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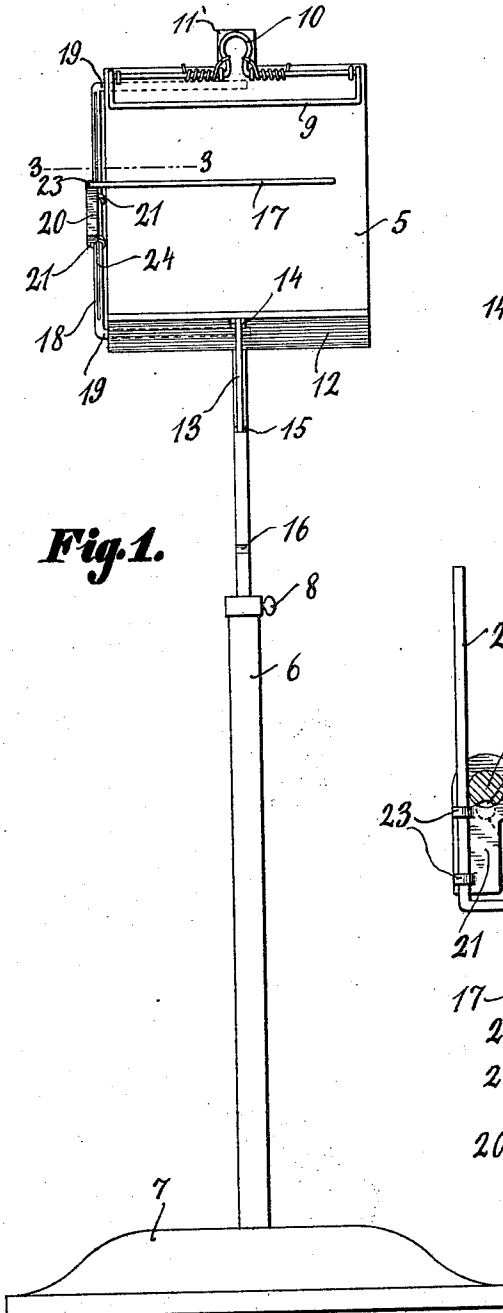


Fig. 1.

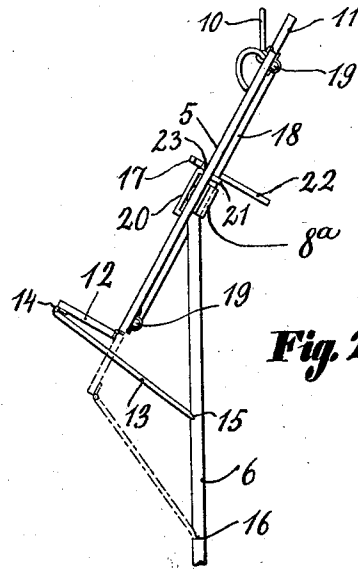


Fig. 2.

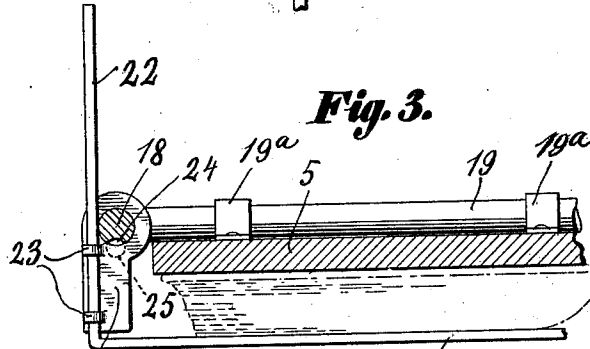


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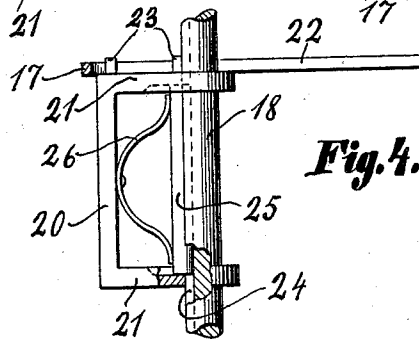


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. LEIGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Reynolds, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Copy-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for holding written or other inscribed sheets in such a position that they may be conveniently copied, and it has for its object to provide a device of this kind which is extremely simple in construction and therefore capable of being cheaply manufactured, and, furthermore, to provide a device which is also adapted for holding books.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in a novel construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the upper portion thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an elevation, partly in section, of the slide which carries the marker.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the body of the holder is a flat plate 5 of suitable size and material, said plate being secured to a standard 6 rising from a suitable base 7. The standard may be made adjustable as to height by any suitable means. The drawing shows a sectional telescoping standard held in adjusted position by a set screw 8. The plate 5 is detachably connected to the standard at the top thereof by means of a clip 8^a into which is inserted the angular upper extremity of the standard 6. This places the plate at such an angle as will locate the sheets or the book in a comfortable position to be read. The angle may be permanent, or it may be made adjustable by any suitable means.

