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Fig. 1.

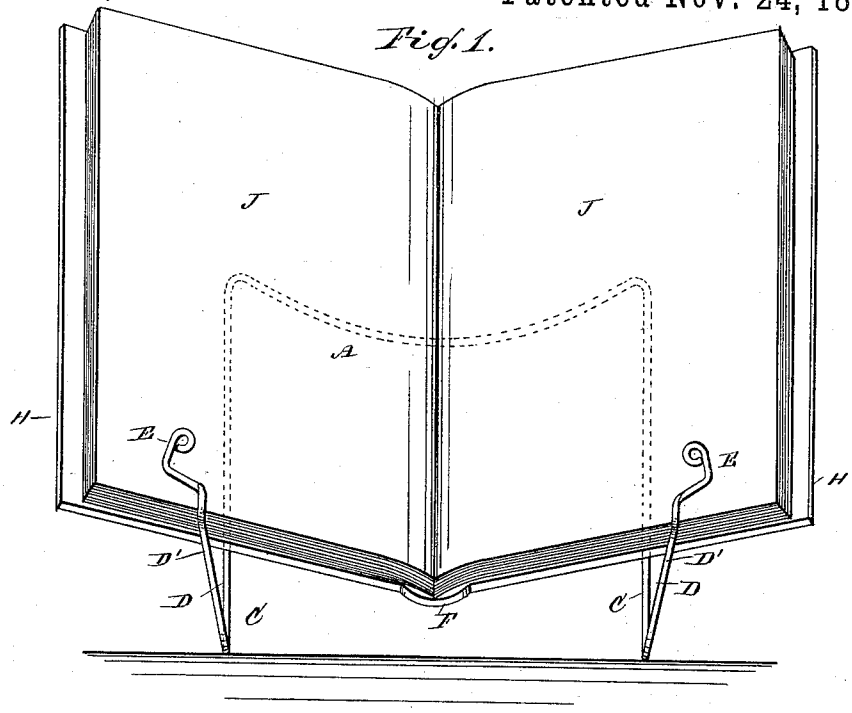
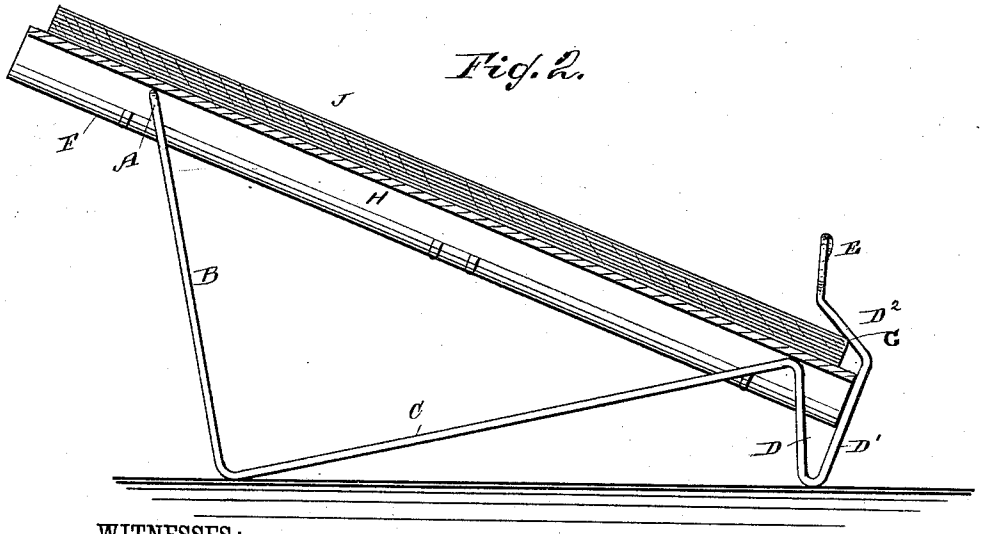


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. HENDRIX, of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Book Rest and Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved book rest and holder for opened books, which device is simple in construction, light, and handy.

The invention consists in a book rest and holder formed of a piece of wire bent to form a cross-piece and two legs at the rear and two legs at the front, the front parts of the front legs being shaped to hold the leaves of the book.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved book-holder holding an opened book. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, the book being in longitudinal section.

The book rest and holder is formed of a single piece of wire, the middle of which forms the slightly-curved cross-piece A, from the ends of which the parts B project downward, and from the lower ends of the parts B the parts C are inclined slightly upward and toward the front, and have V-shaped legs D formed on their front ends. The front prongs, D′, of the legs D have their upper ends, D^2, bent and inclined upward toward the rear, and then upward to form loops or buttons E.

The back F of the book rests upon the cross-piece A, and the sides or covers on the upper ends of the parts B and on the upper ends of the rear or inner shanks of the legs D, where the same are connected with the inclined parts C, the bottom edges of the covers resting against the front shanks or prongs, D′, of the V-shaped legs, and the upwardly-inclined parts D^2 of the legs D rest against the bottom edges of the leaves G, thus holding them down. The book is held at the desired inclination, and leaves are prevented from turning by the parts D^2.

The holder is very light, can be shifted and moved about easily, and is not expensive, and the leaves can be turned very easily while the book is on the holder.

I am aware that a book-holder has been formed from a single piece of wire bent to form feet, an inclined support, and clamping-fingers, and I am also aware that two bails have been secured together, one forming the holder proper and the other a brace for the holder, and I therefore do not claim such inventions.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A book rest and holder made from a piece of wire bent to form a cross-piece, A, the parts B on the ends of the same, the parts C on the ends of the parts B, and the V-shaped legs D on the front ends of the parts C, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. A book rest and holder made from a piece of wire bent to form a cross-piece, A, the parts B on the ends of the same, the parts C on the ends of the parts B, and the V-shaped legs D, having the upper ends of its front shanks bent to form parts D^2 and loops E, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. A book-holder made of a single piece of wire bent to form a cross-piece having two legs for supporting the upper part of the book, and two legs at the front, the free ends of the front parts of the legs being bent upward to form holders for the bottom edges of the leaves, substantially as herein shown and described.

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