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BOOKMARK

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Fig. 1.

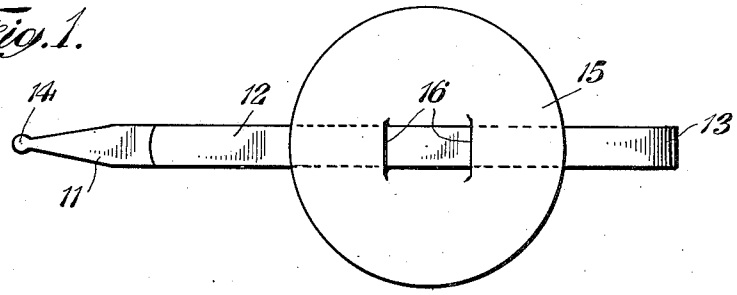


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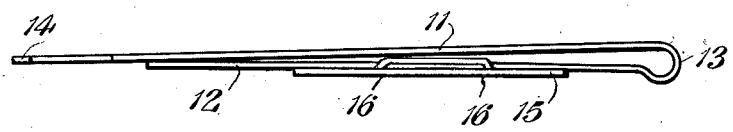


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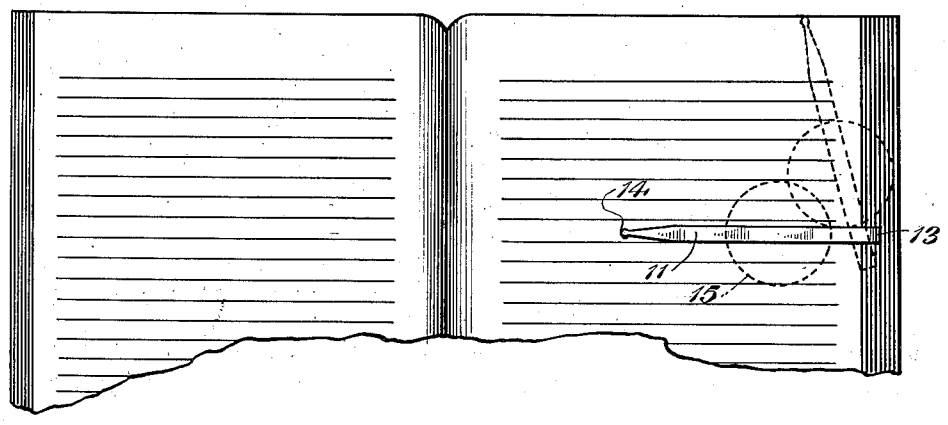
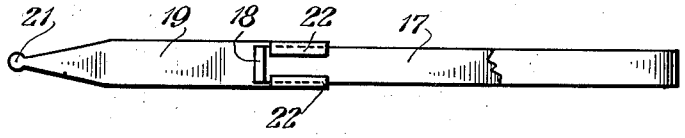


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to book marks of the clip type for maintaining and indicating the place in a book where reading was interrupted, or to otherwise indicate a particular reference point in a book to which the reader wishes to refer.

Heretofore considerable trouble has been experienced with book marks, especially when turning from one page to the next, in that it is necessary to detach the book mark, turn the page and re-attach the book mark; or, as so many do, insert the book mark at the desired place only when leaving the book, thus largely defeating the usefulness of the marker, aside from being inconvenient because the unattached marker is carried loose. It has been proposed to overcome this loose objection by fastening the marker to the cover and inserting under the free leaf thereof the unfinished pages of the book. Aside from being bulky, extreme care has to be exercised when turning a page to keep from tearing the same when withdrawing it from under the clip. Another objection thereto is that the free leaf is always covering part of the printing on the page so that the sheet has to be removed from the clip before it is time to turn the page. Other shortcomings of prior art devices could be enumerated, but the foregoing is sufficient illustration.

Among the objects of my invention are: to provide a book mark which will clasp one or a few pages of a book at a time, to hold the marker in place; to provide a book mark which may be turned aside readily to uncover printing lying therebeneath without detaching the marker; to provide a book mark which may be turned to the edge of the page without removing the book mark from the book, thus permitting ready turning the page; to provide a book mark which is continually in place at the page which is being read so that the book can be closed when reading is interrupted and the place of interruption is marked; and to provide a book mark which is capable of turning to point to the exact location on the page where reading is interrupted or to which re-reference is desired later.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a book mark which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture, light in weight and easy to use.

