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BOOKMARKER

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Fig. 1

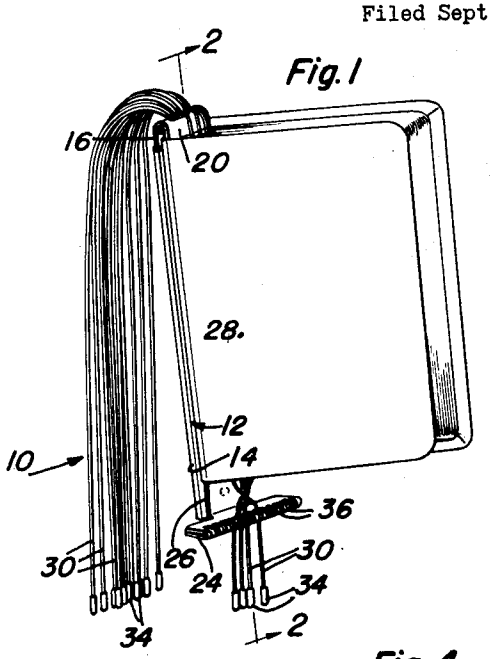


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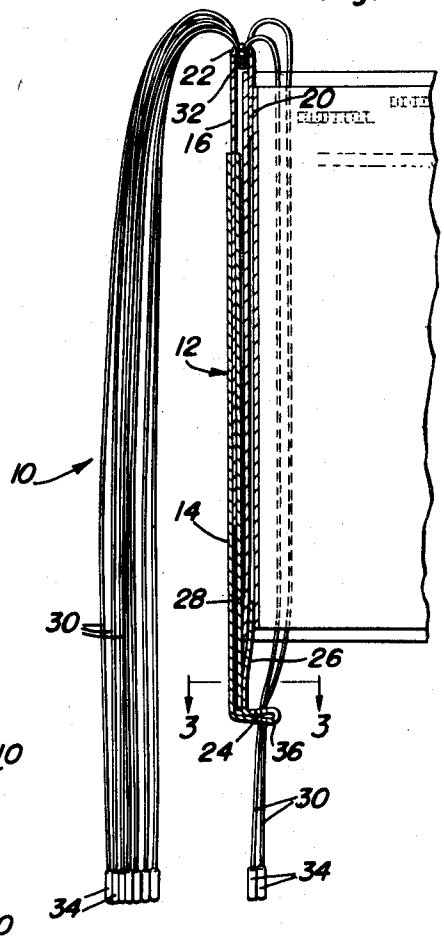


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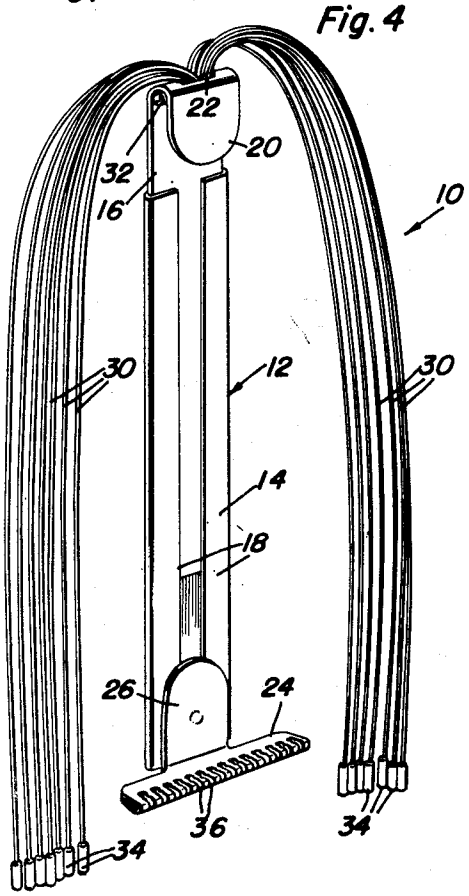
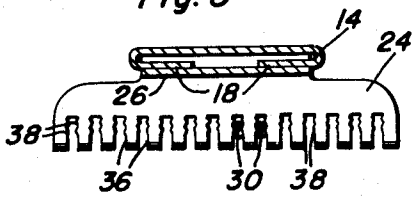


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in book markers, and the principal object of the invention is to facilitate convenient and expeditious opening of a book at several different passages in a predetermined order or sequence.

Primarily, although not necessarily, the invention is adapted for use by preachers, lecturers and others who find occasion to refer to several different passages of a book in a pre-arranged order, in which instance the invention facilitates convenient location of such passages, one after another, while the sermon or lecture is in progress.

