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BOOKMARK

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Fig. 1

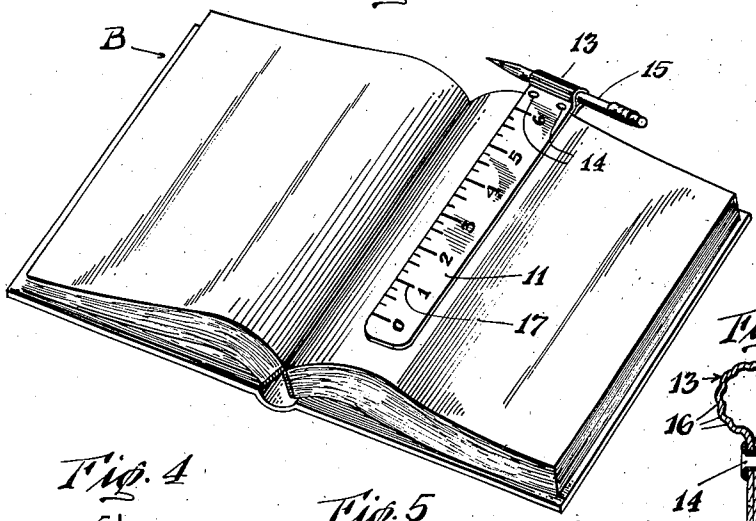


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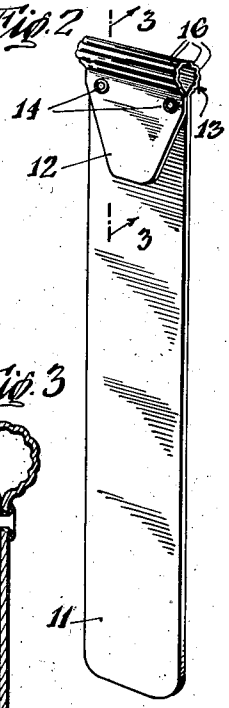


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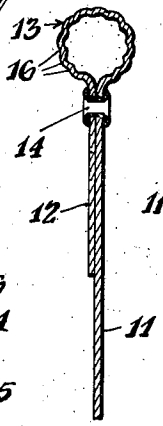


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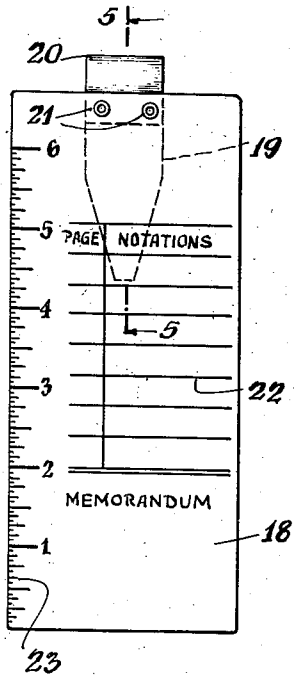


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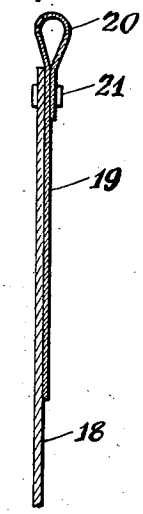


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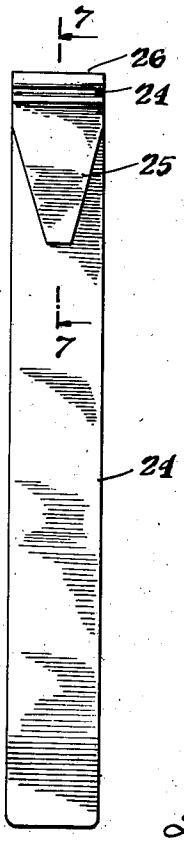
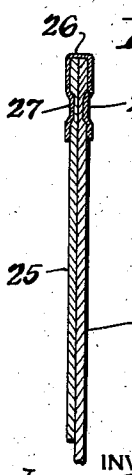


Fig. 7



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The present invention relates to bookmarks designed to be used by the reader of a book to indicate the page and place last read.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a bookmark of novel and improved form which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture and efficient in use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bookmark of flexible sheet material which is adapted to embrace the edge portion of one or more leaves of a book and to be held firmly but removably in place by frictional engagement with the opposite faces of the leaf or leaves.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a bookmark of the character described which is formed with means for holding a writing instrument such as a pencil.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description of the structures selected to illustrate the invention proceeds.

With the above and other objects in view the present invention consists of the novel features of construction, hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing which form an integral part of this disclosure.

