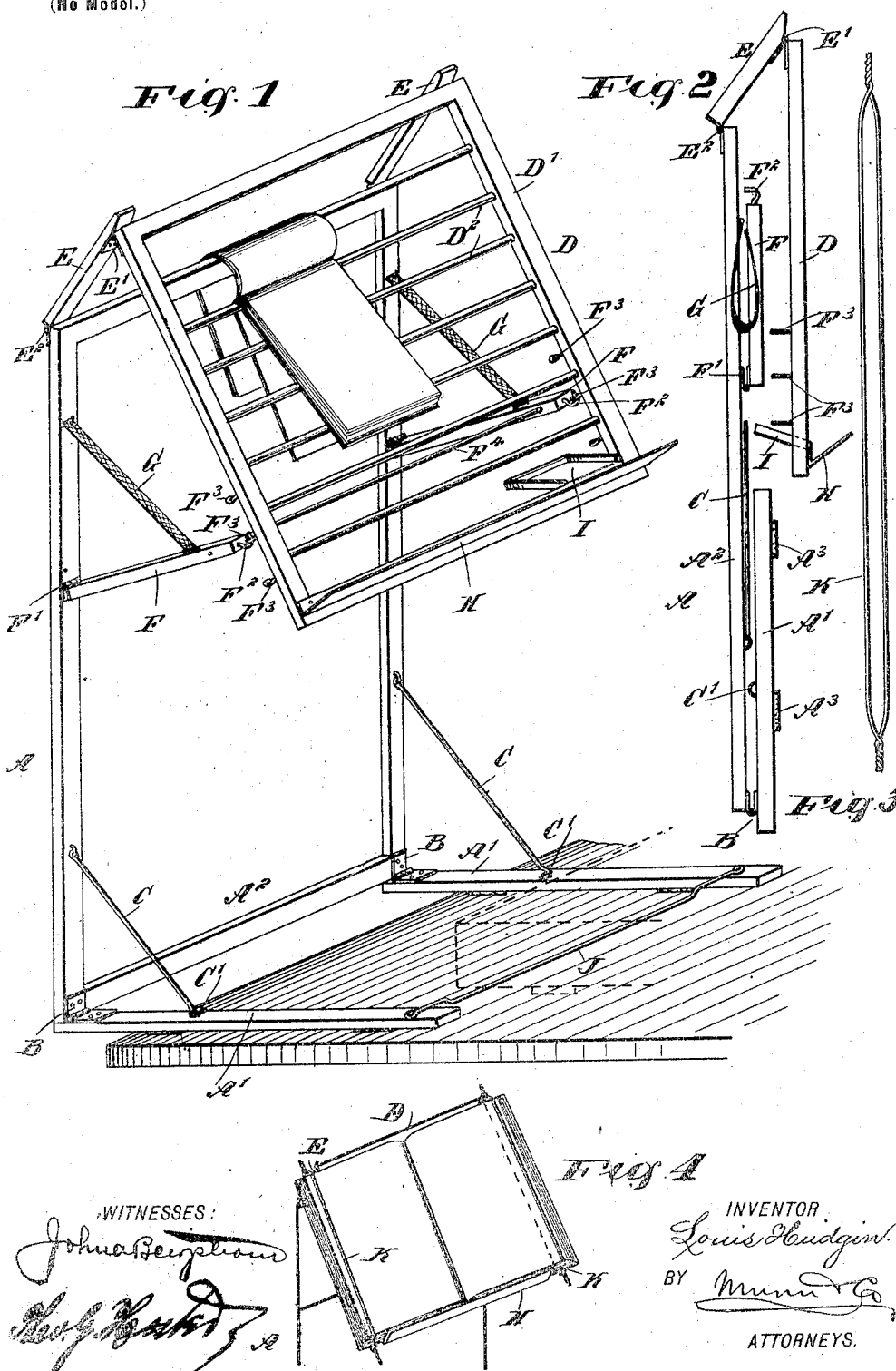
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS HUDGIN, of Lochiel, in the county of Pima and Territory of Arizona, have invented a new and Improved Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved holder more especially designed for use in connection with a type-writing machine to securely and properly hold a copy-book or other matter in position for convenient reading by the machine-operator and without interfering with the manipulation of the machine.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same in a folded position. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device for holding the leaves of an open book in position on the covers, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the improvement supporting a book having the leaves held to the covers.

