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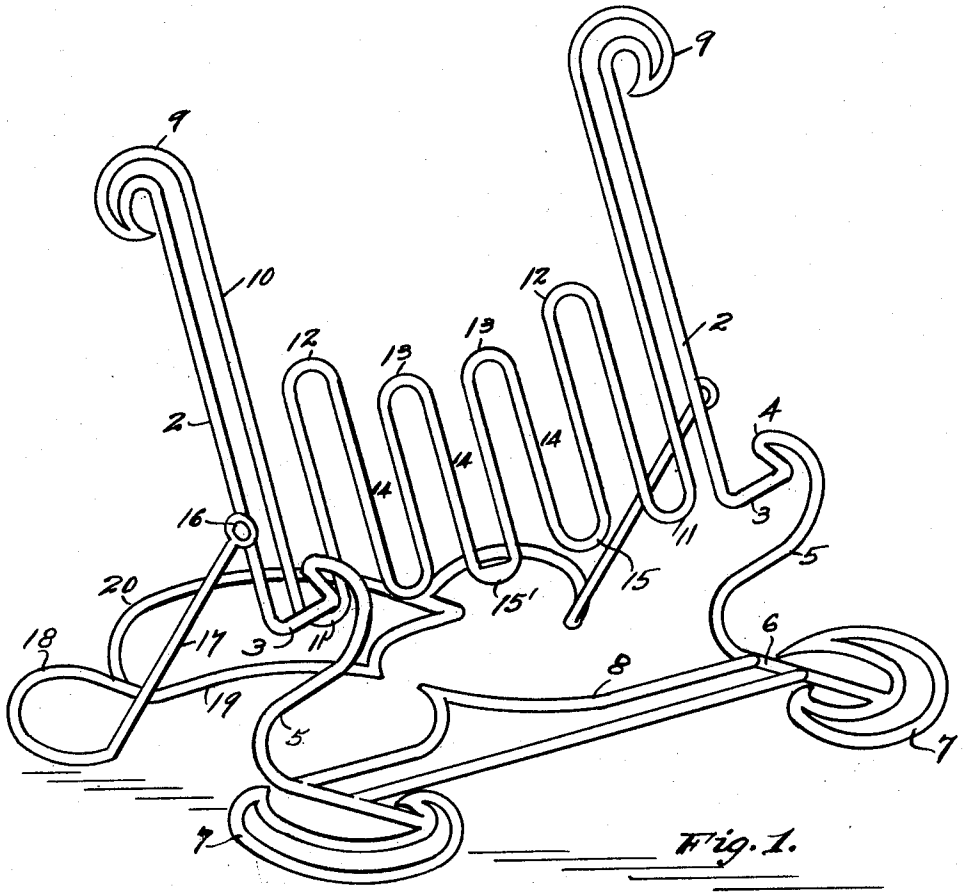


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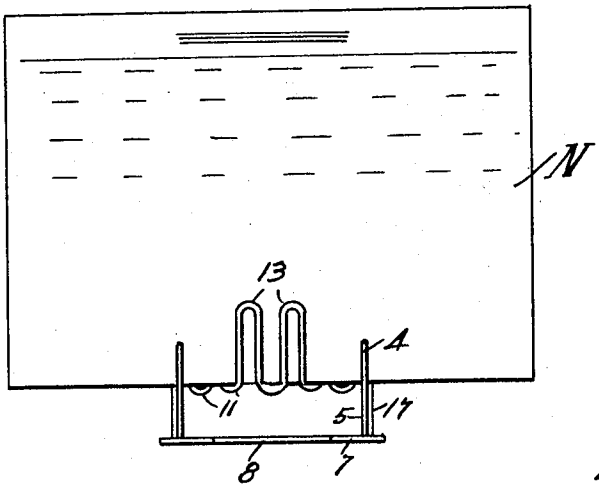


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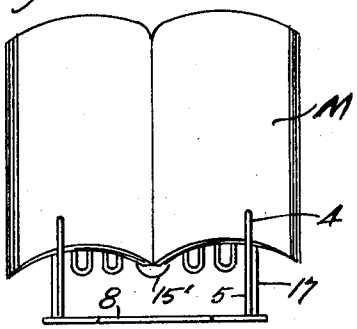
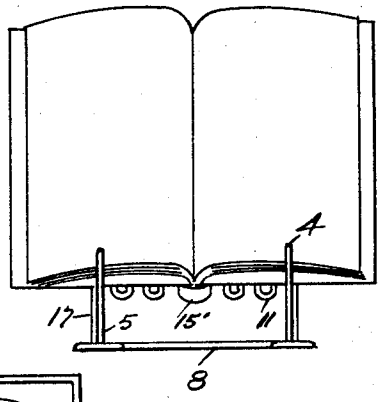


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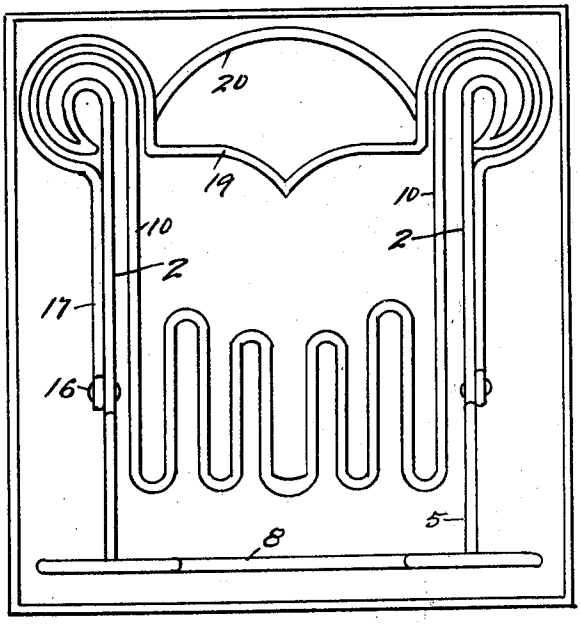


