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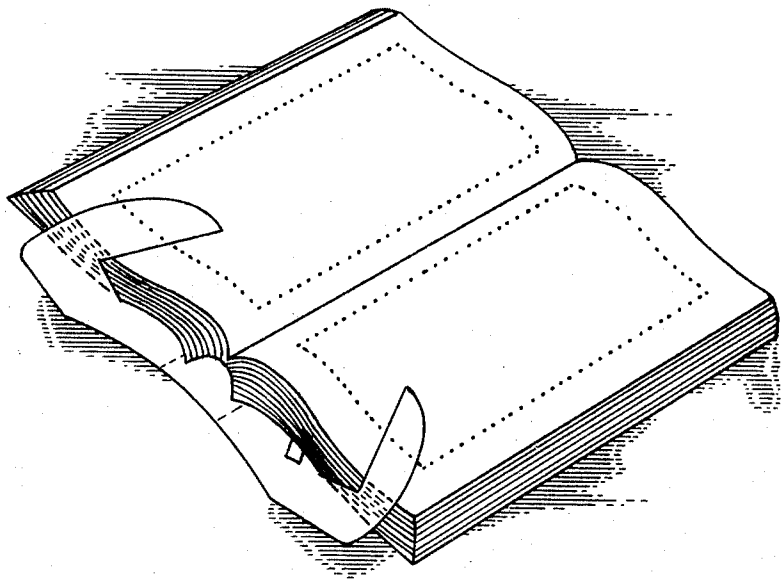
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A page holder made from a flat piece of fairly rigid material into the form substantially in the shape of an "E." The center portion can be shaped in the form of a tapered section which is wider at the bottom where it is joined to two arms extending therefrom. Each of the arms has a piece extending therefrom which is substantially parallel th the sides of the center portion. The arms and the center portion form two slots of different spacing for holding different numbers of pages. The center portion can also be covered with a rubber material to assist in keeping the book page holder positioned.

3 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



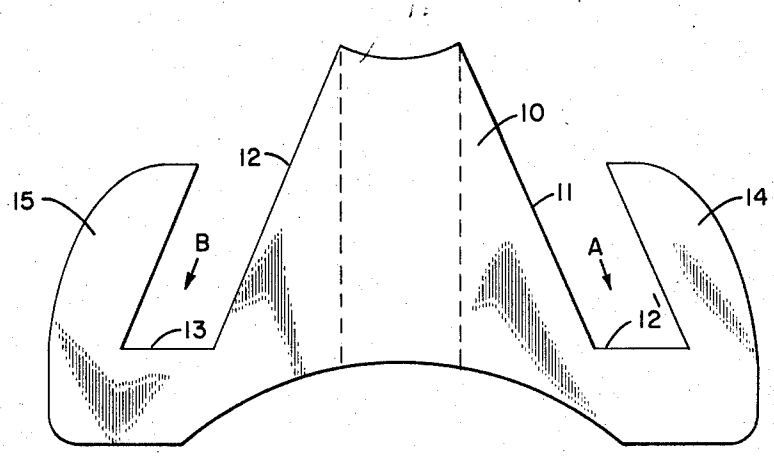


FIG. 1

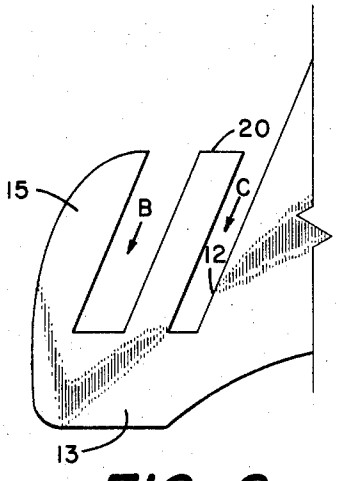


FIG. 2

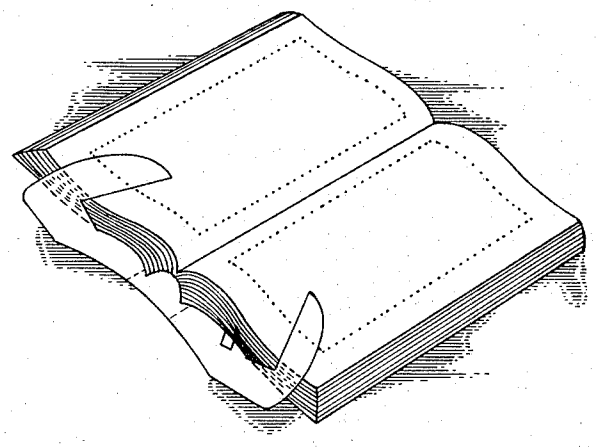


FIG. 3

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BOOK MARK AND PAGE HOLDING DEVICE

