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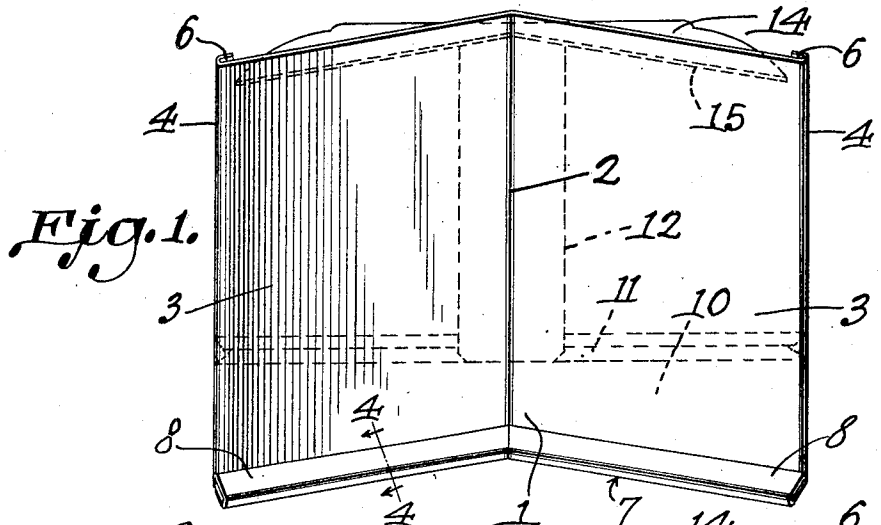


Fig. 1.

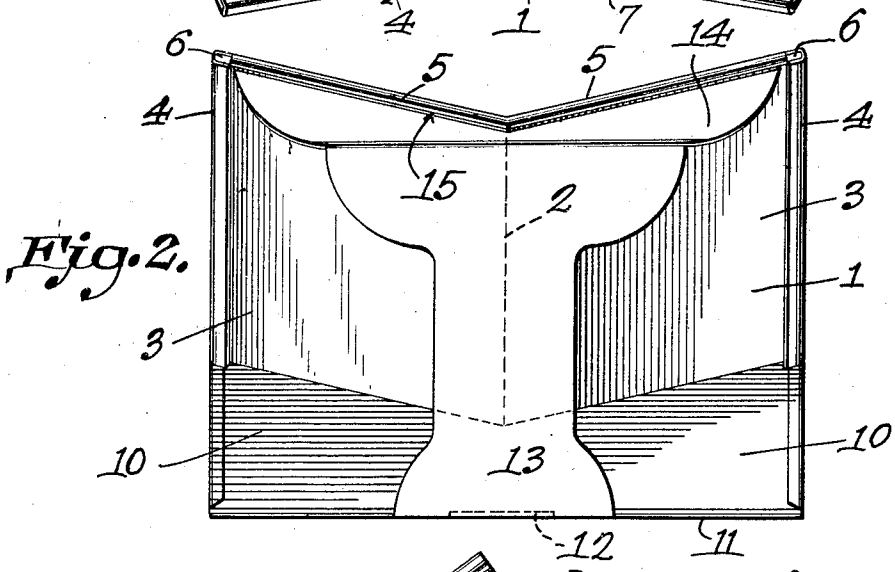


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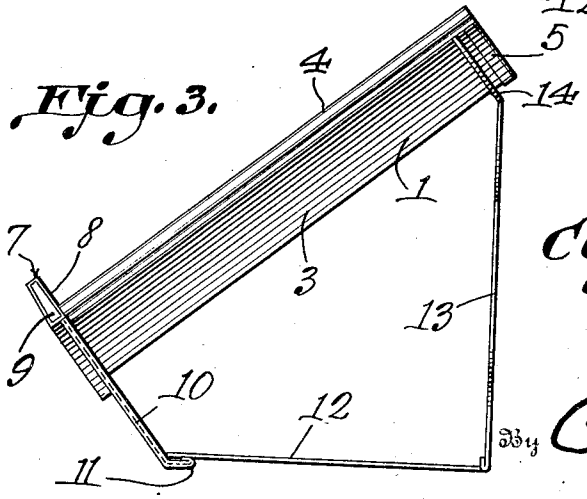


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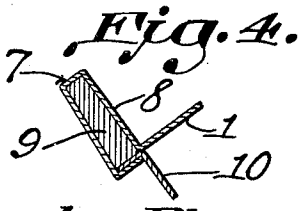


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This invention relates to a bookholder whereby a book or other object can be supported in an inclined position above a desk, table, or the like, where it can be seen easily, the construction of the device being such as to allow the pages of a book to be turned readily and quickly as desired.

Another object is to provide a bookholder all parts of which are relatively fixed and can be formed of metal, thereby to withstand rough handling.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings

Figure 1 is a plan view.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation.

Figure 3 is a side view.

Figure 4 is an enlarged section on line 4—4, Figure 1.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates the body of the bookholder formed of a sheet of metal bent along the center, as at 2, to provide forwardly diverging side portions 3. The side and top edges are folded back at 4 and 5 to present rounded surfaces, and if desired the folded side portions 4 can form channels filled with soft metal 6 such as solder, which acts to stiffen the structure.

The lower edge portion of the body 1 is provided with a ledge 7 formed by an integral channel 8 extended forwardly, and this channel can be stiffened by filling it with solder or other metal shown at 9.

A supporting apron 10 extends downwardly from the back portion of the ledge and in the same plane therewith. The ledge and apron can interlock as shown. The lower portion of the apron is bent backwardly to form a flange 11 adapted to rest flat on a table top or the like.

Soldered or otherwise connected to the flange 11 is a tongue 12 extending forwardly from and integral with the lower edge of a support 13. This support is formed of sheet metal and has an offset enlargement or head 14 at its upper end provided with diverging edges 15 which fit against and are soldered or otherwise connected to the diverging portions 3 of body 1 close to the upper edge thereof.

In practice the bookholder is placed on a table or the like with flange 11 and tongue 12 resting thereon while apron 10 and the support 13 hold the body 1 off of the table and in an inclined position. An open book can be placed on the body where it will be supported by ledge 7, and as the side portions 3 diverge forwardly, the book will remain open and the leaves can be turned quickly and easily.

As the device is of one-piece construction it will last indefinitely and if it is made of sheet metal as described it will be able to withstand rough handling.

What is claimed is:

1. A bookholder formed in one integral structure and made of sheet material including a body having forwardly diverging side portions, means for stiffening the sides of the body, a channeled ledge at the lower edge of the body, stiffening means therein, and supports at the upper and lower portions of the body for holding the body elevated and inclined, said supports including a front apron, fixed to the body, a rear support having a head connected to the body, and a tongue connecting the support and apron.

2. A bookholder formed in one integral structure and made of sheet material includ-

ing a body having forwardly diverging side portions, a channeled ledge at the lower edge of the body, and supports at the upper and lower portions of the body for holding the body elevated and inclined, said supports including a front apron, fixed to the body, a rear support having a head connected to the body, and a tongue connecting the support and the apron.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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