The improved holder is provided with a stand A, consisting of a base formed by base-bars A', connected by hinges B with the back A² of the stand, the said back being preferably in the shape of a rectangular frame carrying on its side bars pivoted braces C, adapted to be hooked upon staples C', secured to the base-bars A', so as to hold the base at a right angle to the back. When the braces C are disconnected from the staples C', the base-bars can be readily folded up parallel to the back A² as plainly indicated in Fig. 2. The under sides of the base-bars are preferably provided with pieces of felt or like material A³ for preventing the base from scratching the support on which the type-writing machine is located and on which the holder is to be set.

The upper portion of the back A² of the stand supports a rack D for holding the book or other matter in close proximity to the machine-operator, so as to enable the latter to

conveniently read the matter to be written on the type-writing machine. The rack D can be adjusted up or down to bring the lower edge thereof the desired distance above the top of the type-writing machine, and for this purpose the upper end of the rack is carried by links E, connected by hinges E' with the top bar of the rack and by hinges E² to the upper end of the back A². Braces F are connected by hinges F' to the side bars of the back A², below the top thereof, and on the free ends of said braces are secured hooks F², adapted to engage eyes or staples F³, secured to the back of the side bars of the frame D' for the rack D. The braces F are connected with each other at their free ends by a cross-bar F⁴, and said braces are supported in an angular position relative to the back A² by bands G, connecting the braces with the side bars of the back A². Now it is evident that the hooks F² of the braces F can be engaged with different sets of eyes F³, so as to adjust the rack D higher or lower, as conditions may require, the links E permitting such up-and-down movement of the rack. The links E are somewhat shorter than the braces F, and consequently the rack D is always held in an inclined position when the device is in use, and when the device is not in use the hooks F² are disconnected from the eyes F³ and the links are swung upward to permit of folding the rack close to the stand, as indicated in Fig. 2.

The rack D is preferably made with a rectangular frame D', as previously mentioned, and to the side bars of the rack are secured the ends of the parallel spaced rods D², adapted to support the copy-book by doubling it back upon one of the said rods and throwing the copied leaves over the next rod above, as indicated in Fig. 1. The lower end of the rack D is provided with a book-rest H in the form of an angular plate projecting from the face of the rack, so that the book can be readily placed on the latter, the lower edge resting on the rest H. (See Fig. 4.) On the rack D is also arranged a transversely-extending eraser-holder I, preferably formed integral with the rest H, both being made of sheet metal, the rest also serving as a pencil-holder besides forming a rest for the lower end of the book.

In case the support for the machine and the holder is very narrow, then a wire J is employed, the ends of the wire resting on the bars A' of the base to prevent the holder from tipping backward.

In order to hold the leaves of the book in an open position when the book is placed on the rack D, as indicated in Fig. 4, I prefer to employ a leaf-holding device K. (Shown in Figs. 3 and 4.) This device K is preferably made of two pieces of wire, extended parallel to each other and fastened at their ends, so as to permit of supporting the two wires over the cover and the leaves at the ends thereof, as shown in Fig. 4, to securely hold the leaves to the cover.

I do not limit myself to any particular material of which the holder is made, as it is evident that wood, metal, or other desirable material may be employed. It is, however, expressly understood that the stand is so constructed as to support the rack D a suitable distance above the top of the machine and close to the operator's eyes to permit of conveniently reading the matter on the copy-book or the like and without interfering with the manipulation of the type-writing machine.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A holder comprising a stand having a

base and a back connected with each other by hinges, and secured in an angular position by means of braces, a rack for supporting a copy-book or the like, links connected by hinges with said back, and braces hinged to the back and adjustably connected with said rack, substantially as shown and described.

2. A holder comprising a stand having a base and a back connected with each other by hinges, and secured in an angular position by means of braces, a rack for supporting a copy-book or the like, links connected by hinges with said back, braces hinged to the back and adjustably connected with said rack, and means for preventing displacement of the base from its support, substantially as shown and described.

3. A holder comprising a stand adapted to rest with its base on the support for a type-writing machine, a rack for supporting a copy-book or the like, links connected by hinges with the said stand and the rack, and braces hinged to the said stand and supported therefrom and adapted to engage the said rack at different points, to permit of raising or lowering the rack, substantially as shown and described.

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