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BOOK HANGER

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Fig. 1

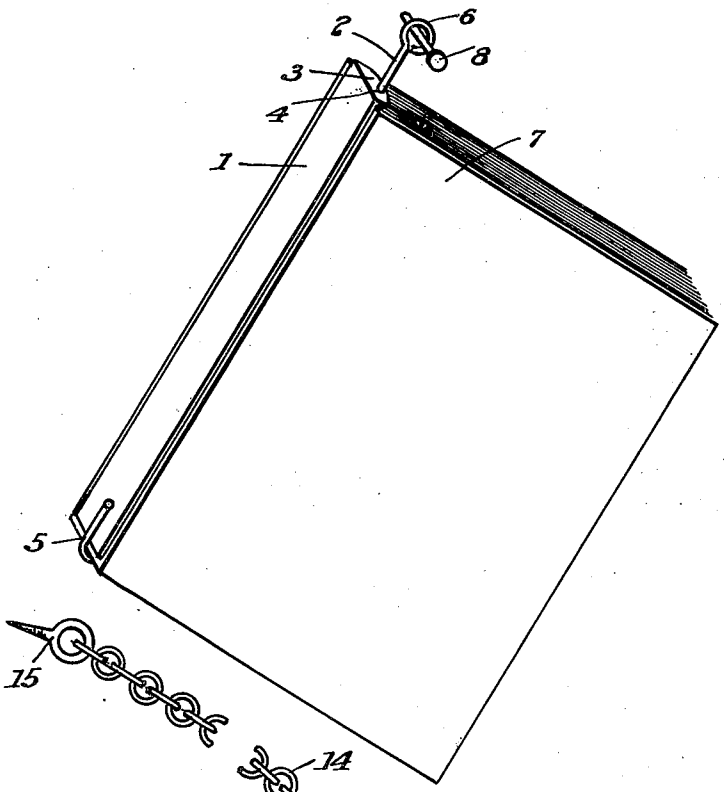


Fig. 2

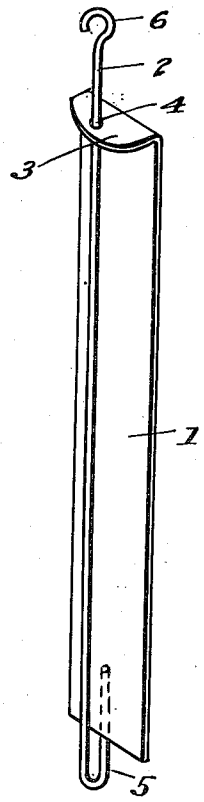
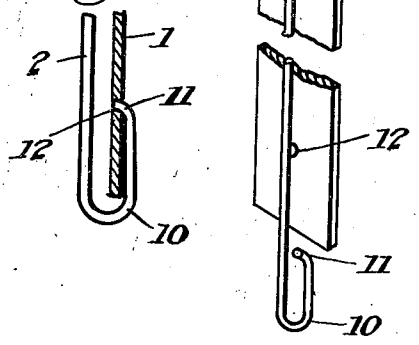


Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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This invention relates to book hangers for hanging telephone directories, catalogues and the like.

The general object of the invention is to provide an improved book hanger which may be readily attached to a telephone directory for hanging the same in a suitable position for use.

Another object is to provide a book hanger of the character stated including a clamp plate to be clamped against the outside of the binding of a book, and on which plate may be placed an advertisement.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter.

The invention is illustrated in the annexed drawing which forms a part of this specification and in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective of my invention shown applied to a telephone directory and hung on a nail driven into a support and suspending the directory.

Fig. 2 is a perspective of my invention detached from a book.

Fig. 3 is a perspective of a modification of my invention.

Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section of the lower portion of the modification of my invention shown in Fig. 3.

Referring more particularly to the drawing in which corresponding parts are designated by the same reference numerals in all of the figures, my invention includes primarily a clamp plate 1, and a clamp rod 2, said clamp plate being bent at right angles at its upper end into a flange 3 provided with an opening 4 through which said rod extends and forming a slide bearing for said rod, and said rod being bent upwardly upon and parallel to itself at its lower end into a clamp and supporting hook 5, and bent at its upper end into a hanger hook 6.

The operation, uses and advantages of my invention are as follows:

To attach my hanger to a book, such as a telephone directory 7, the rod 2 is first lowered through the bearing opening 4 in the flange 3 until the hook 5 is below the lower end of the plate 1; the rod 2 is then introduced between the leaves of the directory adjacent the inner side of its binding, while the plate 1 is placed against the outside of the binding with its flange 3 against the upper edge of the binding; the rod 2 is then drawn upwardly through the bearing opening 4 in the flange 3 until the hook 5 engages the outer side of the lower portion of the clamp plate 1 and the lower edge of the directory binding, thus drawing the lower end of said plate against the back of the binding and clamping the binding of the directory between the plate 1 and the rod 2, with the binding seated at its lower end in said hook 5.

Advertising may be placed on the outer side of the plate 1.

The directory with the hanger attached thereto, as above described, may then be hung, by means of the hanger hook 6, on a nail 8 driven into a suitable support.

In the modification of my invention shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the rod 2 is formed at its lower end with a hook 10 bent inwardly at its upper end at 11 to engage an aperture 12 in the lower portion of the plate 1, to lock the lower end of the rod to the lower end of said plate, while an eye 13 may be formed on the upper end of the rod 2 to be connected to one end of a chain 14, which is connected at its other end to an eye screw 15 to be driven into a suitable support for hanging a telephone directory.

With this form of my invention the hanger cannot be removed from its support without unscrewing the eye screw 15 from the support nor can the directory be removed from the hanger without considerable difficulty in disengaging the bent end 11 of the hook 10 from the aperture 12 in the plate 1.

I claim:

1. A book hanger comprising a clamp plate to be placed against the back of the binding of a book, a clamp rod slidably mounted in the upper end of said clamp plate to be placed between the leaves of the book adjacent the inner side of the book binding, a hook on the lower end of said rod for engaging the outer side of the lower end portion of said plate and for engaging the lower end of said binding, and a suspension hook on the upper end of said rod.

2. A book hanger comprising a clamp plate to be placed against the back of the binding of a book, a clamp rod slidably mounted in the upper end of said clamp plate to be placed between the leaves of the book adjacent the inner side of the book binding, a hook on the lower end of said rod for engaging the outer side of the lower end portion of said plate and for engaging the lower end of said binding, said hook being bent inwardly at its end for engaging an aperture in said clamp plate, and means on the upper end of said rod for suspending the hanger and the book to which the hanger is applied.

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