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Book Rest.

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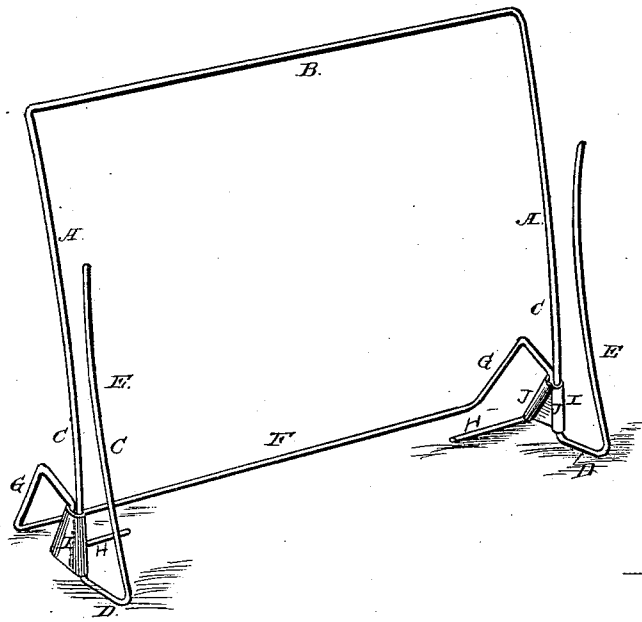
Fig. 1.



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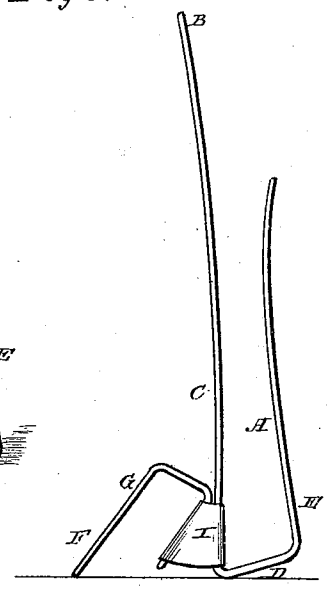

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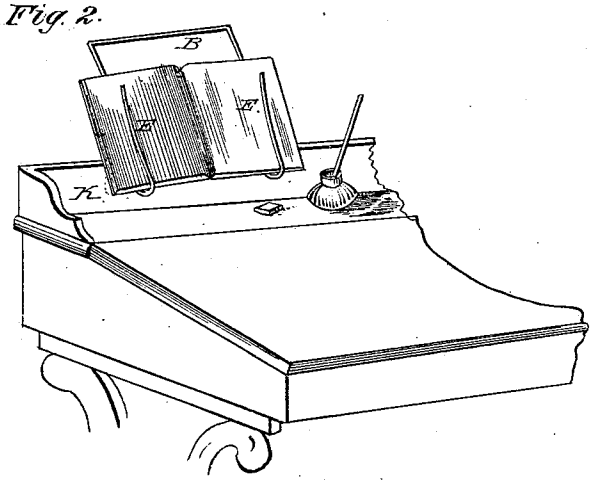

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BOOK-REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS F. FULLER, of Beattie, in the county of Marshall and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Rests; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book rest or holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the same in position upon a desk, and Fig. 3 is a side view.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to an improved book rest or support, which may be made at small expense, and which may be readily attached to desks for the convenience of scholars, business men, &c.; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A represents the main body of the rest, consisting of a bail, B, formed of wire or other suitable material, and having its legs C C bent forward and upward, as shown at D E, to form a bracket, as shown, for the reception of the book to be held.

F is a bail, provided with inverted U-shaped legs G, from the ends of which the wire is bent in an inward direction, parallel with the bail F, as at H.

I I are two triangular pieces of sheet metal or other suitable material, formed with loops J, to accommodate the lower ends of the legs of the bail B and the inner or forward sides of the U-shaped legs G of the bail F, thus connecting the two bails or parts and forming my improved rest or bracket.

By reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings, the operation of my invention will be readily understood. Upon any school or other desk provided with a ledge, K, as shown, the device may be readily adjusted by means of the U-shaped legs G upon the rear frame or bail, F. The front frame or rest will thus be firmly held in an inclined or slanting position, ready for the reception of the book, map, chart, or other article to be held in view of the student or scholar.

My invention is simple, inexpensive, and easily adjusted, and I consider it to be particularly valuable in schools, where it is frequently necessary that the pupil should have both hands disengaged, yet frequently refer to some map, book, or copy. Any stooping or awkward position may thus be prevented, together with all the ill consequences resulting therefrom.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. As an improvement in book-rests, the bail B, having its legs C bent forward and upward, as at D C, in combination with the bail F, having inverted U-shaped ends or legs G, and the plates I, connecting together the legs of the two bails, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described book-rest, comprising the bail B, having legs C, bent forward and upward, as at D E, the bail F, with inverted U-shaped ends or legs G, with the extended ends H of said legs bent inwardly and parallel with the said bail, and the triangular-shaped plates I, formed with loops J, through which the legs of the bails pass, substantially in the manner herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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