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MANUSCRIPT HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

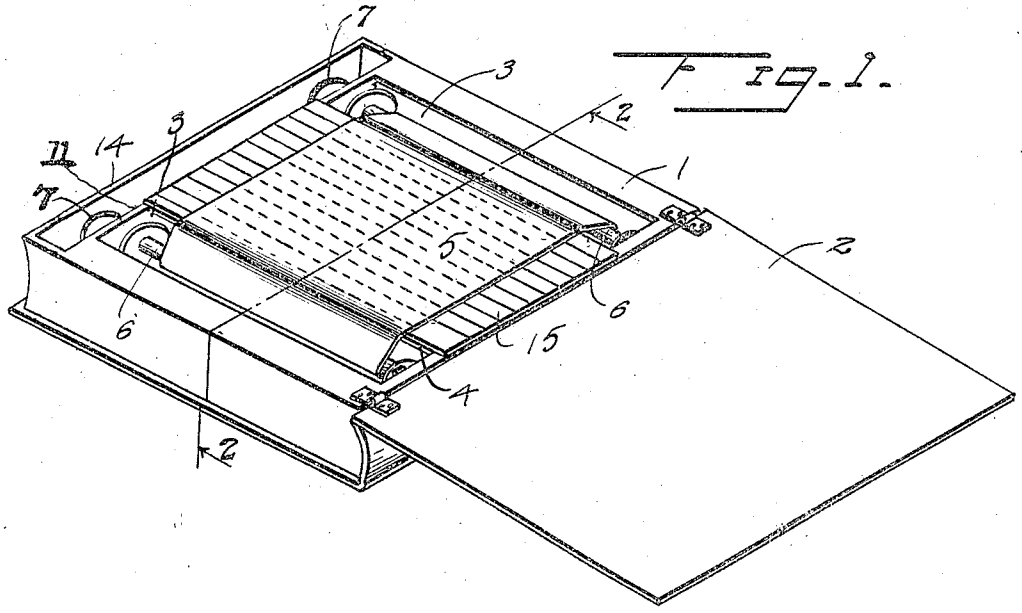


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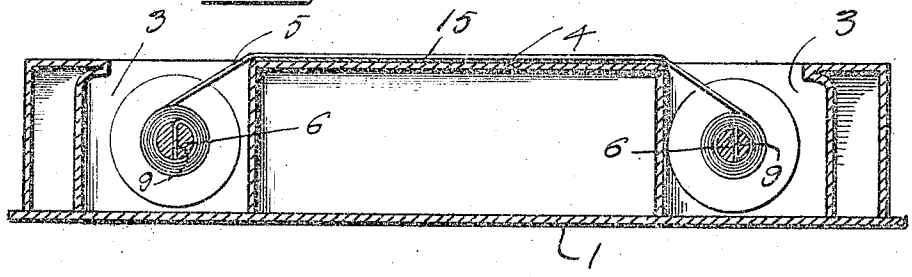


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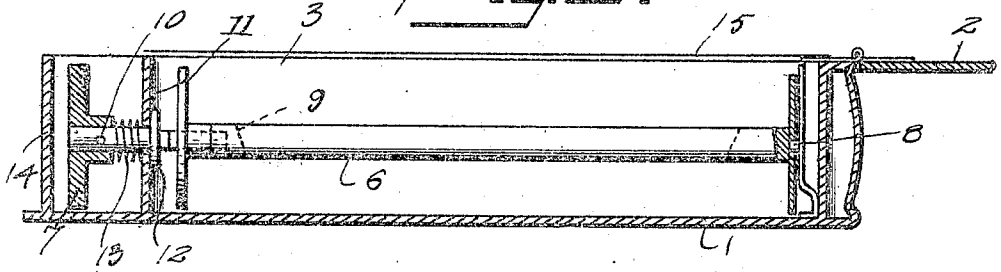
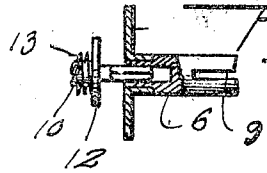


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN M. MOHR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manuscript Holders; 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.

Many public speakers utilize notes or a copy of the discourse to refresh the memory and insure that no point has been overlooked in the presentation of the topic under discussion.

Keen interest in the talk is not taken by many in an audience when they observe frequent reference to a manuscript by the speaker.

