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Sheet-Music Holder.

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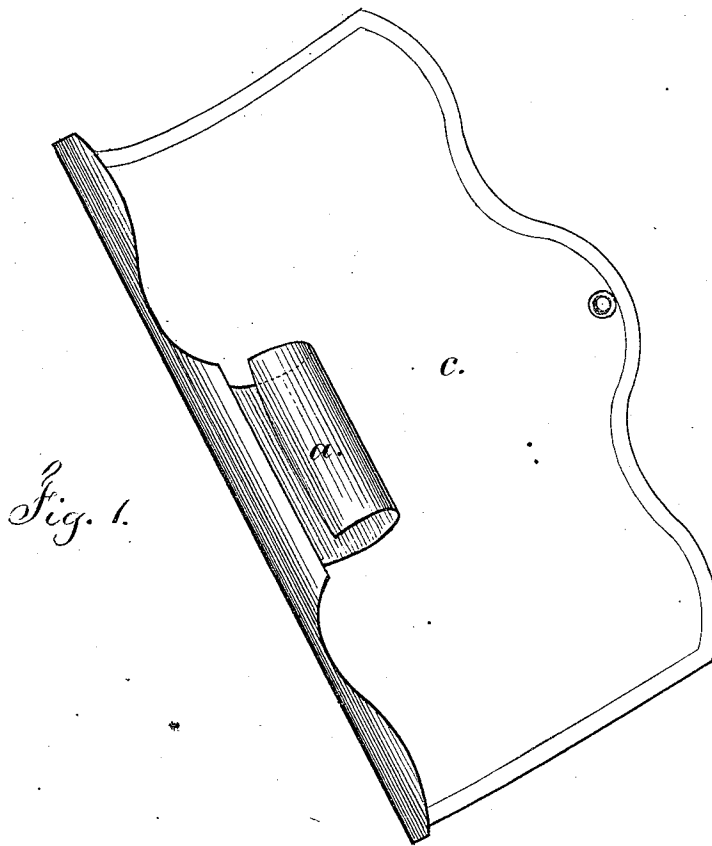
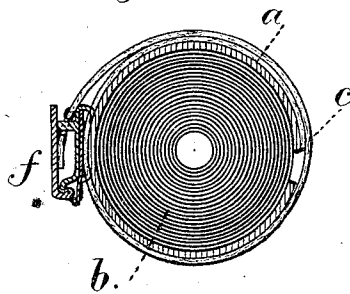


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHEET-MUSIC HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD J. BECK, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Sheet-Music Holders, of which the following is a specification:

Heretofore it has been usual to make a music-roll of leather of a size that is larger than the page of music; and the music is laid upon the wrapper, and the two rolled up together. This wrapper is expensive on account of its size, especially with the better qualities of leather.

My improvement is made for lessening the cost of the music roll or wrapper, and for rendering the same more convenient and available than heretofore.

I employ a spring-clasp for holding the roll of music; and the same is combined with the flexible wrapper of leather, or other suitable material, that is rolled around the spring-clasp and the music, and said wrapper is secured by a spring-catch or other fastening.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the wrapper as opened out, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the roll.

The spring-clasp *a* is adapted to receiving

and grasping the roll of music *b*, so that it will not slip out endwise; and I prefer to make the same of thin sheet-steel, bent up into the form of an open cylinder, and covered with leather, and this is sufficiently flexible to allow of the cylinder being opened for laying in the roll of music or other sheets of paper. This spring-clasp is connected to the flexible wrapper or roll *c*, preferably at or near one of the edges, so that the wrapper can be rolled up around the clasp *a*, after said roll of music has been placed in the clasp *a*, and the spring-catch *f* serves to hold the outer edge of the wrapper to prevent the roll becoming loose. This catch or fastening may be of any desired character.

I claim as my invention—

The music-holding roll, made of the spring-clasp *a* and flexible wrapper *c*, united together, as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 16th day of January, A. D. 1875.

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