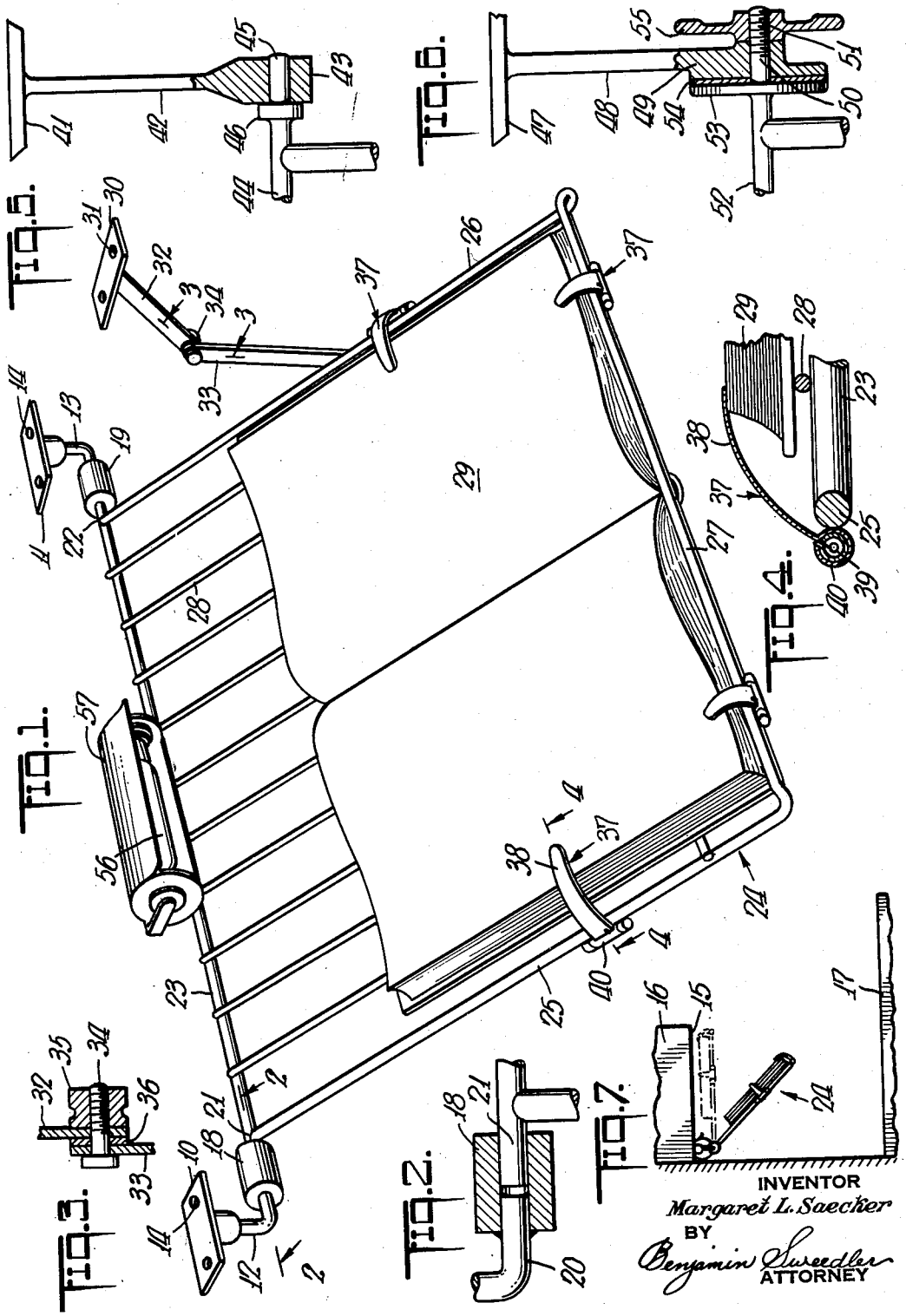
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## BOOKHOLDER

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This invention relates to an improvement in a book holder, particularly a cookbook holder designed to maintain a cookbook in a readily visible position and to be moved, when not in use, to an inconspicuous position.

It is an object of this invention to provide a book holder which can readily be moved to maintain a cookbook or other book in any desired visible position and which holder can also readily be moved to an inconspicuous position, when not in use.