This invention provides a holder for the manuscript which, while meeting all the requirements of the speaker, prevents the audience from detecting the presence of the manuscript so that keen interest is maintained throughout the discourse or talk.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent and suggest themselves as the nature of the invention is understood.

While the drawings illustrate an embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that in adapting the same to meet different conditions and requirements, various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the nature of the invention.

Referring to the drawings hereto attached and forming a part of the specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder illustrating an application of the invention, the cover being open,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a sectional detail of one of the spools and the mountings therefor, showing the parts on a larger scale, and

Figure 4 is a detail view of an end portion of one of the spools and the knob spindle cooperating therewith.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the several views of the drawings by like reference characters.

The holder comprises a case 1 and a cover 2, the latter being hinged. The device is constructed to present the appearance of a book and thereby prevent the real purpose from being discerned by an audience. The case is provided at opposite ends with pockets or recesses 3 which are designed to receive the spools upon which the manuscript or strip of paper is adapted to be rolled. A table or desk top 4 is located intermediate the pockets or recesses 3 to form a support for the manuscript or strip of paper 5. The upper side of the table or desk top 4 is flush with the top of the case.

A spool 6 is provided for each of the pockets or recesses 3 and is readily removable therefrom to facilitate placing the manuscript in position or removing it from the spool. A knob 7 is journaled in a side of the case opposite an end of each of the pockets or recesses 3. A journal 8 is located at the opposite end of each of the pockets or recesses and is spring mounted to facilitate the removal or the placing of the spool in position. Each of the spools 6 is provided with a slot 9 to receive an end portion of the manuscript or strip of paper 5, whereby the latter may be positively connected to the spool so as to wind thereon when the spool is rotated. The ends of the spools 6 are provided with openings to receive the journals at opposite ends of the pockets or recesses 3 in a manner well understood.

In practice, the strip of paper 5 is wound upon the upper spool and is drawn over the table or desk top 4 and engaged with the lower spool. Obviously the arrangement may be reversed. The table or desk top 4 supports that portion of the strip of paper 5 intermediate the two spools. As the notes, discourse or other matter is written upon the strip of paper 5, the latter is unwound from one of the spools and wound upon the other spool. When reference is had to the manuscript for refreshing the memory, the strip of paper is moved in a reverse direction and is wound upon the spool from which it was previously unwound. The holder presenting the appearance of a book does not attract attention and convey the impression to the audience that the speaker is reading from notes or manuscript.

Each of the spools has the knob 7 cooperating therewith provided with a spindle 10 which is journaled in a side 11 of the case. A disk 12 is mounted on each of the knob spindles 10 and constitutes a brake member. An expansible helical spring 13, mounted on each of the knob spindles 10, exerts an out-

ward pressure thereon to hold the disk 12 in frictional engagement with the inner wall of the side 11, thereby preventing accidental unwinding or loosening of the strip 5 which is maintained in proper position. The case 1 may be provided with an extension 14 which encloses and conceals the knobs 7, the latter being of such diameter as to admit of their upper edge portions being readily engaged by a thumb or finger of the hand when it is required to effect movement of the strip 5. The cover 2 will be of such width as to project over the extension 14.

For uniformly spacing the writing on the strip 5 and insuring the same being straight it is proposed to apply a ruled sheet 15 to the top of the desk 4. This ruled sheet may be pasted or otherwise held in position and the lines thereon are visible through the strip and serve as guides for the writing.

The device may replace the ordinary stenographer's pad as the notes may be written upon the strip 5 and subsequently transscribed by a reverse winding of the strip. The hinged cover 2 may be dispensed with, a suitable book cover being provided to receive the device so as to give it the desired appearance. The knob 7, in some instances, may be formed with the spool or attached thereto so as to practically form a part thereof.

What is claimed is:

In a manuscript holder, spools to mount and operate a manuscript, a case to enclose said spools having side walls, a table to form a rest for the manuscript spanning said walls, a spindle rotatably and slidably mounted in one of said walls, a detachable connection between said spindle and one of said spools, a disk on said spindle to engage one of said side walls, a manipulating knob on said spindle on the opposite side of the last mentioned side wall to the disk, an expansive spring on the spindle engaging said knob and the adjacent side wall, and an extension on said case beyond the last mentioned side wall enclosing said knob and spindle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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