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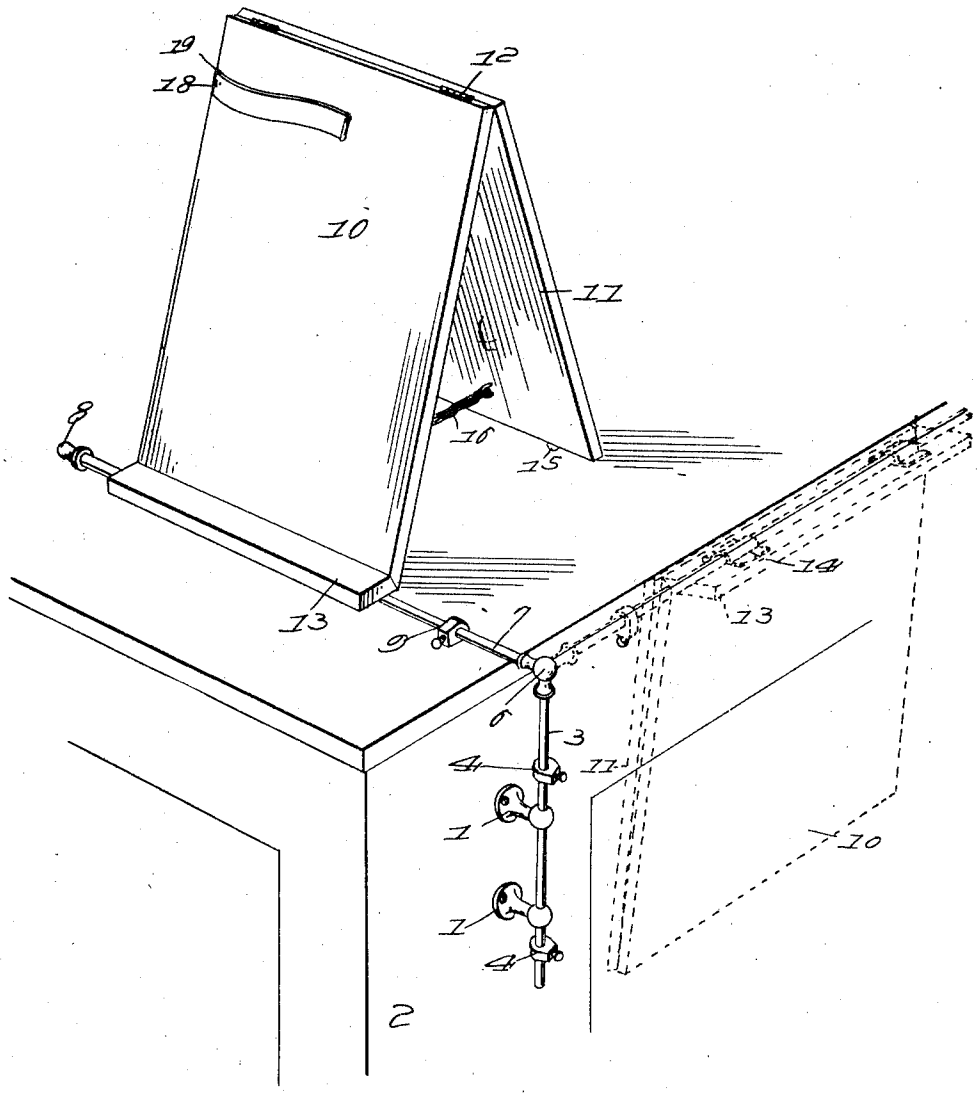

