No. 751,892. PATENTED FEB. 9, 1904.

H. ANDRÉ.

BOOK REST.

APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 8, 1903.

NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

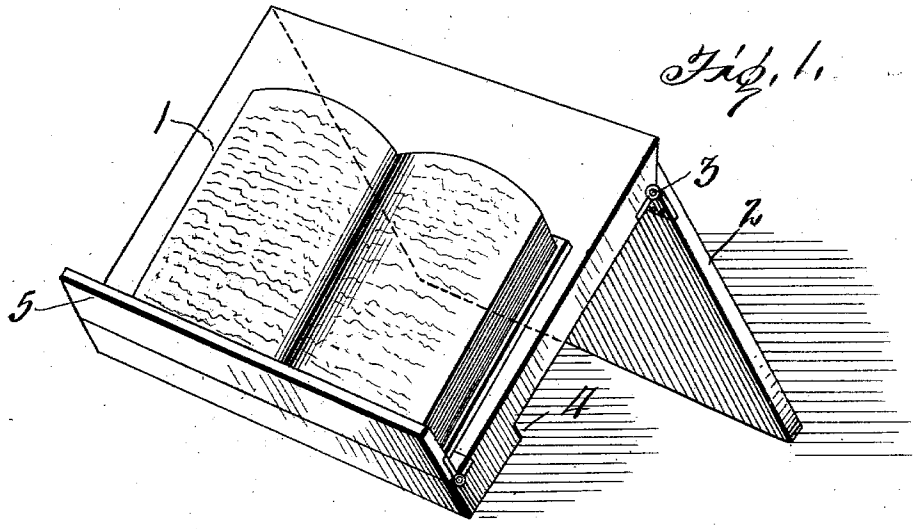


Fig. 2.

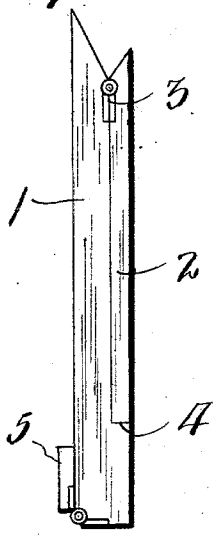
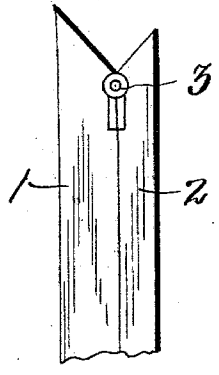


Fig. 3.



Witnesses
Jas A. Koehl.
[illegible]

Inventor,
Henry André,
By A. Wilkinson,
Attorney

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., PHOTO-LITHO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 751,892. Patented February 9, 1904.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HENRY ANDRÉ, OF CINCINNATI, OHIO.

BOOK-REST.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 751,892, dated February 9, 1904.

Application filed September 8, 1903. Serial No. 172,303. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY ANDRÉ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Rests; and I do 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 use of the same.

This invention relates to book rests or supports.

The object of the invention is to provide a device whereby books may be supported upon a desk or table at the proper angle for reading purposes.

A further object is to provide a book-rest of this character which will be simple in construction, strong and durable, and which may be folded into small compass for convenience in carrying.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in position for use. Fig. 2 is an end elevation showing the parts folded, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail end view of the joint.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes the supporting-board against which the back of the book rests. 2 denotes the prop-board for holding the supporting-board in an inclined position. These boards are connected or hinged together at their upper ends by a rule-joint or stop-hinge, as shown at 3, which permits the boards to be opened to the position shown in Fig. 1, thereby giving the necessary inclination to the supporting-board.

The prop-board 2 is somewhat shorter and of considerably less thickness than the supporting-board 1, and when folded said prop-board is adapted to lie flush in a recess 4, formed in the rear face of the supporting-board, as shown in Fig. 2.

5 denotes a stop-strip hinged to the lower end of the board 1 and adapted to open at a right angle to the same, said strip forming a stop upon which the lower edge of the book rests. When in folded position, the strip 5 lies against the board 1, as shown in Fig. 2.

By the use of a support or rest as herein described a book may be held at an angle which will permit the reading of the same without strain to the eyes, as the letters and words are presented squarely to the eye and not at an angle, as when the book is resting flat.

While the support has been herein shown and described as formed of boards, it is obvious that other suitable material may be used. If desired, the device may also be made in skeleton form. It is further intended that the supports be made in various sizes to accommodate large or small books, and to be neat and attractive in design, and will be found to be a much needed acquisition in libraries, schools, or private use.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

A book-rest comprising a supporting-board having a recess in its rear side, a stop-strip hinged to the lower edge of the supporting-board on the front side thereof and adapted to fold against the same, and a prop-board hinged to the rear side of the supporting-board, adapted to fold into the recess thereof and lie flush with its rear side, the coengaging edges of the supporting-board and prop-board being mitered to enable the prop-board to lie at right angles with reference to the supporting-board when opened therefrom, substantially as described.

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

HENRY ANDRÉ.

Witnesses:
J. C. GRIMES,
JOHN F. KRENKEL.