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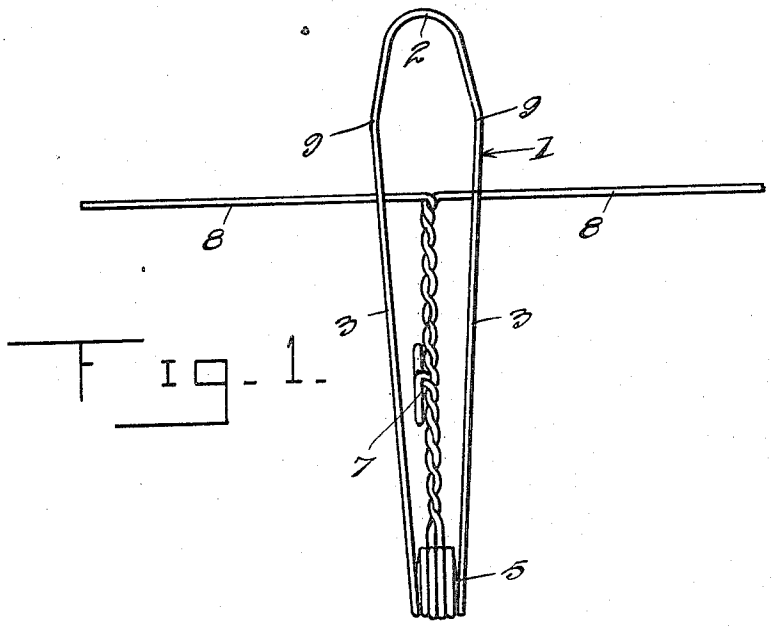


Fig. 1.

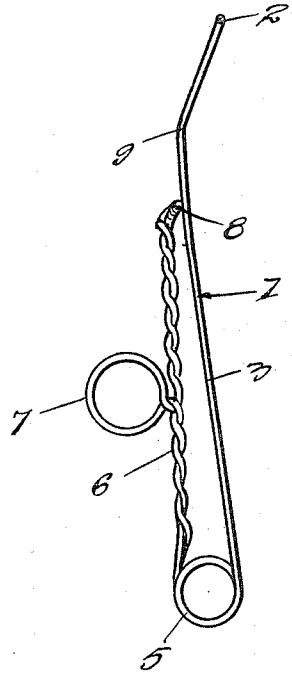


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HILLYER M. COOPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gainesville, in the county of Hall and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to book holders, designed for the purpose of holding a song book, or music book open upon a piano or organ, but capable of many other uses and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a hook of simple construction having laterally projecting members for holding the book open and said hook being provided with a spring member for holding the laterally disposed arms against the open book.

Another object of the invention is to provide a book holder comprising a spring member having oppositely projecting arms to hold the book open, and means being provided for operating the spring member to permit the insertion of the book.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a book holder made in accordance with this invention, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 1 designates the book holder as an entirety, said book holder being formed from a single strand of resilient wire of the required gage, said strand of wire being first bent at the point 2, into an inverted U-shaped upper member, and the parallel or spaced members 3, said members 3 being coiled from a spring 5.

From the spring 5 the wire is twisted to form the spring member 6 and a ring or finger hold 7.

The terminals of the members 6 are bent at right angles to form holding arms 8, and said holding arms are normally held against the members 3 by the action of the spring 5.

The loop 2 at the top of the holder is inclined backwardly owing to the bends 9 in the members 3.

In order to insert a book in the holder the ring 7 is grasped and pulled outwardly and the open book is inserted between the arms 8 and the members 3, and when the ring 7 is released the arms 8 press downward upon the open leaves of the book, and hold them in flat condition.

The book holder may be used to advantage by brass band musicians, and when used for this purpose the ring 7 may be supported upon a cornet or other instrument and the piece of music is inserted in the holder and held in proper position, to be readily seen by the musician.

The invention may be manufactured at low cost, is simple in construction, cannot get out of order, and holds a book or piece of music in proper condition to be readily seen upon a piano or organ, or upon another musical instrument.

What is claimed is—

A book holder made from a single strand of resilient wire bent into an inverted U-shape upper member and the strands from said member continued and formed into a coiled spring, and said strands being united and twisted to form a spring member having an integral finger hold or ring thereon, and the upper ends of said spring member being bent outwardly at right angles to the U-shape member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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