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Fig. 1.

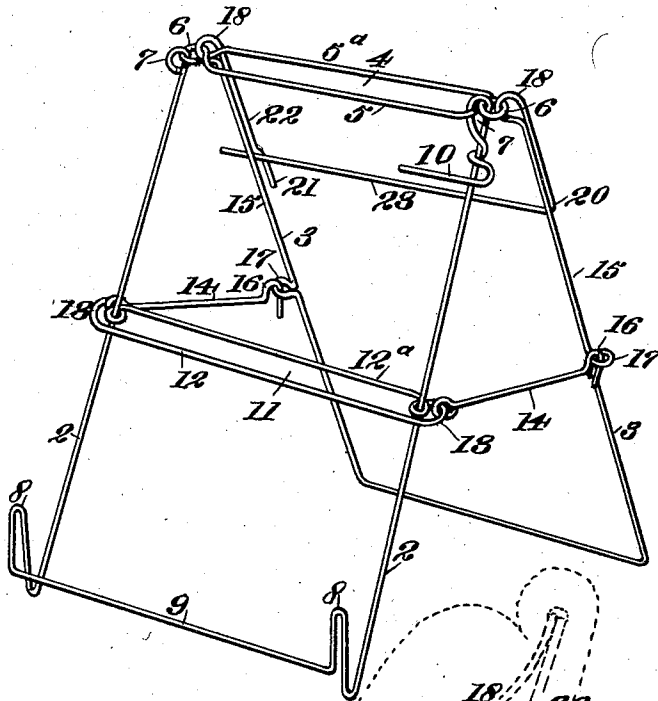
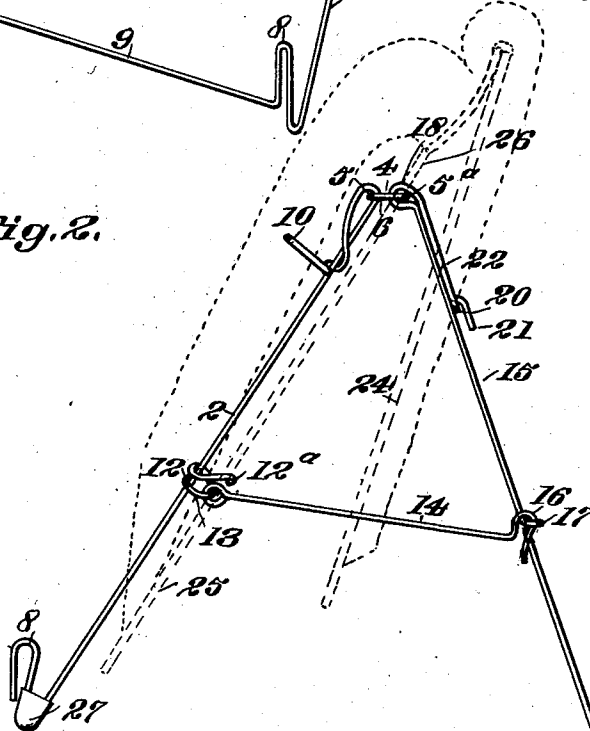


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL C. OSBORN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Note-Book and Manuscript Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder of the type that is especially adapted to support a stenographer's note book, manuscript or like article.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and practical collapsible holder which is so constructed that it may be quickly erected or refolded at any time, and which will prove equally efficient for various purposes, whether it is used to support a paper, a manuscript, or a note book.

Another object of the invention is to provide means for positively securing the article being supported.

A further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability, and efficiency.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of same showing a note book supported by the holder.

By referring to the perspective view shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, it can be seen that the holder is entirely constructed of wire and consists mainly of three pivotally connected, rectangularly shaped frames, generally indicated at 2, 3, and 4; 2 indicating the main supporting frame, 3 the back rest, and 4 a horizontally positioned connecting frame which consists of two parallel cross bars 5 and 5^a, which are connected at their outer ends by forming the eyelets or links 6.