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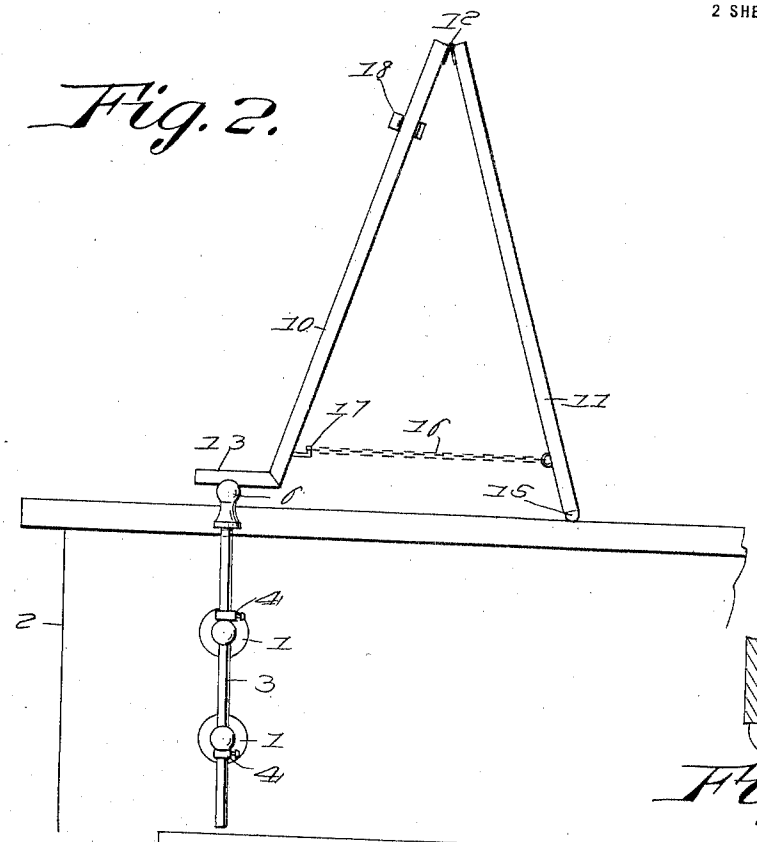

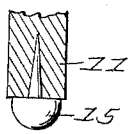

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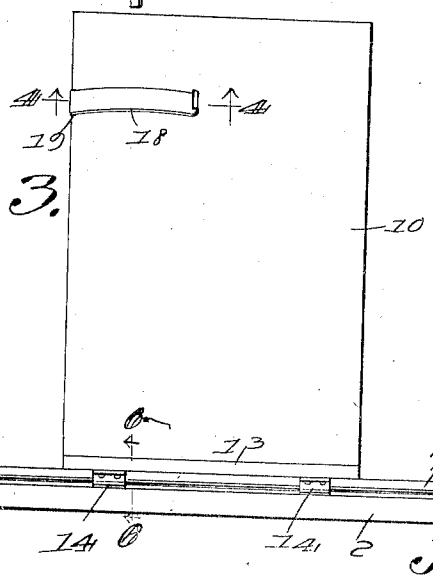

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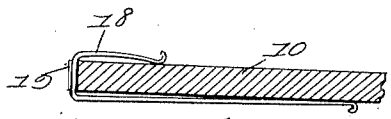

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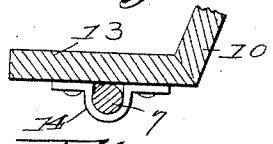

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES SHEEAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Camden, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Note-Book and Manuscript Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a device for attachment on desks and tables whereby a note book or manuscript from which copy is to be made may be readily supported in a position convenient for such copying. To this end, the device comprises a suitable support having means for attaching it to the table, the support being of a character to permit the holder to be swung to the side of the table and swung down in folded position against the side thereof. A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a device of this character, which is simple in construction, durable and effective in operation and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other and further objects appear in the following description, wherein the invention is set forth in detail.

To the exact construction which is shown and described, the invention is not to be restricted. The right is reserved to make such changes or alterations as the actual reduction to practice may suggest, in so far as such changes or alterations are compatible in spirit with the annexed claims.

The same numerals of reference designate the same parts throughout the several figures of the drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the practical application of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the structure of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevational view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a detailed sectional view showing one of the rubber feet used in connection with the device to prevent the movement thereof.

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, the invention is shown as comprising a pair of supporting brackets 1 which are attached on one side of the desk 2, these supporting brackets being formed with knobs and so positioned that they stand one above the other with the holes which are formed diametrically through the knob portions in alinement. These brackets 1 slidingly receive a vertically disposed rod 3 equipped with collars 4, adjustable longitudinally along the rod, these collars being placed one above the uppermost bracket 1 and the other below the said bracket, thus providing for limiting longitudinal movement of the rod 3, which its mounting in the bracket 1 provides.