Another object is to provide such book holder which is simple in construction, particularly in that it comprises relatively few parts and thus is inexpensive to make and which functions to hold the book in a desired position where the user can easily observe the instructions therein leaving the user free to use both hands, for example, in mixing a recipe.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will be apparent from the following detailed description thereof.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification and showing, for purposes of exemplification, preferred forms of this invention without limiting the claimed invention to such illustrative instances,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book holder embodying my invention;

Figure 2 is a vertical section taken in a plane passing through line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a vertical section taken in a plane passing through line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a vertical section taken in a plane passing through line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary elevation partly in section showing a modified form of bracket mounting;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary elevation partly in section showing still another modified form of bracket mounting; and

Figure 7 is a fragmentary side elevation showing the relative position of a kitchen cabinet, work table or bench and the book holder, the latter being shown in full lines in one position to which it may be moved when in use and in dotted lines in an inconspicuous position to which it may be moved when not in use.

In the drawing 10, 11 indicate horizontally disposed brackets having respectively depending legs 12, 13. These brackets desirably are provided with openings 14 for use in attaching the brackets to the underside 15 (Figure 7) of a kitchen cabinet 16 which may be spaced above

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a work table or bench 17 as conventional in modern kitchens.

Legs 12 and 13, in the embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 1, support bearings 18 and 19, respectively. These bearings desirably are in the form of cylinders into one end of each of which horizontally bent terminal portion 20 (Figure 2) of each leg extends. As shown in Figure 2, the terminal portion 20 of each leg is suitably secured, as by welding or otherwise, to the bearing in which it is disposed so that the latter is fixed on the depending leg of the bracket.

Pivotally mounted in bearings 18 and 19, respectively, are lateral extensions 21 and 22 of a crossbar 23 of a substantially flat tray or book support 24. In the illustrative example of Figure 1, book support 24 is in the form of a wire or rod member consisting of side rods 25, 26 integrally connected with the top crossbar 23 and a lower or front upstanding crossbar 27. Connecting wires or rods 28 extend from the top crossbar 23 to the lower crossbar 27. The lower or front crossbar 27 provides a stop or abutment for the forward edge of the book 29, as shown in Figure 1. It will be understood that instead of the wire or rod construction disclosed in the drawing, the book supporting member 24 may be of substantially flat, light-weight metal, plastic or other suitable material of construction desirably having an upstanding lower edge which provides a stop or abutment for the lower edge of the book.

A third horizontally extending bracket 30 is also adapted to be secured to the underside of the cabinet or other supporting surface by means of screws or other fasteners passing through the openings 31 therein. Depending from this bracket 30 is a link 32, the lower end of which is pivoted to the upper end of a link 33 having its lower end secured to side rod 26. This pivotal connection, as best shown in Figure 3, comprises a threaded pin or bolt 34 having a nut 35 which is arranged to clamp depending end of link 32 to the upper end of link 33 through an intermediate friction washer 36, desirably a fiber washer. Links 32 and 33 are thus maintained in clamping engagement through washer 36 to maintain the book support 24 in any position of adjustment. Normally friction washer 36 permits pivotal movement of the book support 24 in bearings 18 and 19 to any desired position of adjustment as well as to the inconspicuous position beneath the cabinet shown in dotted lines in Figure 7 when the book is not in use without necessitating movement of nut 35 to permit such

positioning of the book support. However, after continued use, due to wear, it may be necessary occasionally to tighten the nut 35 to maintain the book support in a desired position.

Spring clips 37 are positioned, preferably at both the sides and the forward edge of the book support 24, to engage the leaves of the open book and maintain the book in any desired open position. These clips may each be in the form of a spring steel or other flexible finger 38 (Figure 4) pivoted under spring tension on a suitable pin 39 carried in a housing 40. The housing of each clip may be suitably secured to the book support as by welding, brazing, etc.

In the modification shown in Figure 5 the supporting bracket 41, corresponding to brackets 10, 11, has a depending leg 42 which has formed integral therewith a bearing member 43. Crossbar 44 of the book support, corresponding to crossbar 23 of Figure 1, is provided with a pin 45 rotatably mounted in the bearing member 43 and also has a collar 46 which engages one side of the bearing member 43, as shown in Figure 5. The construction of Figure 5, it will be understood, involves a supporting bracket and pivoted links connecting the bracket with the side of the book support corresponding to bracket 30 and links 32, 33 shown in Figure 1.

