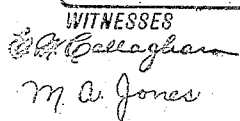


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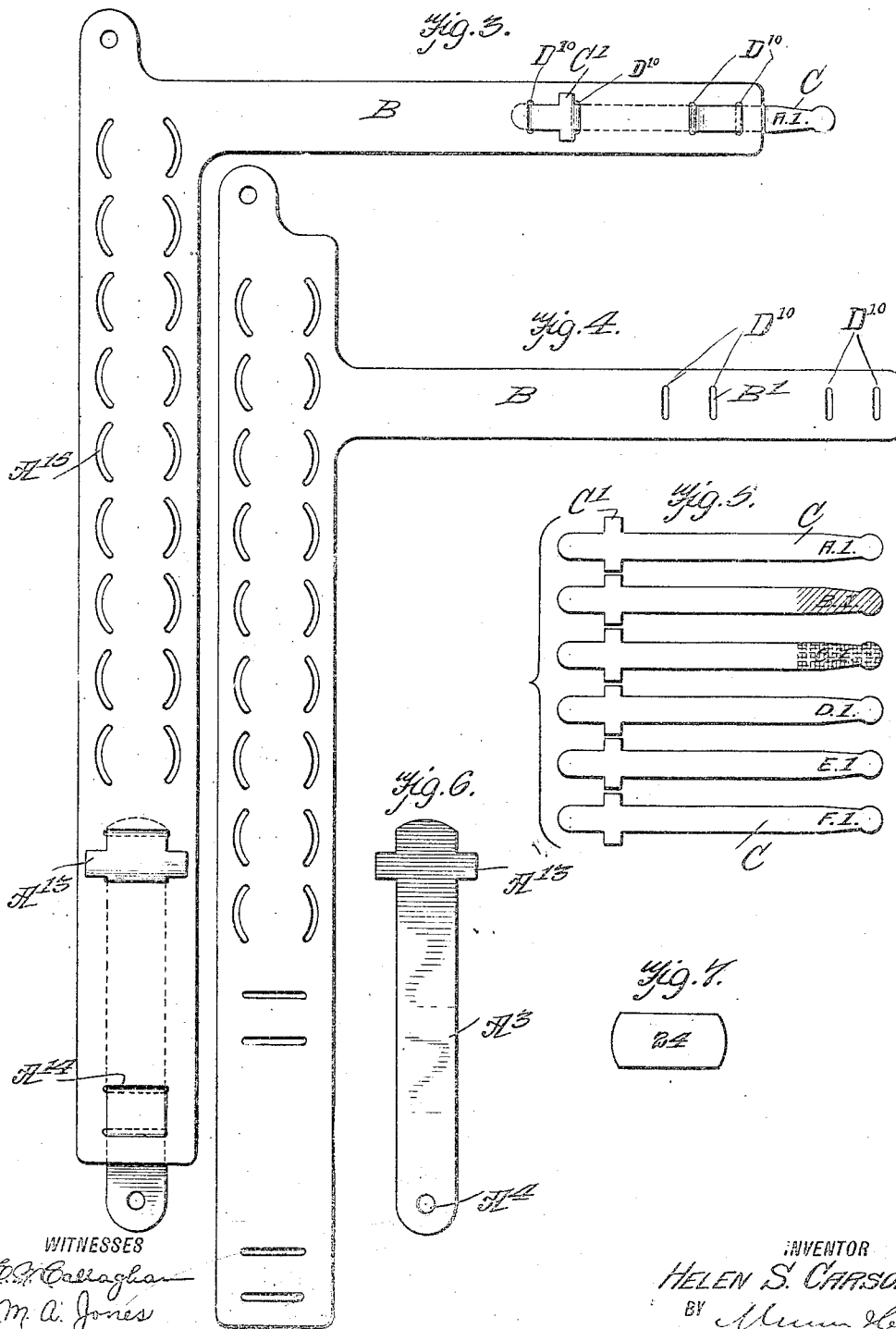
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELEN S. CARSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in book markers, and while the book marker is capable of general application and for use wherever it is desirable to use a book marker for indicating a page, and a section of such page, the device as presented, is especially designed and adapted for use by followers of what is generally known as Christian Science; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book provided with the improvements. Fig. 2 is a face view of the improvement as applied to a book. Fig. 3 is a face view of the book marker with the main indicator applied but without the sub-indicators. Fig. 4 is a face view of the body portion of the marker. Fig. 5 shows, in elevation, a series of main indicators marked to indicate contrasting colors. Fig. 6 is a face view of the extension bar. Fig. 7 is a detail view of one of the sub-indicators. Fig. 1^a is a back view of a portion of the book showing the crossed ribbon.

In practice, the marker, such as shown complete in Fig. 2, is one of a set of thirty, which are designed to mark the entire lesson for a week of a follower of Christian Science and I shall, therefore, only refer to this use in connection with Christian Science so far as the same may be necessary to a full understanding of the fundamental parts of the invention.

