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Fig. 1

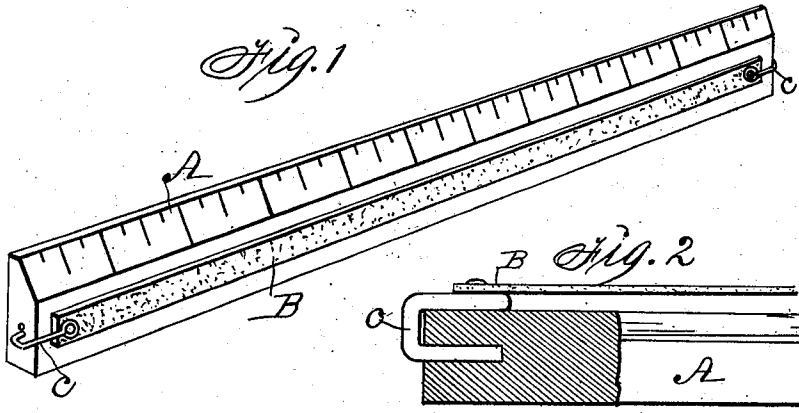
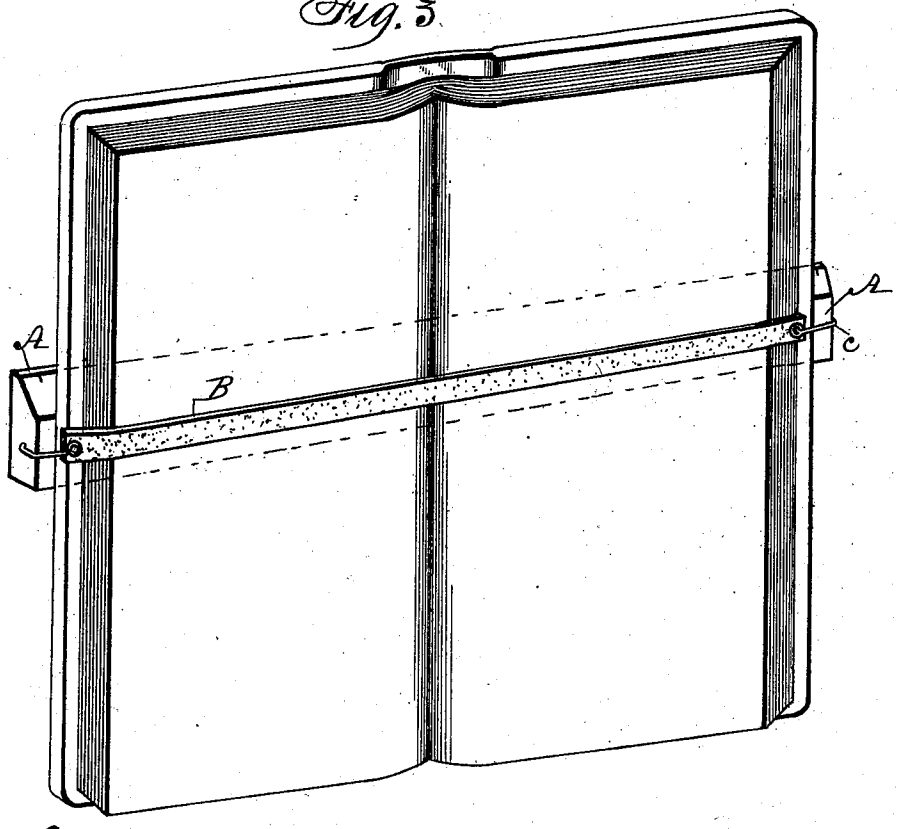


Fig. 2

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS D. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Redoak, in the county of Montgomery and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Ruler, Book-Holder, and Marker Combined, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a simple device specially adapted for holding a book open at any point desired to prevent the annoyances incident to books accidentally closing when open for use and also adapted for marking lines on the pages of a book and when not connected with a book adapted for all the common purposes of a ruler.

My invention consists in the device hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete device ready for practical use. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the end portion, partly in section, showing the manner of detachably connecting the two distinct parts of the device. Fig. 3 shows the device connected with a book as required for retaining the book open and marking lines on the pages.

The letter A designates a straight rigid bar, preferably in the shape of a ruler, provided with perforations in its ends adapted to admit hooks. An elastic cord, or preferably an elastic tape B, shorter in length than the bar A, has fastening devices *c* fixed to its ends, preferably hooks made of wire, in such a manner that by stretching the tape the hooks can be inserted in the perforations in the ends of the bar as required to detachably and securely connect the two separable parts A and B.

To apply the device to an open book, detach one end of the elastic tape from the rigid bar and then place the bar on the under side of the open book and stretch the tape across the open pages of the book and fasten its free end again to the bar by inserting the hook *c* in the perforation in the end of the bar. To mark lines on the pages, move the device up or down relative to any lines that are to be designated by placing the elastic tape immediately above or below such line to extend parallel therewith.

Having thus described the purpose, construction, and operation of my invention, its practical utility will be readily understood by readers of books, and

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A book-holder comprising a straight rigid bar having perforations in its ends and an elastic cord or tape having hooks at its ends as shown and described for the purposes stated.

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