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INDEXING BOOK MARK.

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Fig. 1.

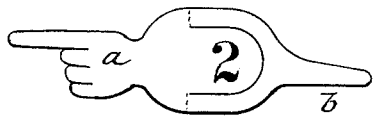


Fig. 2.

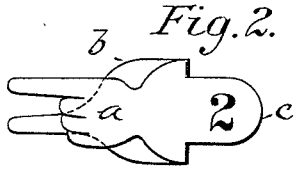
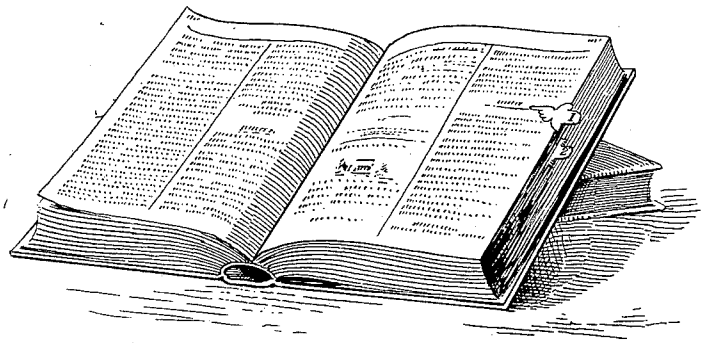


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LANE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Marks or Indicators, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to book-marks or indicators, the object being to provide a device of this class which will be adapted to indicate a particular paragraph or line upon a certain page of a book, and also to furnish means whereby the book may be readily opened at the indicated place.

The device may also have printed or stamped upon it a figure or letter which will serve as a serial index to indicate the order in which the references are to be utilized.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a device of this nature; but the present invention is designed to accomplish the purpose in a more efficient manner and by a simpler and cheaper device.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a view of the metal blank as it is stamped from the sheet. Fig. 2 represents a view of the device finished, and Fig. 3 shows the position of the device upon a book.

The device, as shown in Fig. 1, is stamped from sheet metal—preferably brass. At one end it is formed into an index or pointer, *a*, in the shape of a hand, while from the opposite end a tail-piece, *b*, of any suitable form, extends. Midway between these two extensions the blank is enlarged considerably and has cut in it a U-shaped kerf, the position of the kerf being such that the opening in the U is toward the end *a* of the blank. The blank is next bent along the dotted line, Fig. 1, and is transformed into the shape shown in Fig. 2. The bend is made so that the two parts spring toward each other, and the U-shaped portion remains straight or in the same plane with the part *h*.

In using the device the clip is pushed over the edge of the leaf, the sheet entering between the two parts *a* and *b* and being gripped thereby. The clip is pushed over the leaf until the bend meets the edge of same. When in this position the straight flap *c* extends beyond the leaves of the book and may be used as a handle in opening the book at the place indicated. The flap *c* also serves a further important function. The marks will be sold in sets—say of about twelve each. They will be numbered or lettered consecutively, the character being stamped, printed, or pasted upon the flap in any desired manner. They may then be distinguished from one another when several are used together on the same or adjacent leaves of a book.

There are many uses for this kind of a device when designed in proper manner. Twenty-six or more of them may be provided with the letters of the alphabet, and the set then used on a dictionary or directory to indicate where the respective lists begin and end.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A book-mark or indicator formed of one piece of metal folded over between its extremities upon itself so as to form a pair of spring-lips, one of said lips having a backward extension or flap, for the purpose described.

2. A book-mark or indicator formed of a single piece of metal folded over between its extremities upon itself, thus forming two lips which spring toward each other, one of said lips being made up of two extensions, said extensions being located on opposite sides of the fold, substantially as described.

3. A book-mark or indicator formed of one piece of metal folded over between its extremities so as to form a pair of spring-lips, one of said lips having a backward extension or flap provided with a letter, figure, or other indicating character.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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