By my invention, I seek to provide a marker which, when used in series, will dispense with the necessity of one searching and finding the readings each time, as it is designed that the lessons may be read daily and by placing the markers the first day of the period, they may be subsequently followed without the necessity of relocating the different lessons. The markers will also be found necessary in guiding readers who read the weekly lesson in the Sunday service in place of the sermons delivered in other churches, as the reader can turn readily to each part and the indicators on the main

bars, presently described, may be utilized to give the exact lines without marking or defacing the Bible called for in the *Quarterly*. As the text-books are made in two sizes, the locked extension bars at one end of the body portion of the marker, as presently described, can be adjusted to fit either size of the book and will remain in place when so adjusted.

While the different parts of the marker, as shown, may be made of various material, it is my purpose, in practice, to make them of sheet steel one-five-thousandth of an inch thick, the steel to be so tempered that it will not crinkle when bent.

In the construction shown, the marker A comprises a body portion A' with an eye A² at one end and an extension bar A³ at its other end, which extension bar has an eye A⁴ at its free end. An arm B extends laterally from the main bar and is provided with transverse slots D¹⁰ through which a main indicator C is passed in interlocking the said indicator C with the arm B, the indicator C of which a number are shown in Fig. 5, being provided with lateral lugs C' which aid in interlocking the main indicator with the arm B as will be understood from Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. The extension bar A³ is provided with lugs A¹³ similar to the lugs C' and serving a similar purpose when the extension bar is adjusted through slots A¹⁴ in the main bar of the marker. The main bar of the marker is also provided with slots A¹⁵ arranged in pairs extending in series through the major portion of the said bar and extending longitudinally in the general direction of the length of the main bar and curving slightly from end to end to facilitate the introduction through any pair of said slots of the sub-indicators D and D', which indicators D and D' may serve by the words and figures thereon as shown in Fig. 2, to indicate any passage of Scripture or other portion of a book which it may be desired to indicate.

The main indicators C are utilized to indicate the page of the book whereon the section of text is located and as these main indicators are utilized in some instances in correspondence with the days of the week, it is preferred to characteristically color the main indicators of each series as I have indicated in Fig. 5, in which the main indicators are marked to correspond with purple, yellow, green, red and blue so by picking out the purple indicators or yellow indicators or the

green ones and so, the reader may have the complete lesson for any particular day without any difficulty.

The invention, it will be noticed, includes in some of its broad aspects, a book marker which has a main bar and an arm projecting laterally to the said main bar, as well as the provision in connection with a book marking bar, of means for detachably securing an indicator or indicators thereto and while I prefer, in practice, to secure the book marker in connection with the book by the means presently described, it should be understood that I do not wish, in the broad features of my invention to be limited to any particular mode of securing the book marker to a book.

In securing the markers in series in the book, I employ a lace E, passed through the eyelets at one end and then down within the binding and thence through the eyelets at the other end and this lacing is wrapped or wound around a ribbon F. By this means, the indicators in series are securely held without in any way injuring the book. The ribbon which may be a flexible tape of any suitable material, is crossed at F' at the back of the book and extends at F² down within the cover at the opposite sides of the body of the book and is adjustably fastened at F³ by a buckle or the like so the ribbon can be readily adjusted to suit books of different sizes and can be applied to and removed from the book, when desired. By this means, the marker can be conveniently applied to a book and when so applied, the means for securing it in position will not injure the book in any manner.

The extension bars A² serve to adjust the marker within a limited range to books of different lengths, while the connection of the main indicator with the lateral arm is such as to permit the adjustment of the said indicator longitudinally of the said arm so the marker can be adjusted in this manner to suit books of different widths.

Manifestly the marker may be used in various ways in indicating pages and sections of text and will be found useful to any one desiring to frequently refer to any particular portion of a book.

I claim:—

1. A book marker comprising a body por-

tion having a main bar with an eye at one end and an extension bar at its other end, said extension bar having an eye, an arm projecting laterally from the main bar, a main indicator detachably connected with the lateral arm, and a sub-indicator carried by the main bar, substantially as set forth.

2. A book marker having a main bar provided with means for detachably securing an indicator a subindicator held by said means and an arm projecting laterally from the main bar and provided with means for detachably securing an indicator.

3. A book marker comprising a marker proper and an endless securing ribbon connected with the marker and being crossed whereby it may cross itself at the back of a book when applied thereto.

4. The herein described book marker comprising a main bar, a plurality of indicators carried by the main bar, and an indicating arm projecting laterally from the main bar.

5. A book marker having an eye, a lace passed through said eye and an endless marker securing ribbon with which said lace is connected, said ribbon being adapted to embrace a book back substantially as set forth.

6. A book marker combined with a lace holding the marker and a flexible ribbon secured by the lace and adapted to engage the boards of and cross at the back of a book, substantially as set forth.

7. A book marker comprising a main bar having an adjustable extension at one end, an arm projecting laterally from the main bar, and a subindicator carried by the main bar, substantially as set forth.

8. A book marker comprising a bar having transverse slots spaced apart and a bar inserted through said slots and having a lateral lug lying between the slots, substantially as set forth.

9. A book marker having a main bar and an arm projecting laterally therefrom, the main bar being provided with slots arranged in series along its length and adapted to receive subindicators, substantially as set forth.

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