In the accompanying drawing,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a bookmark constructed in accordance with the present invention, the bookmark being shown in place upon a book;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the bookmark shown in Fig. 1, looking at the rear thereof;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail view in vertical section, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, on a more enlarged scale;

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of a modified form of bookmark embodying the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail view in vertical section, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a rear elevational view of another modified form of bookmark embodying the present invention; and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary detail view in vertical section, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Referring now to the drawing wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and particularly to the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, our improved bookmark comprises a strip of flexible sheet material, such as pressboard, Celluloid, or other suitable material, bent around upon itself to form a main body portion 11, a tongue portion 12 and an intermediate looped portion 13, the members 11 and 12 being brought closely together and secured adjacent to the looped portion 13 by suitable fastening means such as the rivets or eyelets 14.

The rivets or eyelets 14 serve to press the body member 11 and the tongue member 12 against each other so that when the bookmark is applied to a book B as shown in Fig. 1, and one or more leaves of the book are inserted between the body member 11 and the tongue member 12, the opposite faces of the inserted leaf or leaves will be frictionally engaged by said members and the bookmark will thus be held in place against accidental displacement. It will be observed that the spreading of the members 11 and 12, due to the wedging action of the leaf or leaves inserted therebetween, is resisted by the pressure of the rivets 14 and that the minimum separation of the members 11 and 12 occurs adjacent to the rivets, so that the maximum gripping effect results when the edges of the inserted leaves are brought in close proximity thereto.

The looped portion 13 of the bookmark which extends beyond the edges of the leaves inserted between the body member 11 and the tongue member 12 serves both as a grip for removing the bookmark from engagement with the leaves of the book and as a holder for a writing instrument such as the pencil 15, inserted therein as shown in Fig. 1. It has been found advantageous both for convenience of manufacture and for the purpose of holding the writing instrument firmly and to accommodate such instruments of various diameters, to form the loop portion 13 with corrugations as shown at 16.

As an added feature of the invention, the outer face of the body member 11 may be provided with a scale 17 imprinted thereon, extending along a straight edge thereof to serve as a ruler and measure.

In the modified embodiment of our invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the bookmark comprises a body member 18 formed of one piece of flexible sheet material and a tongue member 19 formed of a separate piece of flexible sheet material, the two members 18 and 19 being secured together in face to face relation at one end portion of the body member by suitable fastening means such as rivets or eyelets 21. One end portion of the tongue member 19 preferably extends beyond the adjacent end of the body member 18 and is bent

over outwardly to form a loop portion 20, as illustrated in Fig. 5, the rivets 21 serving to close the loop. In this modified structure the body member 18 may be of substantially greater dimensions than the tongue member 19, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to allow for printing on the outer surface thereof of a memorandum blank for the use of the reader, such as indicated at 22, in addition to the provision of a scale 23 extending along a straight edge thereof.

In the modified form of our invention shown in Figs. 6 and 7 the bookmark comprises a body member 24 and a tongue member 25, both of flexible sheet material, secured together in face to face relation by means of a U-shaped clip 26 made of relatively stiff sheet metal having portions 27 swaged inwardly toward each other, or otherwise formed, to clamp between them the contiguous end portions of the body member 24 and the tongue member 25.

It will be observed from the foregoing description of the several embodiments of our invention, that the device possesses features capable of numerous applications and uses. As a further feature to those already mentioned, it will be apparent that the bookmark, when comprising an elongated bladelike body member as shown in the forms illustrated in Fig. 2 and Fig. 6, may be used also as a cutter for severing united pages of the book. Other uses of the device will readily suggest themselves, such as its use for the presentation of advertising matter on one or more faces thereof. It is evident that the body of the bookmark may have any desired configuration and may be made in various designs or ornamental shapes whereby its appearance will be enhanced.

While we have illustrated and described several forms of our invention, it is to be understood that we do not desire to be limited to the specific details of construction disclosed herein, for we are aware that numerous changes may be made in the details of construction which will nevertheless come within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described and illustrated our invention what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A combined bookmark and pencil holder consisting of a strip of flexible sheet material bent intermediate its ends to form a looped portion and two flatly contiguous leg members extending from said looped portion, and fastening means securing said leg members together at a point proximate to said looped portion and holding said looped portion in closed position, whereby said leg members are adapted to embrace and frictionally engage the edge portion of a leaf of a book and said looped portion is adapted to receive and hold a pencil or the like beyond the edge of the leaf and in parallel relation thereto.

2. A combined bookmark and pencil holder consisting of a strip of flexible sheet material bent intermediate its ends to form a looped portion having transverse corrugations and two flatly contiguous leg members extending from said looped portion, and fastening means securing said leg members together at a point proximate to said looped portion and holding said looped portion in closed position, whereby said leg members are adapted to embrace and frictionally engage the edge portion of a leaf of a book and said looped portion is adapted to receive and hold a pencil or the like of varied diameter beyond the edge of the leaf and in parallel relation thereto.

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