In the modification of Figure 6, a supporting bracket 47, corresponding to brackets 10 and 11 of Figure 1, is employed. Two such brackets 47 are used, one at each side of the book support. Each bracket has a depending leg 48 formed with a bearing extension 49 provided with an opening 50 through which passes threaded end 51 of a crossbar 52 corresponding to crossbar 23 of Figure 1. A collar or disc 53 is disposed near each end of crossbar 52. Between each collar and the contiguous bearing member 49 is positioned a friction washer 54. A wing nut 55 is in threaded engagement with each threaded end 51 of the crossbar. By suitably tightening the wing nuts 55 on the opposite ends of the crossbar 52, the book support may be maintained in any desired position to which it may be moved. Normally the frictional engagement between washers 54, collars 53 and bearing extensions 49 is sufficient to maintain the book support in any position to which it may be moved and to permit such movement without requiring movement of wing nuts 55. Occasionally, however, it may be necessary to tighten or loosen these wing nuts.

Desirably an electric light bulb 56 is disposed in a casing 57 mounted on the crossbar 23. Casing 57 is designed to shade the light bulb so that a beam of light is projected onto the book.

In all modifications, when it is desired to use the book holder, book support 24 is moved to a suitable inclined position and the book placed thereon. The book is thus held in desired open position above the work bench 17 by the clips 37. In this position the book is readily visible to the user who is free to use both hands in following the instructions given in the book. When it is no longer desired to use the cookbook it may be removed from the holder and the latter raised to its inconspicuous position underneath the cabinet. If desired, the holder with the book thereon may be moved to this inconspicuous position.

It will be noted this invention provides a book holder, particularly a cookbook holder, which holder can readily be moved to maintain the book in any desired adjusted position where it is readily visible to the user and may also be moved easily to an inconspicuous position when not in use. The holder of this invention involves relatively few parts and is inexpensive to make. It supports the cookbook above the working surface, out of the way of the cooking utensils and ingredients, thus allowing more working space and keeping the book clean. Furthermore, it maintains the book open within reading focus of the user while the latter is working and leaves the user free to use both hands.

Since different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope of this invention, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. For example, the brackets 10 and 11 could be secured to a wall, bracket 30 pivoted to one end of link 32 and secured to this wall thus permitting mounting of the book holder on a wall rather than on the underside of a kitchen cabinet, as shown in Figure 7. When the book holder is thus mounted on a wall, it is preferably maintained adjacent the wall where it is inconspicuous when not in use; if it is desired to use the book holder it is then moved to a substantially horizontal position in which it is maintained by the links 32 and 33.

What is claimed is:

1. A kitchen book holder comprising, in combination, a pair of spaced horizontally extending bracket supports adapted to be secured to the underside of a kitchen cabinet disposed above a work bench, said bracket supports having depending legs, bearing members on said legs, a substantially flat book support having a book engaging abutment at its forward edge and having laterally projecting extensions at its top edge pivotally mounted in said bearing members, a third horizontally extending support also adapted to be secured to the underside of said kitchen cabinet, and pivoted links connecting said third horizontally extending bracket support with a side of said book support.

2. A kitchen book holder comprising, in combination, a pair of spaced horizontally extending bracket supports adapted to be secured to the underside of a kitchen cabinet disposed above a work bench, said bracket supports having vertically extending depending legs provided with horizontally extending terminal portions, bearing members on said horizontally extending terminal portions, a substantially flat book support having a book engaging abutment at its forward edge and having laterally projecting extensions at its top edge disposed in said bearing members thus pivotally mounting said book support in said bearing members, a third horizontally extending bracket support also adapted to be secured to the underside of said kitchen cabinet, a pair of links one of which has one end extending downwardly from said third horizontally extending bracket and the other end pivoted to said other link which other link has its other end fastened to a side of said book support, and a friction member in the pivoted joint between said pair of links.

3. A kitchen book holder comprising, in combination, a pair of spaced horizontally extending bracket supports adapted to be secured to the underside of a kitchen cabinet disposed above a work bench, each of said bracket supports having a depending portion provided with a terminal bearing portion, a book support having a book engaging abutment at its lower edge and having lateral extensions at its upper edge adapted

to fit within said bearing members to provide a pivoted mounting for said book support, a collar on each lateral extension disposed close to a bearing member, a friction member between each collar and closely disposed bearing member, and means on each lateral extension for exerting clamping pressure on the friction member between each said collar and the said closely disposed bearing member.

4. A book holder comprising, in combination, horizontally extending bracket supports adapted to be secured to a horizontal surface and having depending legs, a third horizontally extending support also adapted to be secured to said horizontal surface and having a depending leg, a substantially flat rectangular book support, means connecting the upper corners of said book support with said depending legs of said first-mentioned horizontal bracket supports for pivotal



movement of said book support, and means connecting the depending leg of said third horizontally extending support to a side of said book support to maintain said book support in any desired position to which it may be moved.

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