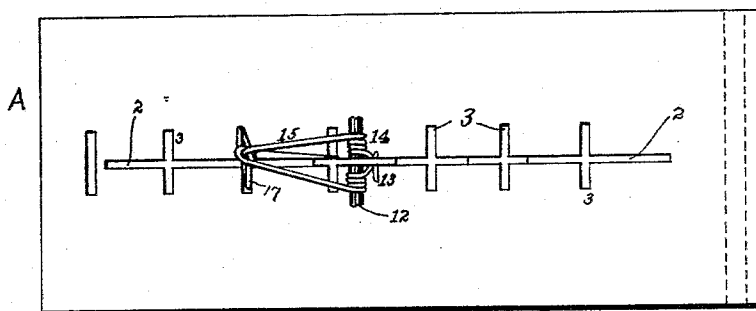
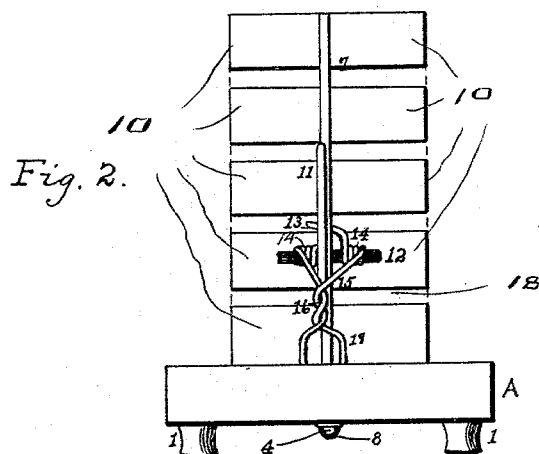
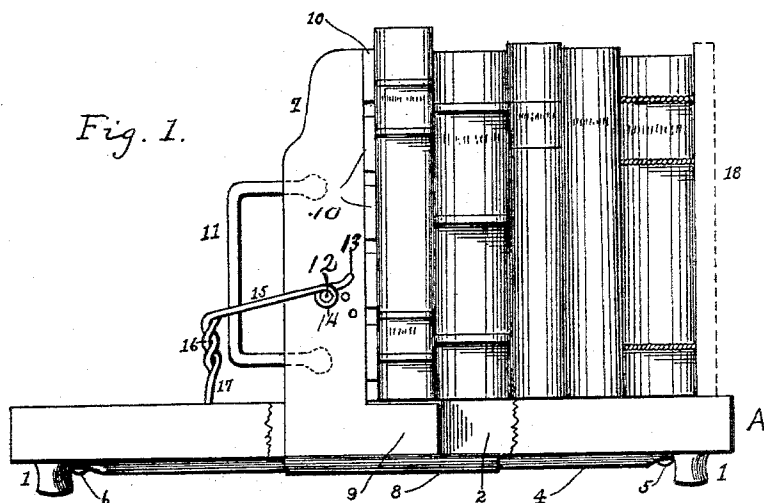


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE A. OWEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anderson, in the county of Madison and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to book supports or holders.

My object is to provide a simple, cheap, and durable book-support which will be capable of quick and easy adjustment.

Having this object in view, the invention consists of certain peculiar features and novel combinations appearing more fully hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation, parts being broken away to disclose the runner of the adjuster; Fig. 2, an end elevation; and Fig. 3 a plan view.

A designates a base or holder which can be constructed of any desired size and material and made as ornamental as required. This base is preferably supported on four short legs 1, and it is provided with a long longitudinally-extending slot 2 and a series of catch-recesses 3, extending at right angles thereto.

The numeral 4 designates a round runner-bar which lies in alinement with the slot and is fastened to the under side of the base by screws 5 and 6 at its respective ends.

The adjuster 7 is a thin piece of metal which extends through and is adapted to move in the long slot, and is provided with a runner 8, which encircles and slides on the runner-bar. It will be observed that the adjuster is considerably longer at 9, where it moves in the slot, and that the runner itself is still longer. This construction is desirable, so that the adjuster will be better guided in its movements in the slot. The upper portion of the runner is provided with a series of transverse plates 10, which press against the books and more effectually hold the same in position than if the thin adjuster alone were used. The rear portion of the adjuster

is provided with a handle 11, so that the same can be easily manipulated. The adjuster is also provided with a transverse pin 12.

My improved spring-catch is formed of a single piece of spring-wire. The ends 13 of the wire pass through holes in the adjuster. They then loosely wrap around the arms of both sides of the pin 12, as shown at 14. From these points the respective sections 15 of the wire converge downwardly, straddling the handle, and are first twisted together into a vertical shank 16 and then into a substantially square open catch 17, which is adapted to spring into any of the catch-recesses 3 in the base.

If desirable, the right-hand end of the base could be provided with an end piece 18, (shown in dotted lines,) against which the books would be pressed by the adjuster. This is not necessary, however, as this end of the base is designed to be rested against any vertical fixed object—such, for instance, as the side of a desk or a wall, &c.

The operation is as follows: The books are rested on the base, the handle grasped, and the adjuster pushed forward. The spring-catch will automatically engage with a catch-recess when the desired point is reached. When again moving the adjuster either forward or backward, as the handle is grasped the little finger of the hand can be used to pull the catch-head backward and out of engagement with the catch-recess, whereupon the adjuster can be moved as heretofore explained.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a book-support the combination with a base adapted to hold the books, of an adjuster movable on said base, and a spring-actuated catch connected to the adjuster and adapted for engagement with the base, substantially as described.

2. In a book-support, the combination with a base, and a runner-bar connected to the base, of an adjuster having a runner embracing and movable on the runner-bar, and spring-actuated catch mechanism adapted to engage with the base.

3. In a book-support, the combination with

a base provided with catch-recesses, of an adjuster movable on the base, a handle connected to the adjuster, and a spring-catch connected to the adjuster and adapted to enter and engage with said catch-recesses, substantially as described.

4. In a book-support, the combination with a base provided with a series of catch-recesses, of a runner-bar connected to said base, an adjuster embracing and slidable on the

runner-bar, and spring-actuated catch mechanism adapted to enter the recesses.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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