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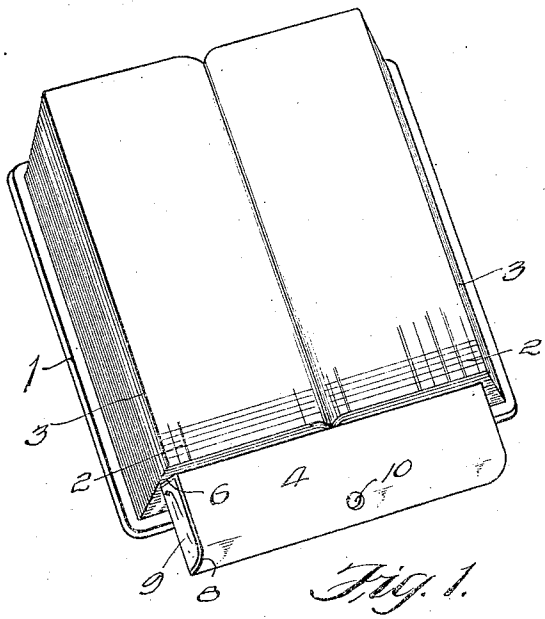


Fig. 1.

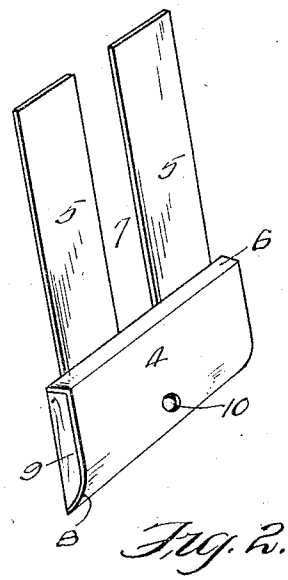


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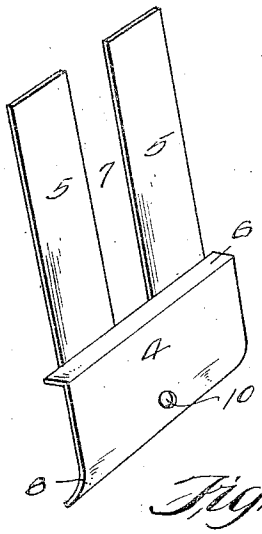


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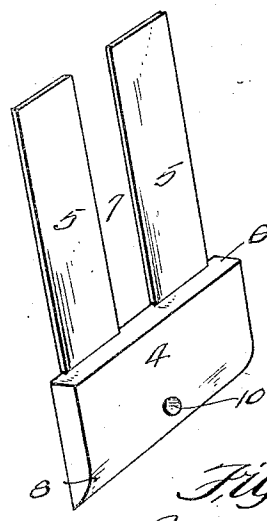


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to arm rests, and has for its objects, first, to provide a simple and inexpensive device to rest the hand upon when writing near the lower edge of a book page; second, to provide a device having spaced parallel arranged leaf supporting arms, and third, to provide a device having the upper plane of the hand rest disposed at a higher elevation than the upper plane of the leaf supporting arms.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and finally pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein like characters of reference denote similar parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1, is a view in perspective of a book with my improved arm rest applied thereto.

Fig. 2, is a view in perspective of the device removed from a book.

Fig. 3, is a view in perspective of a slightly modified form of the device.

Fig. 4, is a view in perspective of a still further modification of the device.

Referring to the drawings, the reference character 1 represents a book, such as a ledger, journal, record, or any other type of book having writing space near the lower edge 2 of its pages, or leaves 3.

In carrying out the aim of my present invention, I provide a device of the class described comprising a hand rest 4 and a pair of spaced parallel arranged thin flat book leaf supporting members 5 which extend from the inner edge of the hand rest 4. The upper plane of the hand rest 4 is disposed a suitable distance above the upper plane of the book leaf supporting members 5 to provide the book leaf engaging shoulder or stop 6 at the juncture of the hand rest and book leaf supporting members.

In the form of device shown in Fig. 2, I preferably employ a blank metallic sheet, rectangular in form and cutaway, as at 7, to form the book leaf supporting members 5. The uncut portion of the plate which forms the hand rest 4 is bent upwardly to form the stop shoulder 6. The outer edge of the hand rest section 4 is curved as at 8 to provide an inverted channeled hand rest and to obviate any sharp or corner edge for the hand to rest upon. 9 indicates a suitable filler member for the channel member to bring the lower plane of the hand rest flush with the lower plane of the book supporting members.

In the modified form of device shown in Fig. 3, I discard the use of the filler member 9.

In the modified form of the device shown in Fig. 4, I preferably make the device from a single board member in lieu of a metallic material with the lower plane of the hand rest flush with the lower plane of the book leaf supporting members.

The device is used as follows:

Whenever a bookkeeper, clerk or other person desires to enter a memorandum, record or writing upon any page of a book near the bottom thereof, especially if the book is a thick one containing many leaves, so the hand can not conveniently rest upon the page of the book, or upon the table or desk supporting the book, the thin flat spaced leaf supporting members 5 are inserted between some of the leaves of the book lower than the one, or ones upon which the record is to be entered, or directly under such latter leaves if desired, and moved upwardly under the lower edge until the book leaves engage the stop shoulder 6. If the members 5 are disposed below several leaves of the book, the pages of the book upon which the writing is to be made will lie substantially flush with the upper plane of the hand rest 4, thus providing a convenient and substantial hand rest for the writer to make the writing or entry near the lower edge of the page, as is evident from Fig. 1, of the drawing. The board members 5 provide a smooth flat backing for the leaves upon which the writing or record is made.

The hand rest 4 of the device is provided with an opening 10 near its outer edge and preferably midway its ends, so that the device may be hung upon a nail, or equivalent means.

It will be observed that the device will fit into a book below two opposed pages at a time so that each page will have a suitable hand rest beyond the lower edge of the page.

The device is especially useful when making entries in books which are thick, thus destroying the average table top hand rest. The device is easily and quickly applied to a book and will prove highly efficient for the purpose intended.

The many advantages of the herein de-

scribed invention will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art to which it appertains.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, but desire to have it understood that the invention I have shown in the drawings is merely illustrative, as it is manifest that various minor changes may be made in the exact form, shape and particular arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, hence I reserve the right to make any such changes, or modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims when fairly construed.

What I claim is:

1. In a device of the class described, a rectangular metallic hand rest having a downwardly curved forward edge, said hand rest having a downwardly directed rear edge disposed at a right angle to the plane thereof to provide a stop shoulder and a pair of spaced rearwardly directed arms integral with the lower edge of the stop shoulder.

2. In a device of the class described, a rectangular metallic hand rest having a downwardly curved forward edge, said hand rest having a downwardly directed rear edge disposed at a right angle to the plane thereof to provide a stop shoulder, a pair of spaced rearwardly directed arms integral with the lower edge of the stop shoulder and a filler block fixed to the under face of said hand rest.

3. In a device of the class described, a rectangular metallic hand rest having a downwardly curved forward edge, said hand rest having a downwardly directed rear edge disposed at a right angle to the plane thereof to provide a stop shoulder, a pair of spaced rearwardly directed arms integral with the lower edge of the stop shoulder and a filler block fixed to the under face of said hand rest, said hand rest and said block having an opening therein intermediate their ends and near the forward edge thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to the specification.

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