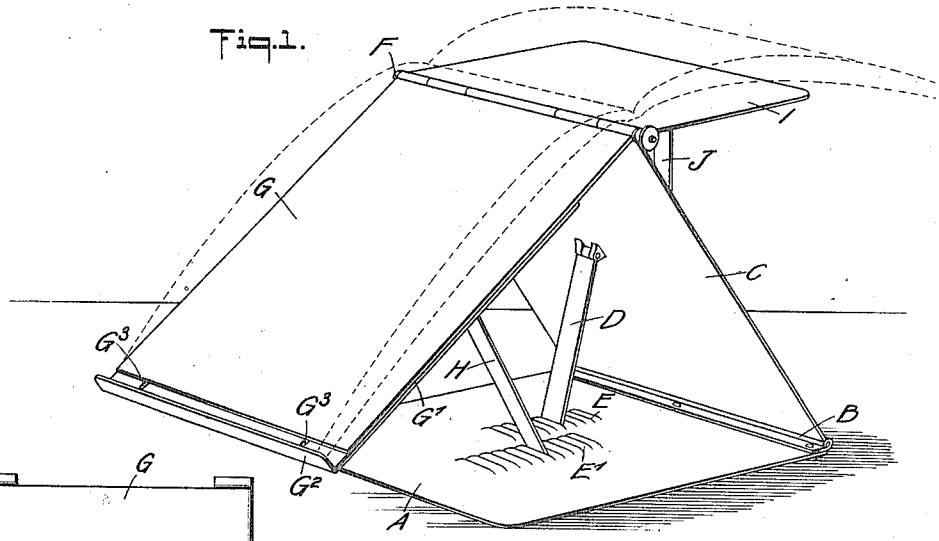
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Fig. 1.



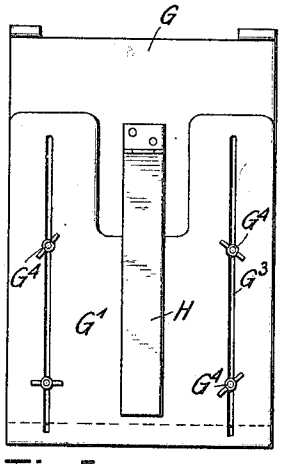


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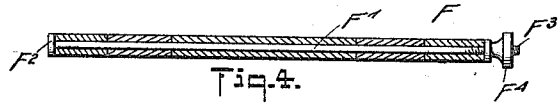


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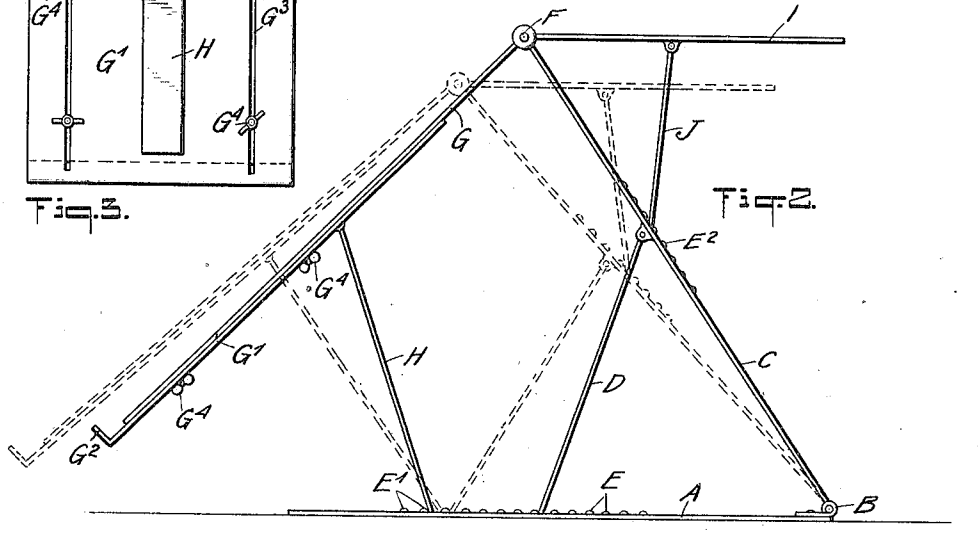


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAY McNAMARA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Copy-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved copy holder for the use of stenographers and other persons, and arranged to permit its use on a table, desk or other support with a view to hold a note book or other copy in a position desired by the copyist for conveniently copying the matter from the copy.

In order to produce the desired result, use is made of a base, a standard attached at its lower end to the rear end of the said base and extending upwardly and forwardly, and an upwardly and rearwardly inclined shelf for the copy to rest on and attached at its upper end to the upper end of the said standard so that the lower end of the said shelf is completely free of the base and of the table, desk or other support on which the copy holder is placed. Use is also made of means for adjusting the standard relative to the base and for adjusting the shelf relative to the standard, and use is further made of an extension for the shelf to extend the latter at its lower end, the said extension carrying a ledge for the bottom of the copy to rest on. Use is further made of a rest connected with the upper end of the standard and extending in a rearward direction, the said rest being adapted to support the turned over leaves and the said rest being adjustable relative to the standard.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the copy holder; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; Fig. 3 is a rear face view of the shelf, illustrating more particularly the adjustable extension of the shelf; and Fig. 4 is a cross section of the clamping hinge connecting the shelf and the rest to the upper end of the standard.

