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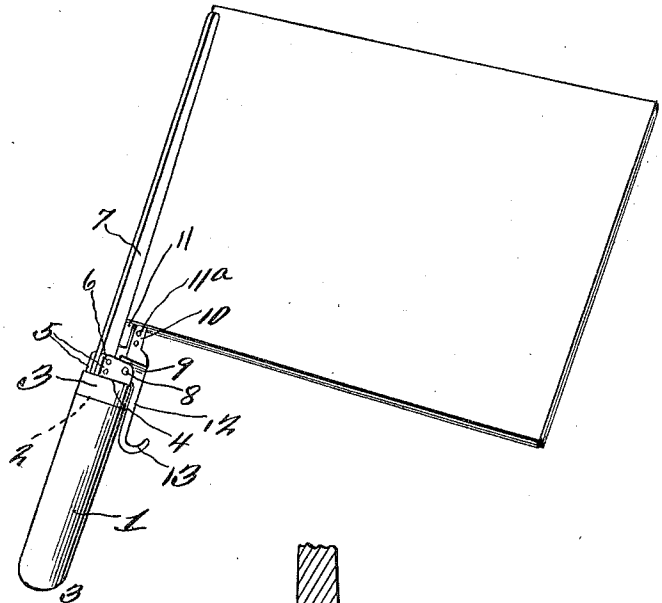


Fig. 1.

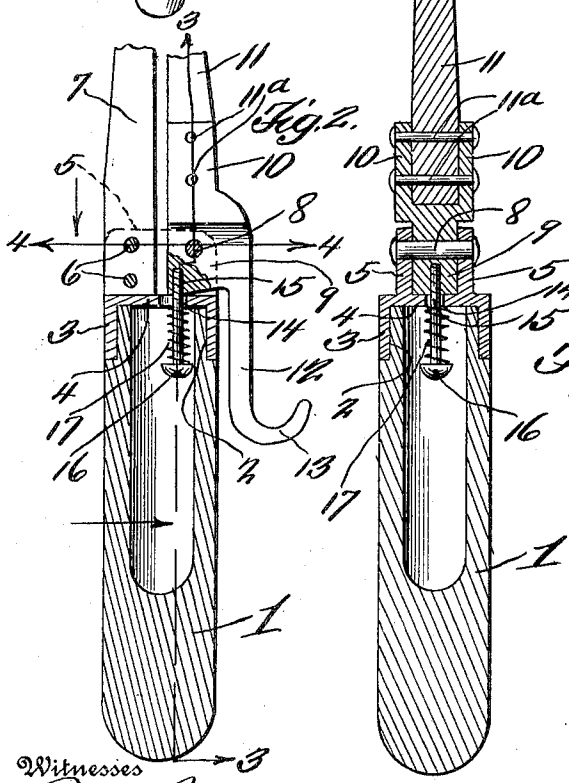


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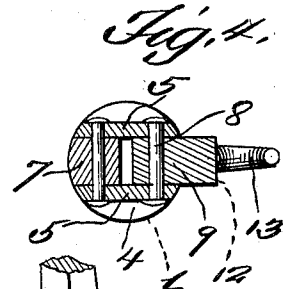


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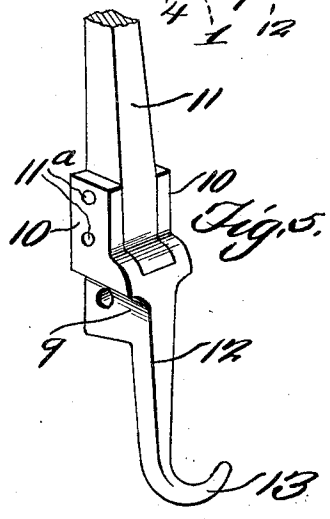


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SALVATORE DI FRANCESCA, a subject of the King of Italy, residing at Stonington, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Newspaper-Holder; 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.

This invention relates to a new and useful newspaper holder.

As one of the objects of the invention, it is the aim to provide a newspaper holder of a novel character, comprising a stationary jaw and a pivoted jaw held normally closed by a spring, and provided with a trigger, whereby the pivoted jaw may be opened and closed. The jaws are adapted to clamp a newspaper, in order to hold the same straight, so that a person may easily read without difficulty in holding the paper.

There are disclosed in the drawings certain features of construction, but in practical fields these features may necessitate alterations, to which the patentee is entitled, provided the alterations fall within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view showing one of the holders clamping the end of a newspaper. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through one of the holders. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the pivoted jaw including the trigger.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 designates a handle, which is partially hollow, and provided with a reduced portion 2, which enters a band or sleeve 3. This band or sleeve has a top plate 4, from which a pair of ears 5 rise. Riveted, bolted or otherwise secured at 6 between the ears is a stationary jaw 7. Pivoted between the ears at 8 is a plate 9, the upper portion of which terminates in ears 10, between which the movable jaw 11 is riveted or otherwise bolted or secured at 11^a. The lower portion of the plate is provided with an arm 12 terminating at its lower end in a hook-shaped trigger 13. The arm 12 is slightly spaced apart from the handle 1, in order to allow a slight movement of the arm, and in moving the arm the plate is rocked upon its pivot. When the plate is rocked upon its pivot the movable jaw 11 is thrown open, in order to admit one end of a newspaper between the jaws. Extending through an opening 14 of the disk plate, and threaded into the plate 9 is a pin 15 having a head 16, between which and the disk plate 4 a spring 17 is interposed, the tension of which holds the movable jaw 11 closed. However, the jaws in their normal positions are held partly spaced apart, even though the movable jaw is held closed.

From the foregoing it will be ascertained that there has been devised an improved and desirable newspaper holder, and one which has been found practicable.

In using the holder place the center of the newspaper between the jaws 7 and 11, so that one of the jaws is in the fold of the newspaper, then hold the handle with the left hand and the paper with the right, until after reading the first page. After reading the first page fold the same back upon the other pages, and change the handle to the right hand and the paper to the left, in order to read the other side of the first page, and then continue on reading the newspaper in this manner.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. In combination, a hollow handle, a sleeve fitted on one end thereof having a pair of ears, a stationary jaw fixed between the ears, a movable jaw pivoted between the ears and terminating at its lower portion in a trigger arm slightly spaced apart from the handle, and means for normally holding the movable jaw closed.

2. In combination, a hollow handle having a reduced portion at one end, a sleeve having a disk plate fitting the reduced portion, said disk plate having a pair of spaced apart ears and provided with an opening, a stationary jaw secured between said ears, a plate pivoted between the ears, the upper portion of which terminating in ears, while the lower part is provided with a downwardly extending arm terminating in a hooked trigger, a jaw secured between the

second ears, a pin extending through the opening of the plate of the sleeve and threaded into the pivoted plate, said pin having a head, a spring interposed between the head of the pin and the disk plate thereby constituting means to hold the last jaw normally closed.

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

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