At the top of the plate 5 is mounted a spring-actuated clamp for holding the sheets or the book. This clamp may be of any preferred construction and it has a jaw in the form of a rod 9 extending substantially throughout the entire width of the plate. The clamp has an operating handle or finger 10 which is located above a finger 11 extending from the top edge of the plate. The finger 11 is provided to facilitate the opening of the clamp which is done by

placing the index finger behind the part 11 and the thumb against the finger 10, and then pressing the same together.

To the bottom edge of the plate 5 is hinged, by any suitable hinge joint, a shelf or ledge 12 for supporting the bottom of the book when the device is used as a book holder. When the device is used as a copy holder, the shelf may be swung downwardly out of the way. If very long sheets are used the shelf may be made to serve as a continuation of the plate 5 by swinging it downwardly so that it comes in alinement therewith, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2. In order to hold the shelf in upright position, a prop 13 is provided, the same being pivoted at one of its ends, as indicated at 14, to the free end of the shelf. The other end of the prop engages a notch 15 in the standard 6. A second notch 16 is provided in which the end of the prop is placed to hold the shelf in alinement with the plate.

A movable marker for indicating the lines is also provided. This marker comprises an arm 17 carried by a slide which is mounted on a rod 18 extending along one of the vertical edges of the plate 5 in close proximity thereto. The rod has right angle bends 19 at its ends, which latter extend behind the plate 5 under clips 19^a, said bends being adjustable in the direction of their length so that the marker arm 17 may be adjusted transversely of the plate 5 according to the width of the page. The slide comprises a strip 20 having outstanding parallel arms 21 at its upper and lower ends, the extremities of said arms having eyes through which the rod 18 loosely passes, so that the slide is free to be moved up and down thereon. The inner end of the marker arm 17 has a right angle bend 22 which extends across the top arm 21 through loops 23 thereon in which it is slidable so that the marker arm may be adjusted toward and from the plate 5 to vary the distance therebetween according to the thickness of the book. The part 22 is angular in cross section to prevent its rotation, and it may be moved readily back and forth in the loops 23 in making adjustments to the thickness of the book, the angular cross section keeping the marker in proper position across the page. In the rod 18 is a longitudinal groove 24 which is adapted to receive a roller 25 carried by the arms 21, and urged forwardly

by a bowed spring 26 interposed between said roller and the part 20, the ends of the spring being in contact with the roller. The slide is rotatable on the rod 18 so that the marker arm may be swung away from the book or the sheets. The roller 25 serves as a latch to lock the arm in a position parallel to the face of the plate 5. As soon as the arm reaches this position the roller comes opposite the groove 24 and is forced thereinto by the spring 26. The roller works in slots made in the arms 21.

The construction of the marker herein described enables the same to be readily adjusted up and down the sheets or the pages of the book, and it can also be readily swung out of the way to permit removal of the same, the roller slipping out of the groove when the slide is turned to swing the marker arm away from the plate 5.

A copy and book holder constructed as herein described is without complicated parts and it can therefore be cheaply manufactured, and by the herein-described arrangement of parts the device is made to effectually serve the purpose for which it is designed.

The preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown, but it will be understood that various minor changes may be made in the structural details without a departure from the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. The combination with a copy holder; of a rod extending along one of the edges thereof, said rod having a longitudinal groove, a slide mounted on the rod and rotatable thereon, said slide comprising spaced top and bottom arms having eyes at one of their ends to receive the rod and connected

at their other ends, a roller carried by the arms and extending lengthwise therebetween, said roller being adapted to enter the groove, a spring engageable with the roller for forcing the same into the groove, and a marker arm carried by the slide.

2. The combination with a copy holder; of a rod extending along one of the edges thereof, said rod having a longitudinal groove, a slide mounted on the rod and rotatable thereon, a marker arm carried by the slide, and a latch carried by the slide and engageable with the groove when said marker arm is in parallel position with respect to the face of the copy holder.

3. The combination with a copy holder; of a rod extending along one of the edges thereof, said rod having a longitudinal groove, a slide mounted on the rod and rotatable thereon, said slide comprising spaced top and bottom arms having eyes at one of their ends to receive the rod and connected at their other ends, a roller carried by the arms and extending lengthwise therebetween, said roller being adapted to enter the groove, a spring engageable with the roller for forcing the same into the groove, and a marker arm carried by the slide, said marker arm having a bend at one of its ends, and one of the arms of the slide having loops in which said bend is adjustable transversely of the copy holder to adjust the marker arm toward and from the latter.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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