At the upper end, the rod 3 carries an elbow member 6 which is suitably attached to the rod, preferably by having the rod threadingly engaged with one leg of this elbow, the horizontal leg of which threadingly receives a rod 7 adapted to overhang the desk on which the device is used or to be swung to one side of the desk, the mounting of the rod 3 in its brackets permitting such shifting of the rod 7. The rod 7 at its extremity carries a removable head 8 and also carries mounted thereon an adjustable collar 9.

The note book or manuscript holder proper comprises the plates 10 and 11 which are hingedly connected together at their upper ends as indicated at 12. The plate 10 at its lower end is provided with a foot plate 13 on the underface of which are attached strap members 14 which embrace the rod 7 and secure the plate 13 and its attendant plate 10 to the rod. The plate 11 on its lower edge is provided with a pair of spaced rubber feet 15 and provision is made for limiting the distance that the one plate may swing away from the other at the lower ends by attaching to the inner face of the plate 11 a chain or other flexible element 16 which connects with a hook 17 carried on the inner face of the plate 10.

To secure pages of manuscript or a note book to the plate 10 there is provided a spring clip 18 embracing one edge of the plate 10 and extending for a short distance on the back of said plate and having relatively great distance on the front of said plate, the transverse portion of this clip being engaged in a notch 19 formed in that edge of the plate 10 embraced by the clip.

In Fig. 1 the device is shown in operative position. The two plates are separated the distance permitted by the chain 16, and the feet 15 on the lower edge of the plate 11 rest on top of the table 2, these feet being of a material having a high coefficient of friction serving to prevent sliding of the plate.

The rod 7 overhangs the top of the table 2 and the strap members 14 are permitted to rest on top of the table and thus support the lower end of the front plate 10, the clip 18 of which serves to support on the front plate sheets of manuscript or a note book from which copy is to be made.

In supporting the device in operative position, no strain is imposed upon the rods 7 or 3 and the device is, therefore, held in substantially rigid position.

When not in use the device may be swung to the side of the table as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The plates 10 and 11 are brought together at the lower end and the rod 7 swung laterally with the axis of the rod 3 as a pivot until under it, the rod 7 becomes parallel with the side of the table, when the plates 10 and 11 may be swung outwardly and downwardly to bring the plate 11 adjacent the side of the table with the plate 10 outside of it. The uppermost collar 4 can be adjusted to a position to allow the rod 7 to be lowered below the upper surface of the table, and, therefore, to carry the whole device at a point on the side of the table below the level of the top thereof.

The collar 9 provides for an adjustment that will limit the distance which the foot plate 13 can be moved along the rod 7.

From the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear enough understanding of the invention is to be had to render further description unnecessary.

The invention having been described, what is claimed as new and useful is:

1. A holder for the purpose specified comprising a pair of plates hingedly connected together, one of said plates at the end remote from the hinged connection being provided with a foot plate, a horizontally disposed rod, strap members surrounding the rod and connected to the foot plate, the other of the said plates having resilient feet at the end remote from the hinged connection, a pair of supporting brackets adapted to be positioned one above the other on the side of a piece of furniture, a vertically disposed rod pivotally engaging said brackets and connected with the first said rod, and adjustable means carried by the last said rod and disposed on opposite sides of the two supporting brackets, whereby the two hingedly connected plates may be disposed in an inverted V shape on top of an article of furniture or swung in folded-up position against the side of the latter.

2. A holder for the purpose specified embodying a pair of hingedly connected plates, the one being provided with a foot plate at that end remote from the hinged connection, the other of said plates being provided with resilient feet at the end remote from the hinged connection, a flexible element connecting the two plates adjacent their lower ends, a horizontally disposed rod to which the foot plate is pivotally connected, a removable head and a collar carried by said rod on opposite ends of the foot plate to secure the latter against removal therefrom, a pair of supporting brackets adapted for attachment to a piece of furniture one above the other, a vertically disposed rod connecting with the first said rod at the end remote from the head and pivotally engaging said brackets, and adjustable collars carried on the last said rod and disposed above the upper and below the lower of said brackets, whereby longitudinal movement of the vertical rod is provided to permit the hingedly mounted plates being set up in an inverted V shape on the top of a piece of furniture, as herein shown, or to be swung in a folded-up position against one side of the said piece of furniture.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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