DISCUSSION OF THE PRIOR ART

All of the prior art devices essentially comprise pieces of metal which assist in keeping the pages of a book open by having springs of one type or another connected to bias the pages into the open position. No prior art device comprised a unitary piece of material having slots cut therein to secure the pages in a fixed position during the reading of the book. Further, none of the prior art devices are useable as a bookmark.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This invention comprised a book page holder made out of transparent plastic and is slightly flexible so that the pages can be inserted into a pair of slots and secured with relitive ease. The bookmark has a center portion shaped substantially in the form of a triangle, with the base haveing attached thereto a pair of "L" shaped arms extending in opposite directions to form a slot on each side of the center portion. It is preferable that the slots be of different widths so that a different number of pages can be held in each slot. The center portion is also preferred to be coated with gripping material to assist in holding the book in place.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. **1** is a top view of the preferred page holder,

FIG. **2** is a view similar to FIG. **1** showing *a* has been inserted after "a" variation of the number of slots shown on FIG. **1**.

FIG. **3** is a perspective view illustrating the use of the device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

Referring to all of the figures but in particular to FIG. **1**, a page holder of this invention is shown where a central portion **10** has a substainially triangular shape with sides **11** and **12**. A pair of arms **13** and **12** are attached to sides **12** and **11** respectively. Each of the arms **12'** and **13** has a projection extending substantially parallel to side **11** and **12**, said projections being **14** and **15** respectively. Projections **14** and **15** make with sides **11** and **12** respectively a pair of slots A and B. In the preferred embodiment, the slots A and B are of different widths, the largest slot holding the largest number of pages.

The center portion **10** is preferably coated with a gripping material **25** so that it will cling to the back of the book and better hold the bookmark in place while it is being used. On the preferred holder, both sides of the holder are coated with the tacky material. The tacky material can be a solt rubber, plastic or any suitable material that has a gripping tendency.

In use, the book is opened to a desired page and the section of the book which has the fewest number of pages is inserted in the smallest slot. The center portion of the holder,containing the gripping material is positioned against the back of the book, the remaining pages are then slipped through the other slot and the holder is in place ready to use. As the pages are read, they are mearly slipped out of the slot on the right and slipped into the slot on the left. Nearing the center of the book, the bookholder is reversed so that the large slot holds the left-hand pages and the inner finger or smaller slot holds the right-hand pages.

FIG. **2** illustrates a second form of the invention. A third projection **20** is attached or formed at one end to arm **13** and forms an additional slot C. This slot would be used when just a few pages are to be held, either at the first of the book or at the end, see FIG. **3**.

As previously stated, the device can be made of flexible plastic such as lucite or plexiglass. If the plastic is transparent, the words on the pages can be seen through the projections **15**, **14**, or **20**. Thus the holder does not have to be moved when the words are covered by the projections. It is further obvious, of course, that the holder can be used either at the bottom or the top of the book. When the reader must stop reading, the holder need only be released from the book and inserted between the leaves as a bookmark.

What I claim is:

1. A book page holder and book mark comprising;

a. a center portion having first and second sides, a top and a bottom,

b. a plurality of spaced arms extending substantially parallel to said first side of said center portion and attached at the top of said center portion,

c. an arm spaced from the second side of said center portion and attached at the top of said center portion, and

d. said center portion, said plurality of arms and said arm falling in substantially the same plane and made of flexable material,

whereby said book holder can be bent to place the center portion under the back of a book, the arm placed on one side of the book on top of the pages, and wherein the plurality of arms interlock the remainder of the pages, holding said book in an open position.

2. A holder as described in claim **1** wherein said center portion and said plurality of arms and said arm are all made of transparent plastic.

3. A device as described in claim **1**, wherein said central portion of said holder has a coating of gripping material on at least one side.

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