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Fig. 1.

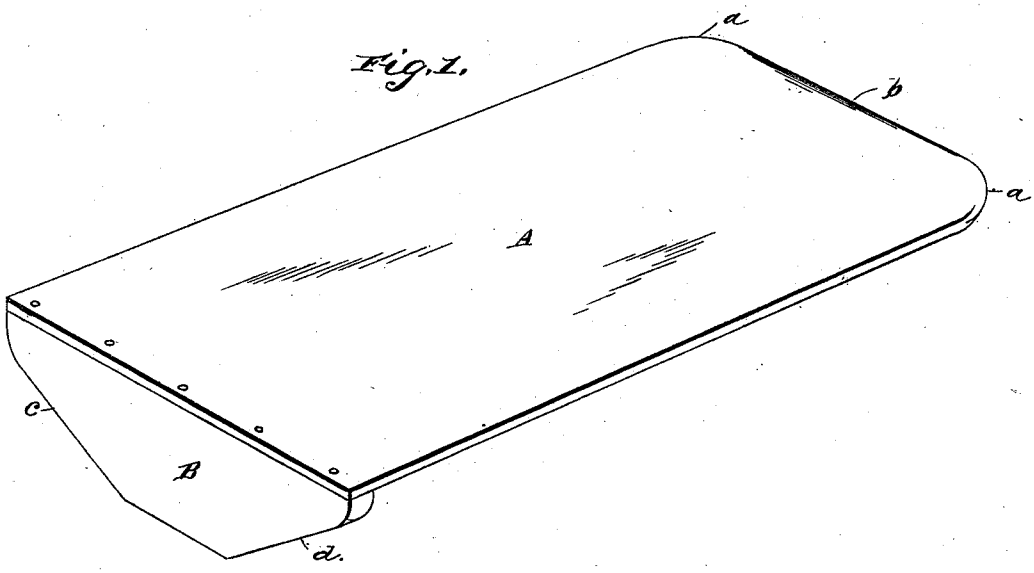


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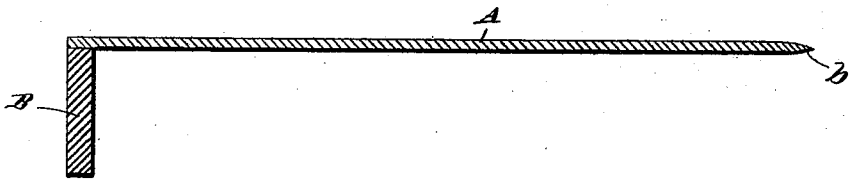
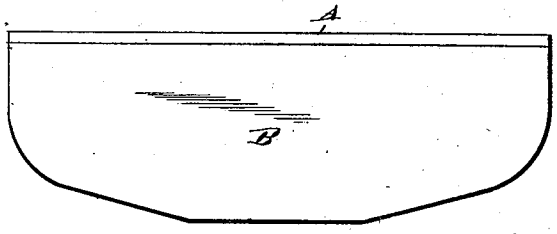


Fig. 3.



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ARM-REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD ALBERT BENNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Weston, in the county of Lewis and State of West Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Arm-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in arm-rests; and it consists of the peculiar construction of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

The primary object of my invention is to provide an improved arm-rest with a depending foot-piece of peculiar construction which will permit the entire device to be inclined transversely in either direction to accommodate itself to the transverse inclination of the leaves or pages in large account or deed books, and at the same time provide a firm and secure support for the arm and wrist of the writer.

A further object of my invention is to provide an improved arm-rest which can be readily and quickly adjusted between the leaves of a book without elevating the leaves by hand.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures, A designates a flat board; and B, a transverse foot or strip composing an arm-rest embodying my invention, the peculiar construction and arrangement of which I will now proceed to describe.

The board A is made substantially rectangular in form, although this shape can be varied, and the corners of the board at one end are rounded, as at *a*. The corners and edge at the end of the board where they are formed are inclined or beveled to a sharp edge, as at *b*, these beveled portions of the corners and edges being inclined from the lower and upper faces of the board toward the center thereof and each other, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. By reason of the rounded corners and beveled edges the board A can be expeditiously and easily forced between the leaves of the book without raising or elevating the leaves by hand, as has heretofore been practiced, and without tearing or defacing the pages, thereby effecting a saving in time in adjusting the implement.

The foot or strip B is arranged transversely of the board at the opposite end to the beveled end and rounded corners *b a*. This foot or strip is arranged on the under side of the board so as to depend therefrom, and thereby rest upon the desk to elevate the lower end of the board out of contact with the desk and on substantially the same plan as the leaves of the book, this strip resting firmly on the desk, to thereby hold the rest steadily in place while the writer is engaged in work and rests his arm and wrist thereon. The transverse strip B is arranged at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the board, to which it is permanently affixed by nails or other devices. The lower edges of the foot, at the ends thereof, are rounded or beveled in reverse directions, as at *c d*, so that the entire device can be tilted or thrown bodily to one side, and thus assume an inclined position which will approximate the transverse inclination of large account and deed books. These inclined or rounded corners or ends of the foot rest or bear firmly upon the desk, to thereby uphold the board in like manner and permit the writer to rest the arm and wrist thereon, and the board and strip can be tilted in either direction, and thereby used upon either side of the book.

The arm-rest may be made of wood, metal, or other material.

The operation of my invention is obvious. The beveled edge of the board A is forced or pressed beneath or between the leaves of the book, and the free end thereof allowed to drop until the foot piece or strip rests on the desk.

The device can be tilted to one side or the other to accommodate itself to the inclination of the leaves, and the rounded or beveled ends of the strip rest upon the desk to provide a firm and secure support for the wrist and arm. The board can be shoved any desired distance under the leaves, and it can be moved longitudinally or turned transversely or diagonally thereof, as may be preferred or desired.

The foot or strip can be made of different heights, to adapt the rest for use upon books of different sizes and thicknesses; but I have found by practical use that a device constructed as herein described and with a foot or strip of

about two (2) or two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) inches in height will answer all purposes, as it is not essential that a board shall be in exactly the same plane as the leaf upon which the writer is at work, and that a slight incline will not be inconvenient.

My improved arm rest can be manufactured and sold for a trifling sum, as it is composed of only two parts of exceedingly simple construction, which can be rapidly secured together.

I attach especial importance to the peculiar construction of the foot having the rounded or beveled lower edges at the ends thereof, and to the board with the rounded corners and beveled edges at its free end, as therein lies the gist of my invention.

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

As a new article of manufacture, an arm-rest comprising a board, and a depending strip permanently affixed to the board at one end, the said strip having its lower edge, at one or both ends, cut away in inclined or curved lines, whereby the rest may be tilted to either side, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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