The main supporting frame 2 is here shown as constructed of one continuous wire, having formed at its upper ends links 7 which are connected with the links 6 of the connecting frame 4. This frame is, as before described, rectangular in shape, and is provided at its lower end with upturned hook members 8 and a connecting bar 9; the upturned hook members being provided for

the purpose of holding a paper, manuscript, or like article in position on the frame. The wire forming the right hand link of the frame is shown as twisted and bent at right angles to form an inwardly extending flexible finger 10; this being provided for the purpose of securing the several leaves of a book, and is especially useful when using a new note book, the leaves of which have a tendency to spring out and turn over. The supporting frame 2 is also shown as provided with a cross frame 11, rigidly secured to the side bars of the frame. This cross frame consists of a pair of cross bars 12 and 12^a, which are formed by twisting a continuous wire across the side bars of the frame, as shown in the perspective view, Fig. 1. The ends of the rigidly secured cross frame 11 is provided with inwardly extending links 13, formed by bending the wire in the peculiar manner shown. These inwardly extending links 13 are provided for the purpose of supporting the pivotally mounted hooks 14, which in turn are provided for the purpose of interlocking the supporting frame 2 and back rest 3. The back rest 3 claimed, having reference to the accompanying wire and is, as before described, rectangular in shape. The side bars 15 of the back rest are bent at right angles and twisted as shown at 16 to form the eyelets 17, which are so positioned that the hook members 14 may be easily inserted to interlock the frames when in the erected position. The upper ends of the side bars 15 of the back rest are bent to form the links 18, which are here shown as connected with the links 6 of the cross frame 4.

The wire forming the right hand link of the back rest 3 is shown as continued downward a suitable distance, and is then bent at right angles as at 20 and extended across the frame where it may be interlocked with a hook member 21 formed by continuing the wire forming the link 18 downwardly, as shown at 22.

The right angular extension formed by continuing and bending the wire across the frame, as shown at 23, is provided for the purpose of securing the back cover, and if desired, the leaves of the note book, as shown at 24 in the side elevation of Fig. 2, while the rigid cross frame 11 secured to the supporting frame 2 is provided for the purpose of securing the front cover indicated at 25.

The connecting frame 4 is not only pro-

vided for the purpose of connecting the supporting frame and the back rest, but is also provided for the purpose of securing the upper portion of the note book cover, as shown at 26. By connecting the several frames as here shown, it can be seen that the frame may be easily erected or collapsed at any time, and while here shown as particularly adapted as a holder for the purpose of supporting note books or the like, it may be provided for any other similar purpose.

The ends of the wires forming the upturned hook members 8 and the side bars of the supporting frame may be capped with suitable rubber tips as shown at 27; this being of considerable advantage as it will make the frame silent and prevent any movement of same where slight vibrations occur.

The holder is simple and cheap in construction and neat in appearance, and is prompt and reliable in its actions. The materials and finish of the several parts of the holder are such as experience and judgment of the manufacturer may dictate.

I wish it understood that various changes in form and proportions of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims and that I do not wish to limit myself to the specific design here shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A holder comprising in combination, a rectangularly shaped supporting frame, a rectangularly shaped back rest, link members formed in the upper corners of the supporting frame and back rest, a horizontally mounted member having links formed at

each end with which the links of the supporting frame and back rest connect, a cross frame rigidly secured to the supporting frame, inwardly extending links formed on said frame, hook members connected with said links, and links formed on the sides of the back rest with which the hook members may interlock to secure the back rest with relation to the supporting frame.

2. A note book and like holder consisting of two rectangular bent wire frames, loosely and foldably united at the top, one of said frames having an extension folded back upon itself, and thence extended at right angles across to the other side of the frame, and said other side having a folded down portion forming a hook member with which the crossing portion of the first member may engage.

3. A note book and like holder, consisting of two substantially rectangular bent wire frames linked together at the top, and having bracing means to retain them in a downwardly divergent position, the rearmost of said frames having its upper ends folded upon themselves and bent to form respectively a leaf retainer and an engaging hook, and the other frame having a book holding arm bent transversely at the top, and upturned folds at the bottom in which the lower end of the book is retained.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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