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Fig. 1

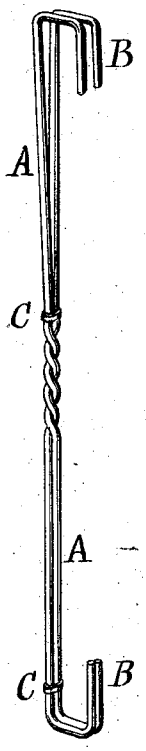
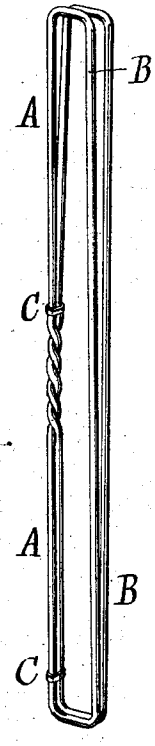


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN O. POOR and RUFUS E. BEAN, citizens of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Merrimac and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper or Pamphlet Holders; and we do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention is an improvement on the invention described in Letters Patent granted to John O. Poor, October 23, 1883, No. 287,052, and the main features resemble the hooked and connected springs therein described.

The present invention consists in extending the hooks or jaws described in said Letters Patent until they meet, and in adding a clip or band for tightening the jaws together, whereby the covers and hinges of the former Letters Patent may be dispensed with.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing a modified construction.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in both figures.

The holder consists, mainly, of two wires or springs, A A, connected together at their centers in any suitable manner, twisting the wires together at this point, as shown, being a convenient and proper connection. Each wire or spring is bent at both ends to form a hook, B. Closely surrounding both wires at each end is a clip or clasp, C. When a pamphlet or papers are to be inserted in the holder, the clasps C C are both moved in toward the center, and the spring-hooks B B at both ends are opened out and the back of the pamphlet or the edge of the papers inserted between them. The clasps C C are then moved out toward the hooks, thus drawing the hooks B B toward each other, and firmly holding the pamphlet or the papers together.

A slight objection arises in the use of the holder shown in Fig. 1, in that the pamphlet or papers are apt to sag at the center, having no lateral support at that point. To obviate this objection, we prefer to use the modified construction shown in Fig. 2. In this modification the hooks B B of each wire are extended until they meet at the center, where they are joined together, thus forming two continuous wires parallel with each other and with the main wires A A. In other respects the constructon and operation are similar to the holder first described.

This modified construction completely overcomes the objection referred to. Of course this objection would be in part overcome if the upper arms of the hooks were extended; but it is preferable to have the hooks at the opposite ends of each wire meet and be joined together, as just described.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A paper or pamphlet holder composed of two wires or springs, A A, connected together at their centers and formed with hooks B B, or their equivalent, at both ends, extending outward at substantially right angles from the said wires, whereby they are adapted to clasp the book or pamphlet, in combination with clips or clasps C C, closely surrounding the wires or springs at both ends, and adapted to be moved along said wires, substantially as set forth.

2. A paper or pamphlet holder composed of two wires or springs connected together at one side at the center, each wire being bent and joined so as to form two parallel wires, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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