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PAMPHLET STAND

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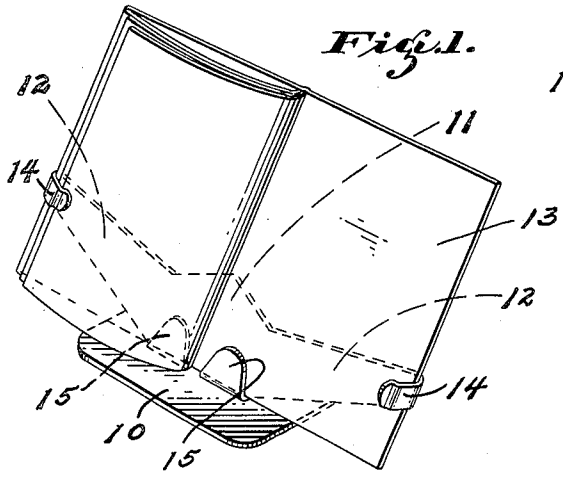


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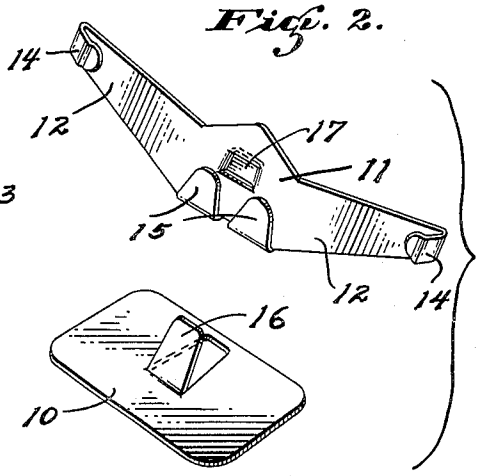


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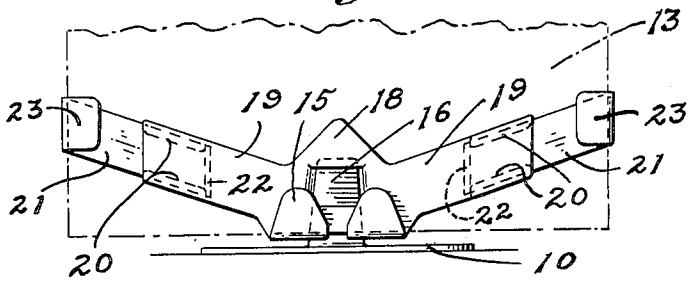


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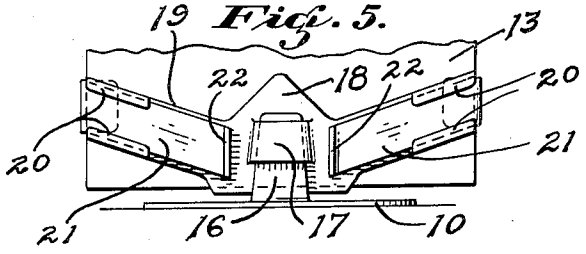


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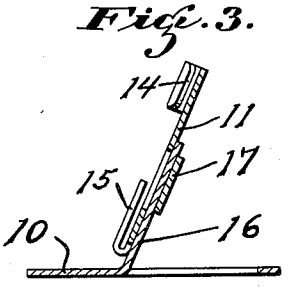
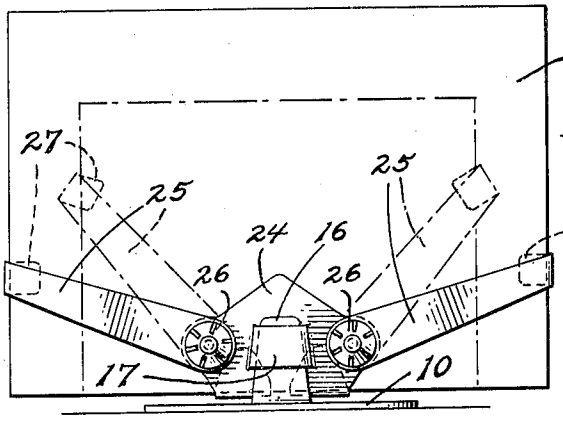


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The present invention relates to a bookstand and more particularly to a stand for supporting and holding a small pamphlet in an open and readable position.

An object of this invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and practical stand for holding a pamphlet or magazine in a readable position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a stand for pamphlets and the like which may be adjusted to fit pamphlets of varying sizes.

In the art to which the invention pertains there is a demand for a simple and inexpensive stand that will support a pamphlet or a periodical in a readable position and at the same time leave the reader's hands free. A search of the prior art reveals a large number of book aud pamphlet holding stands of various forms, but all those known to me are complicated, bulky and expensive to manufacture. Therefore, it is a further object of the invention to provide a stand of simple construction from a minimum number of parts.

In carrying out the invention it is contemplated that my improved stand in its simplest form will be constructed of not more than two parts, one part being a base and the other part a pamphlet holding member. In a modified form the pamphlet holding portion of the support is provided with adjustable means which will permit its use with pamphlets and/or magazines of different dimensions.

For a better understanding of the invention reference should be had to the accompanying drawing wherein I have shown by way of illustration and not of limitation preferred forms thereof.

In the drawing wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views;

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a pamphlet in position upon a supporting stand,

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view showing the two parts of the stand illustrated in Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along the vertical center line of a support such as is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2,

Figure 4 is a front view of a modified form of a stand having adjustable arms which are fully extended to hold a large pamphlet,

Figure 5 is a rear view of the stand illustrated in Figure 4 showing the arms retracted to accommodate a pamphlet of small size, and

Figure 6 is a rear view of a further modification of a stand similar to that illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 in which the arms are pivotally secured to permit an adjustment to accommodate pamphlets of different sizes.

As illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the accompanying drawing the present invention, in its simplest form, comprises a base member 10 and a back or support 11. The support 11 is provided with a pair of oppositely extending arms 12 against which the back of a pamphlet, designated by the numeral 13, may be disposed. The ends of the arms 12 are turned in to form clips 14 under which the sides of the back cover and the pages of the pamphlet may be held when the stand is in use. In addition to the arms 12, the support 11 also has a pair of upstanding fingers or clips 15 which are disposed at the center and along the bottom edge thereof. These fingers 15 are spaced apart at a sufficient distance to permit the disposal of a pamphlet binding there between, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

The support 11 is mounted upon the base 10 at a rearwardly inclined angle and may be either permanently secured thereto or removably secured thereupon. In the preferred form the base 10 and the support 11 are made so that they can be easily taken apart. To this end the base is provided with an upstanding and tapering tongue 16 against which the support 11 may rest and the support 11 is provided with an offset strap portion 17 which will pass around the tongue 16 and cooperate therewith to hold the support in place upon the base 10.

The stand described above can be made of any convenient size. When it is constructed, as illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing, it will accommodate any pamphlet having a size when open corresponding to the distance between the clips 14 upon the arms 12.

In the particular field in which my invention is intended for use two sizes of pamphlets are issued and therefore, where pamphlets of these sizes are in use, it will be necessary to have a stand for each size of pamphlet.

In order to meet this need with a single stand I propose, in accordance with a modified form of my invention, to make the pamphlet back engaging arms of the support adjustable to different positions which will permit the use of the stand with pamphlets of several sizes.

For a better understanding of this latter modification of my invention reference should be had to Figures 4 and 5 of the drawing. As here illustrated the pamphlet support, designated by the numeral 18, is provided with oppositely disposed arms 19 that have guideways 20 in which slidable extensions 21 are supported. The slidable exten-

sions 21 have a flange 22 at their inner ends to prevent a complete removal thereof and at their outer ends they are turned in to form page and cover engaging clips 23. With this form of stand it is possible to support a pamphlet of any size between the limits of movement of the slidable extensions 21.

In connection with this embodiment, attention is called to the angular disposition of the arms 19. This disposition of the arms insures that the slidable extensions 21 will always, because of the force of gravity, slide inwardly and engage the sides of the pamphlet and avoid the necessity for providing a securing means therefor. This arrangement of the arms 19 and the slidable extensions 21 also disposes the clips 23 well up along the sides of the pamphlet, irrespective of its size.

In another embodiment of the invention the pamphlet stand is provided with pivotally mounted arms which are adapted to be moved into different angular positions to support pamphlets of varying sizes. This embodiment, as illustrated in Figure 6 of the drawing, comprises a back or supporting member 24 mounted upon the base 10 in a manner similar to that previously described. The member 24 is provided with the aforementioned pamphlet engaging fingers or clips 15 and pivotally mounted upon its sides it has arms 25. These arms are preferably secured upon the supporting member 24 with spring washers 26 that will create sufficient friction to hold the arms 25 in any position to which they are moved. The ends of the arms 25 are turned in to provide page and back engaging clips 27, as is the case in the previously described structures. This stand can be used with a pamphlet of any size, within the limits provided for, by merely turning the arms 25 upon their pivots.

While I have, for the sake of clearness and in order to disclose my invention so that the same can be readily understood, described and illustrated specific devices and arrangements, I desire to have it understood that this invention is not limited to the specific means disclosed but may be embodied in other ways that will suggest themselves, in view of this broad disclosure, to persons skilled in the art. It is believed that this invention is broadly new and it is desired to claim it so that all such changes as come within the scope of the appended claims are to be considered as part of this invention.

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

1. A stand for supporting a reference pamphlet, which comprises a transversely extending member having oppositely disposed arms that project upwardly at an angle to support the cover of a pamphlet and two centrally disposed fingers bent up from its lower edge forming clips which engage the cover only of the pamphlet on opposite sides of and close to its binding to hold it against said arms, and a clip upon each of said arms for engaging the cover and pages of a pamphlet and holding it in an open and readable position.

2. A support for holding a pamphlet in an open and readable position, comprising a member having oppositely disposed arms forming the sole support against which the cover of an open pamphlet may be placed, said member having a pair of closely spaced upturned fingers which engage the cover only of the pamphlet immediately adjacent its binding and inturned portions at the ends of said arms which engage the cover and pages of the pamphlet to hold it in an open position and permit a turning of the pages without removing the pamphlet from the support.

3. A pamphlet spreader and page holding device, comprising a sheet metal member having a pair of closely spaced integral upturned tongues along its lower edge under which the front and back covers of a pamphlet may be disposed with the binding there between, whereby the pamphlet will be held at its binding against lateral displacement, oppositely disposed arms pivotally mounted adjacent said upturned tongues having inturned ends under which the leaves of the pamphlet may be disposed and held when in use, and means for holding said pivotally mounted arms in any position to which they are adjusted.

4. A support and page holding device for a pamphlet, comprising a transversely extending member against which the back of a pamphlet may be disposed, a pair of closely spaced upwardly projecting fingers at the bottom edge of said member adapted to engage the cover of the pamphlet with the binding disposed there between, whereby a lateral displacement of the pamphlet upon said member will be prevented, and a pair of slidably mounted angularly disposed arms at the ends of said member adapted to engage the edges of said pamphlet and hold it in an open position, the angular disposition of said arms being such that they will slide inwardly in response to the force of gravitation into engagement with the sides of the pamphlet.

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