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PRINTER'S COPY HOLDER.

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Fig. 1

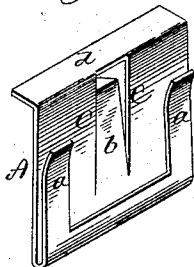


Fig. 2

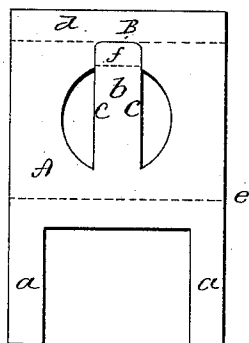
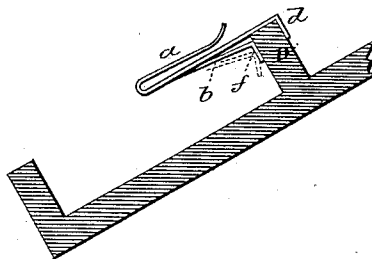


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BANTA, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Printers' Copy-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; Fig. 2, the blank as cut preparatory to bending; Fig. 3, an end view complete, showing the holder as applied to one of the partitions of the case.

This invention relates to an improvement in copy-holders for printers, the object being a simple device which may be readily attached to or removed from the case before the compositor.

The holder is formed from a rectangular piece of sheet metal having a considerable degree of elasticity and of the desired size. At one end of the body A a portion of the metal is removed, leaving two fingers, *a a*. Near the other end a transverse slit, B, is made, and from the ends of this slit longitudinal cuts C C are made, leaving a tongue, *b*, free at its extreme outer end, but connected to the body at its inner end. The fingers *a a* are turned over onto the body, the bend preferably being made on a line, *e*, through the body. These tongues *a* are curved down substantially onto the surface of the body, their extreme ends turned from the body, and so as to form grasping-springs to hold the copy, which may be introduced between the springs and the body. At the opposite end the blank is turned at right angles to form a flange, *d*, on that edge of the body. The end of the spring tongue *b* is also turned down to form a flange, *f*, substantially

parallel with the flange *d* of the body, and so that the two flanges *d* and *f* may be adapted to grasp the periphery of the case. This completes the article. It is applied by depressing the spring-tongue *b*, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 3, so as to turn the flange *f* away from the flange *d* to such an extent as to permit the holder to be set over one of the partitions, D, on the case. Then the spring-tongue *b* is left free to return, and in so doing it comes to a bearing against the partition, and so that the partition is grasped between the two flanges *d* and *f*, as seen in Fig. 3, and is there firmly held.

The spring-fingers *a* permit the introduction of the copy between them and the body, and serve to grasp the copy and hold it convenient for the compositor, and the holder may be changed from one partition to another.

Preferably I cut away the body at each side of the spring-tongue *b*, so as to enlarge the opening, as seen in Fig. 2, in order that the thumb or finger may more conveniently be applied to the spring-tongue to depress it in applying to the case.

I claim—

The herein-described copy-holder, consisting of the body A, constructed with the spring-fingers *a a* at one end, said fingers turned over onto the body to form grasping-fingers against the body, the other end constructed with a flange, *d*, turned at substantially right angles to the body, and the body having a spring-tongue, *b*, cut therefrom, its free end toward said flange *d*, substantially as described, and so that said spring-tongue *b*, with the flange *d*, forms a grasping device by which the holder is secured.

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