The base A of the copy holder is preferably made of a flat piece of metal adapted to rest on a table, desk or other support, and the rear end of the base A is connected by a hinge B with the lower end of the standard C inclined upwardly and forwardly and having a hinged prop D adapted to engage one of a series of projections E arranged on the upper face of the base A so as to allow of holding the standard C in a desired inclined position.

The upper end of the standard C is connected by a hinge F with the upper end of an upwardly and rearwardly inclined shelf G on which the copy book or other copy is adapted to rest. The shelf G is provided at its under side with a hinged prop H adapted to engage one of a series of projections E′ on the top of the base A to hold the shelf G in the desired inclined position. The shelf G is provided with an extension G′ to permit of lengthening the shelf G in a downward direction, the lower end of the extension G′ being provided with a ledge or foot G^2 for the bottom of the copy to rest on. The extension G′ is provided with slots G^3 (see Fig. 3) engaged by clamping screws G^4 held on the under side of the shelf G. On loosening the clamping screws G^4 the extension G′ can be moved up or down according to the length of the copy book or other copy to be supported, and then the clamping screws G^4 are screwed up to securely fasten the extension G′ in the adjusted position. The hinge F previously mentioned and arranged on the upper end of the standard C connects the latter with a rest I extending rearwardly for supporting the turned over leaves of the copy. The under side of the rest I is provided with a pivoted prop J adapted to engage one of a series of projections E^2 arranged on the rear face of the standard C.

The hinge F is preferably in the form of a clamping hinge, that is, is provided with a pintle F′ terminating at one end in a head F^2 and threaded at the other end F^3 so that a nut F^4 can be screwed on this threaded end F^3 to clamp the ends of the standard C, the shelf G and the rest I together with a view to prevent accidental swinging of the said shelf and the rest I on the standard C. The hinge F may be made sufficiently strong to hold the shelf G and the rest I in an adjusted position without the use of the props H and J. It will be noticed that by the arrangement described the shelf G can be moved into a desired inclined position to properly support the copy book or other copy to suit the convenience of the user. It

will also be noticed that the turned over leaves are supported on the rest I, which latter can be swung up or down so as to readily accommodate the said leaves without causing the copy on the shelf G to bulge. It will further be noticed that by extending the standard C from the rear of the base A in an upward and forward direction and then extending the shelf G from the said standard in a downward and forward direction, the desired stability is obtained to prevent the copy holder from tumbling over in case a heavy copy book or the like is placed on the shelf G.

By reference to Figs. 1 and 2, it will be noticed that the lower end of the shelf G is completely free of the base A and is above the same and consequently the copy holder can be placed close to the edge of a table or desk with the lower end of the shelf G projecting beyond the edge of the said table or other support. By providing the extension G′ the shelf G can be lengthened in a downward direction so as to readily accommodate sheets of legal cap variety or other long copy. As the rest I can be swung up or down into any desired angular position relative to the shelf G it is evident that the turned over leaves will readily stay in place and do not affect the position of the note book on the shelf G, and consequently no fastening devices are required for holding the note book or the turned over leaves in position on the holder.

The copy holder can be readily folded into a small, flat bundle and can thus be stored in a desk or the like without taking up much room.

The copy holder shown and described is very simple and durable in construction and composed of comparatively few parts not liable easily to get out of order.

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

1. A copy holder, comprising a base, a forwardly and upwardly inclined standard attached at its lower end to the rear end of the base, a downwardly and forwardly inclined shelf hinged to the upper end of the standard, and of a length to extend beyond the base, and means for holding the shelf in position, with its lower free end above the base, whereby when the holder is placed on a table or desk close to the edge thereof, the lower end of the shelf will project beyond the edge of said table or desk.

2. A copy holder, comprising a base, a forwardly and upwardly inclined standard attached to the rear edge of the base, a forwardly and downwardly inclined shelf of a length to extend beyond the table, and a clamping hinge connecting the upper end of the shelf with the upper end of the standard and serving to support the shelf in position without additional supporting means.

3. A copy holder, comprising a base, a standard hingedly connected at its lower end to the rear end of the said base and extending upwardly and forwardly, means for adjustably holding the standard in an inclined position, an upwardly and rearwardly inclined shelf for the copy to rest on and hinged at its upper end to the upper end of the said standard, the lower end of the said shelf being free of the base and projecting above and beyond the same, a rest for the turned over leaves of the copy to rest on, the said rest being hinged to the upper end of the standard and extending rearwardly, and means for holding the said shelf and the said rest in a desired adjusted position.

4. A copy holder, comprising a base, a standard attached at its lower end to the rear end of the said base and extending forwardly and upwardly, a shelf inclined upwardly and rearwardly for the copy to rest on, a rearwardly extending rest and a clamping hinge connecting the upper end of the said shelf and the front edge of the rest with the upper end of the said standard.

5. A copy holder comprising a base, an upwardly and forwardly inclined standard extending from the base, a downwardly and forwardly extending shelf extending from the upper end of the standard, said shelf extending above and beyond the front edge of the base, and a rearwardly extending rest at the upper end of the standard.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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