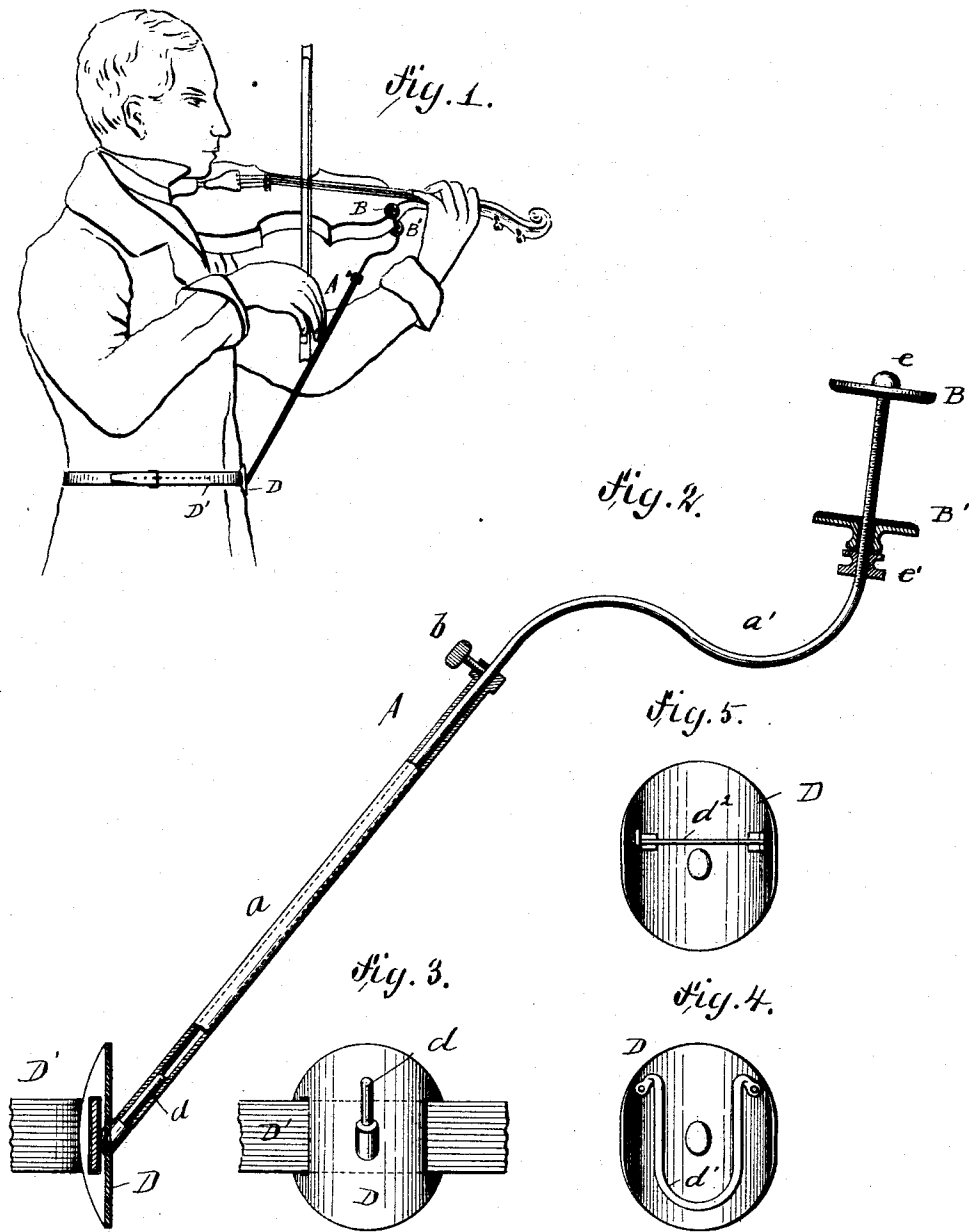


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARTHA LOESER and CARL VENTH, both of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, and respectively a citizen of the United States and of the German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Violin-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved device for supporting a violin at the front end while playing the same, so as to assist children and beginners in holding the violin with greater ease and with less fatigue, while it can also be used by professional players.

The invention consists of an arm which is supported at its lower end on a buckle-plate held on the body. The upper end of the supporting-arm is provided with clamping-disks, which are applied to the body of the violin, so as to support it while playing the same in the usual manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of our improved violin-rest, showing how the same is applied and used. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, of our violin-rest, drawn on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a front view of the supporting-plate. Figs. 4 and 5 are rear elevations of the supporting-plate, shown with different means for holding the same on the body.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the supporting arm or standard of our improved violin-rest. This arm or standard is made of two parts—a lower tubular part *a* and an upper inclined or curved part *a'*—which latter is preferably made of wire and inserted into the lower tubular part and secured in place in the same by a clamping-screw *b*, thus permitting of varying the length of the supporting-arm according to the distance at which the violin is held from the waist of the player. The lower end of the tubular part *a* is supported on an inclined pin *d*, projecting from a supporting buckle-plate D, which is attached to a belt D', that is applied to the waist of the performer; or said plate may be

attached by a hook *d'* to the belt, or by means of a hinged pin *d²* it can be attached to the clothing in any suitable manner most convenient to the player. To the upper end of the adjustable arm *a'* are applied two rubber-face disks B B', which are applied on the threaded end of the arm *a'*, the upper disk B being retained by the enlargement or head *e* on the arm *a'*, so as to prevent it from working loose on the same, while the lower disk B' moves loosely on the threaded end and is applied to the body of the violin by means of a screw-nut *e'*, which is adjustable higher or lower on the threaded end of the arm, according to the thickness of the body of the violin.

For using the violin-rest, the supporting-arm is placed on the inclined supporting-pin *d* on buckle-plate D, and the clamping-plates B B' applied tightly to the body of the violin either at the right or left side of the inner end of the neck. The violin can now be played without requiring it to be supported by the combined action of the chin and shoulder, and the hand used for fingering the strings, as its outer end is supported by our improved supporting-arm. By thus supporting the violin the weight of the same is removed from the hand which plays, so that the playing is rendered less fatiguing, not only to beginners, but also to professional players.

The supporting device can be manufactured at comparatively low expense, and forms a very simple and easily-applied attachment, which can be stored away in the violin-case.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A violin-rest composed of a buckle-plate, an inclined supporting-pin on the buckle-plate, a supporting arm or standard formed of a lower tubular and an upper curved part, means for adjusting the upper part of the arm, and clamping-plates on the upper end of the adjustable arm, substantially as set forth.

2. A violin-rest composed of a buckle-plate having an inclined supporting-pin, means for attaching said buckle-plate to the body, and

a supporting-arm formed of a lower tubular part and an upper curved part, a clamping-screw for connecting said parts, and clamping-disks applied on the upper threaded end
5 of the adjustable part of the arm, and a nut for tightening said disks on the violin-body, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our invention we have signed our names in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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