Other and further objects of my invention will be apparent from this specification, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of a preferred form of my improved bookmark,

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the book mark of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary plan view of an open book showing the application and use of the book mark, and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear plan view of a modified form of my improved book mark.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2 and 3, the book mark consists of a single narrow strip of metal bent upon itself to form a top or long leg 11 and a shorter or bottom leg 12, joined together by an enlarged loop 13. The metal is thin, light weight spring metal stock and the loop 13 imparts a clasping action tending to hold the leaves together so as to grasp one or more pages of a book which may be inserted therebetween. The outer end of the top or long leaf may be shaped to a rounded point as indicated at 14.

Mounted upon the bottom or shorter leaf 12 is a flat disc 15 of rigid material, such as metal, pressed fibre or plastic, which extends outwardly a considerable distance beyond both sides of the superimposed leaves but is not as long as the opposite dimension as the leaf 12 upon which it is mounted. This disc 15 may be permanently attached to the leaf or as I presently prefer the same may be slidable thereupon, the disc being provided with a pair of parallel slots 16 through which the leaf 12 is threaded in order to mount the disc in place. It will be understood that other mounting arrangements may be provided. The disc 15 may have advertising or other matter printed or otherwise applied thereto.

In use, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the book mark is slipped over the side edges of several pages of a book so as to clasp the same with the leaf 12 and disc 13 under the lowermost page and the longer, pointed leaf 11 above the uppermost page. It is evident that the leaf 11 may be turned in an arc to uncover any matter therebeneath on the page or so that the pointed end 14 will indicate the line where reading was interrupted. When the page is to be turned, the book mark is pivoted until the leaves 11 and 12 are substantially parallel with the edge of the page, (indicated in the dotted line poistion), whereupon the page can be detached from the book mark with ease and without danger of tearing the same. At the same time it will be noted that about one half of the disc 15 has remained beneath the lowermost clasped page so that the book mark will not come out of place and it is merely necessary to pivot the book mark in the

reverse direction to relocate the same to the full line position of Fig. 3. Of course the book mark may be turned to point toward the bottom as well as the top of the book when turning a page.

Referring to Fig. 4, there is shown a modified construction with a slidable pointer attachment whereby any particular word on a page may be indicated thereby. In this case the top leaf 17 is shorter than the top leaf 11 of Fig. 1, and the outer end thereof is crimped as indicated at 18. A slidable pointer 19 having a rounded end 21 is provided at its rear end with a pair of side wings 22 which are folded to loosely embrace the leaf 17 but in position to be engaged by the crimped portion 18 to retain the pointer on the leaf. With this construction, the pointer may be slid inwardly or outwardly along the leaf 17 in accordance with the convenience of the user.

Modifications may be made in the materials, construction and arrangement of parts within the spirit and scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. A detachable book mark comprising superimposed narrow leaves joined at one end by a yieldable connection, the leaves being arranged to clasp at least two pages of a book, and a flat disc portion upon one of the leaves and extending outwardly beyond the sides of said leaf a distance at least equal to the width of the leaves whereby the opposite leaf can be turned to a position substantially parallel with the edge of a page while a substantial part of the disc portion remains under the page with which it is associated.

2. A detachable book mark comprising superimposed narrow leaves joined at one end by a yieldable connection, and a flat disc portion upon one of the leaves and extending outwardly beyond the sides thereof, the book mark being mounted in operative position with the leaves extending on opposite sides of at least two pages of a book so as to clasp the same, and being movable from a position with the upper leaf extending laterally across a page to a position where said leaf is substantially parallel with the edge of the page whereby the page may be removed from beneath the leaf but a substantial portion of the disc remains beneath the lower page so that the book mark can be returned to the lateral position, all without having to remove the same from the book.

3. A detachable book mark comprising superimposed narow leaves formed from thin metal stock folded upon itself, the folded end being formed in an enlarged loop, and a flat, rigid disc secured upon one of the leaves so as to extend outwardly beyond the side edges of the leaf whereby the book mark can be turned to a position substantially parallel with the edge of a page while a substantial part of the disc portion remains under the page.

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