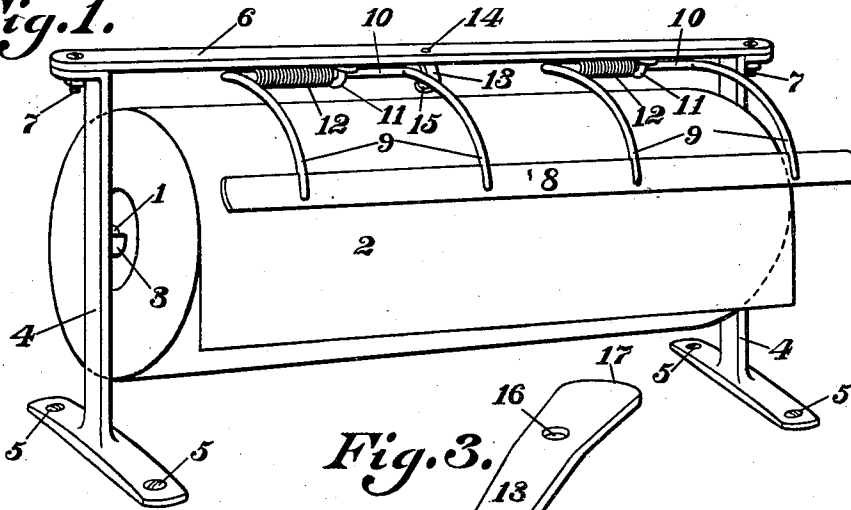


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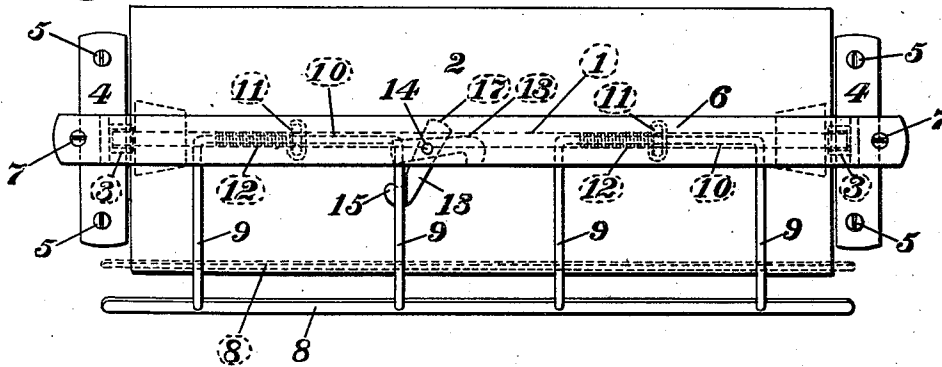
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*

*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY B. WALLACE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Roll-Paper Holders and Cutters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in roll-paper holders and cutters, and resides  
10 in the provision of a knife-support therefor.

Ordinarily, when a roll of paper has been completely used from a roll-paper holder and cutter, same is replaced by a fresh roll of paper that is inserted in place from the rear, *i. e.*, from the side opposite the cutter  
15 provided there is ample space to permit of such replacement, but it often happens that the person inserts the fresh roll of paper wrongly as a result of the adverse relation of parts. When, however, the roll-paper  
20 holder and cutter is located so near a wall, show-case, or other obstacle, that there is not sufficient space left to permit a fresh roll of paper to be inserted from the rear,  
25 it is necessary to hold the cutting-knife in a raised position with one hand and with the other hand to insert the fresh roll of paper in place from the front, but this is very awkward and inconvenient. A roll-paper  
30 holder and cutter having the knife-support attached thereto that constitutes this invention obviates these objectionable features for the reason that, by means of the knife-support, the cutting-knife can be held in a  
35 raised position, whereby the person has the use of both hands for inserting the fresh roll of paper, and, as the roll of paper can be readily inserted from the front, the roll-paper holder and cutter can be located with  
40 the rear side thereof very close to a wall, show-case, etc., so as to leave all the available space upon the counter, table, etc., to which the roll-paper holder and cutter may be fastened.

45 In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

50 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a roll-paper holder having my knife-support attached thereto, same holding the knife out of engagement with the roll of paper; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of same; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the knife-support.

55 The shaft 1, on which the roll of paper 2

is mounted, is revolubly and removably supported in open-topped U-shaped bearings 3 fixed to standards 4 by any ordinary means. The bases of the standards 4 contain openings to allow screws 5 or the like  
60 to pass therethrough for the purpose of securing said standards to a counter, table, or other support (not shown), and the tops of said standards are connected by a bar or cross-piece 6 which is fastened to said stand-  
65 ards by bolts 7 or other suitable means. The knife 8 is secured to the arm or arms 9 of a member 10 or a plurality of such members, and each member 10 is hinged to the bar 6  
70 by a staple 11 or other suitable means. Said knife is held in engagement with the roll of paper 2 by means of a spring or springs 12, and each arm 9 is preferably arcuated, so  
75 as to hold said knife tangent to said roll of paper or nearly so. While the drawings show springs 12 for the purpose of holding the knife 8 in engagement with the roll of  
80 paper 2, yet it should be understood that the springs 12 can be omitted entirely, and the knife can be held in engagement with the roll of paper by gravity.

A latch 13, by means of which the knife 8 can be supported in a raised position, as hereinafter described, so that a fresh roll of  
85 paper can be inserted in place between the standards 4, is pivotally attached at 14 to the bar 6 and is located near an arm 9 of a member 10. The latch 13 is preferably attached to the lower side of bar 6 and is bent  
90 so that part of same preferably slopes downwardly from the pivot 14, and the rest of said latch fits closely to said bar, the extreme end of the sloping part being offset  
95 and arranged to project from one side thereof, in order to form a ledge 15 on which the arm 9 rests, when the knife is raised out of engagement with the roll of paper and the  
100 latch is turned to the position to support same. The pivot 14 is preferably located nearer the front side of bar 6 than the rear side thereof, so that, when the latch 13 is turned to the position to hold the knife 8 out  
105 of engagement with the roll of paper 2, the ledge 15 and the sloping part of the latch 13 project beyond the front side of the bar as depicted in full lines, Fig. 2, in order to support the knife 8, as hereinabove described, and the rest of the latch underlies  
110 said bar, but, when the latch 13 is turned to extend longitudinally of the bar 6, in order

to release the arm 9 so that the knife 8 can engage the roll of paper 2, the entire latch underlies the bar 6, as depicted in dotted lines, Fig. 2. The opening 16, which\* is formed in the latch 13 to allow the pivot 14 to pass therethrough, is preferably located a short distance from the end 17 that fits closely to the lower side of bar 6, and, by this arrangement, when the latch 13 supports the knife 8 in the raised position, as hereinabove described, the downward pressure of the arm 9 on the ledge 15 results in causing the end 17 of said latch to press upwardly against the bar 6, so that the pivot 14 is prevented from being bent.

I claim:

A hook for holding the hinged knife to the cross bar of a roll paper holder, consisting of a strip of metal having an opening

located to the rear of the center thereof, a pivot pin for the latch extending through said opening thereof and into the cross bar, said latch being located on the under face of the cross bar and having its front end sloping downwardly from said pivot, the extreme end of the sloping part being offset and projecting from one side of the strip to form a shouldered ledge to engage said knife arm to hold the knife in raised position, said latch being adapted to normally occupy a position beneath said cross bar.

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

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