Some of the advantages of the invention reside in its simplicity of construction, in its adaptability for expeditious attachment to or removal from a book, and in its adaptability to accommodate books of different sizes.

With the above more important objects in view and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the construction and arrangement of parts as shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention applied to a book;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view, taken substantially on the plane of the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional detail, taken substantially on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 2; and,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the invention per se.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a book marker which is designated generally by the reference character 10 and embodies in its construction an elongated back member 12 consisting of two slidably telescoped sections 14, 16 whereby the length of the back member may be varied to suit the "height" of different books, the section 14 being provided with a pair of inturned, opposing flanges to slidably and telescopically accommodate the section 16, as will be clearly apparent.

The upper end of the back member 16 is formed integrally with a downturned hook 20, the bight portion of which is provided with a transverse slot 22, the purpose of the latter being hereinafter more fully disclosed.

On the other hand, the lower end of the section

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14 is formed integrally with a relatively wide extension which is angulated and doubled upon itself so as to afford a transversely extending rack 24 at the lower end of the section 14, while an integral extension of the rack 24 is angulated to extend upwardly to provide a tongue 26.

The lower portion of the tongue 26 is in contact with the flanges 18 of the sections 14, but the upper portion of the tongue 26 is arcuated outwardly as is best shown in Figure 2, so that it may be inserted into the lower end of the back of the hook 28, as shown. It is to be observed that since the lower portion of the tongue 26 is in contact with the flanges 18, it will effectively restrict the extent to which the tongue 26 may be inserted in the book, this arrangement being such that when the tongue 26 is inserted as far as possible into the book, the rack 24 is spaced downwardly from the bottom edge of the book, as shown. The upper end at the back of the book is engaged by the hook 20, and several book page separating cords 30 are extended at their upper ends through the aforementioned slot 22 and terminate in knots 32 which are conveniently arranged and seated in the space between the hook 20 and the back member section 16, while the cords 30 themselves may be interposed between the book pages to extend downwardly therefrom, their lower ends being provided with suitable finger pieces or handles 34.

The aforementioned rack 24 is provided with a row of open keeper notches 36 wherein the lower end portions of the cords 30 may be removably and selectively installed, the notches 36 preferably having serrated side edges 38 so as to frictionally sustain the cords in position therein.

When the invention is placed in use, it is applied to a book by engaging the hooks 20 and tongue 26 with the back of the book as has been already explained, after which the cords 30 are interposed between the book pages at predetermined passages or selections which are to be read or consulted in the predetermind fashion.

Then, with the lower end portions of the cord 30 projecting downwardly from the book, the lower end portions of the cords are inserted in the notches 36, one after another, preferably in the reverse order in which the book passages or selections are to be read. Moreover, the portions of the cords between the lower end or edge of the book and the rack 24 are preferably crossed one over another as shown in Figure 1, so that when the book is subsequently to be consulted, the uppermost cord must be removed first and the corresponding book passage read, before the

next uppermost cord is disengaged from the rack. In this manner, the several passages in the book may be consulted in a predetermined order, as will be readily understood.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly apparent from the foregoing disclosure and accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described our invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A book marker comprising an elongated back member having upper and lower ends, means for adjusting the length of the back member, a downturned book engaging hook provided at the upper end of said back member, a transversely extending rack provided at the lower end of the back member and formed with a row of keeper notches, a book engaging tongue extending upwardly from said rack, and a set of flexible book page separating cords connected at their upper ends to said hook and having their lower end portions selectively anchored in said notches, the lower end portions of said cords being crossed over one another in a region above said rack, whereby they may be removed from said notches in a predetermined succession.

2. A book marker comprising a vertically elongated and substantially flat back member including a channel-shaped lower section provided at side edges thereof with inturned flanges constituting guides and a strap-shaped upper section slidably telescoped in the guides of the lower section, a downturned book-engaging hook provided at the upper end of said upper section and formed in its bight portion with a transversely extending slot, a plurality of flexible book page separating cords provided at their upper ends with knots anchored in the bight portion of said hook, said cords projecting outwardly through said slot, pendants provided at the lower ends of said cords, a horizontal rack provided at the lower end of said lower section and extending laterally to both sides thereof, said rack having a front edge portion provided with a row of open notches having serrated side edges and adapted to receive and frictionally retain lower end portions of said cords, and an upwardly projecting tongue provided on said rack and conforming substantially to the width of the lower section of said back member, the lower portion of said tongue contacting said lower section but the upper portion of the tongue being spaced forwardly therefrom and adapted to be inserted in the binding of a book.

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