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to a device for supporting reading matter such as books, periodicals and newspapers in a convenient reading position on a table or other like support in front of an individual desiring to read and have his or her hands free. While the device is serviceable as a holder for printed matter as above alluded to, it also may be utilized as a copy holder in various trades and professional work.

It is an object to provide an extremely simple, lightweight but substantial and inexpensive paper or book holder and one that may be compactly folded as for storage and shipping purposes in cartons.

More particularly it is an object to provide a support for holding printed matter such as newspapers, books and periodicals in a substantially upright position and in a firmly disposed arrangement.

The invention consists in certain advancements in this art as set forth in the ensuing disclosure and having, with the above, additional objects and advantages, as hereinafter developed, and whose construction, combination and details of means, and the manner of operation will be made manifest in the description of the herewith illustrative embodiment; it being understood that modifications, variations and adaptations may be resorted to within the scope, principle and spirit of the invention as it is more directly claimed hereinafter.

Fig. 1 is a perspective of the unfolded, set-up holder in readiness for application of any desired reading matter.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a newspaper sheet applied to the rack.

Figs. 3 and 4 are front elevations showing a magazine or bound book impaled in the rack.

Fig. 5 is a diagrammatic plan showing rack parts in folded position in a box or carton.

In its illustrated embodiment, the holder or rack is shown as preferably made of two frame sections each made of sufficiently stiff wire to accommodate books and magazines of ordinary weight and size. The frontal frame of the rack comprises straight, upright side bars 2 whose lower ends have angular forwardly extending brackets bends 3 with up-turned hook parts 4 which are reversely bent downward to form legs 5 which have straight forward portions 6 terminating in basal, ornamental scrolls 7; the foot parts 6 being transversely connected by tie rods 8.

The upper ends of the side bars 2 have ornamental scrolls 9 merging into downwardly extending back bars 10 which terminate in bottom loops 11. The loops 11 are in a common plane and are joined to and by a system of coplanar upwardly extending loops 12—12 and 13—13; these loops being spaced apart as at 14 and being connected along their bottom ends by intermediate loops 15 and a central base loop or tie 15′. Preferably the loops 12—12 are of greater height than the intermediate loops 13—13 and also the back loops formed by the bars 2 and 10 are considerably longer than the loops 12 so as to form a sufficient support for an upstanding newspaper, book or magazine when these are applied in the manner shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

In order to insure stability of the rod frontal frame there are attached to the side bars 2 by pivots 16 prop forming arms 17 whose lower ends are provided with base coils or loops 18 which are preferably continuations of the same piece of wire as forms the prop arms 17. These coils 17 are closely connected by a foundation bar 19 and ornamental base arch 20 joins the base parts to increase stability and improve appearance of the device.

The prop frame loops 18 are designed to conform more or less concentrically to the back rest loops 9 as is clearly shown in Fig. 5 to facilitate collapsing and packing of the device when necessary as for shipping and storage.

In the application of a newspaper N to the rack the bottom edge of the newspaper is interwove back of the two loops or prongs 13 and therefore rests against the loops or prongs 12 and the back upright 10 for substantial support. A magazine M is applied by tucking its back bone into space between the prongs or loops 13 and resting it on the loop tie 15′, the spread-open leaves of the

magazine also resting on the brackets 3 and being retained against closing spring by the retaining hooks 4.

A cloth covered book is shown applied in Fig. 4 it being supported on the brackets 3 and the leaves being held open by the retainers 4.

It is obvious that a thin paper magazine can be interwove between the prongs 12 and 13 to support it conveniently in position.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for holding printed matter, such as books, newspapers and magazines in readable position on a table or the like, comprising a frontal frame having side bars with forwardly extending bracket bends forming rests for applied reading matter, and a coplanar system of upstanding parts forming a back rest; said parts comprising wire loops spaced apart for insertion of magazines or newspapers, the side bars joining the system of loops by end loops of greater height than the intermediate system.

2. A device for holding printed matter, such as books, newspapers and magazines in readable position on a table or the like, comprising a frontal frame having side bars with forwardly extending bracket bends forming rests for applied reading matter, and a coplanar system of upstanding parts forming a back rest and said bars having leg parts provided with a connecting foot grille.

3. A device for holding printed matter, such as books, newspapers and magazines in readable position on a table or the like, comprising a frontal frame having side bars with forwardly extending bracket bends forming rests for applied reading matter, and a coplanar system of upstanding parts forming a back rest and said bars having leg parts provided with a connecting foot grill and a back prop comprising side arms hinged to the said side.

4. A device for holding books, magazines or newspapers comprising a wire frontal frame including a flat system of spaced loops joining adjacent loops at the bottom to form rests the end rests having upwardly extending back bars joining at their tops to side bars which have bracket bends which have leg parts, base means to which the leg parts are secured, and a wire easel frame having prop arms hinged to the said side bars and having a connecting rear base.

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