

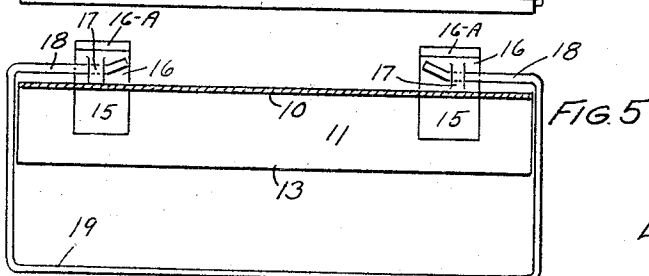
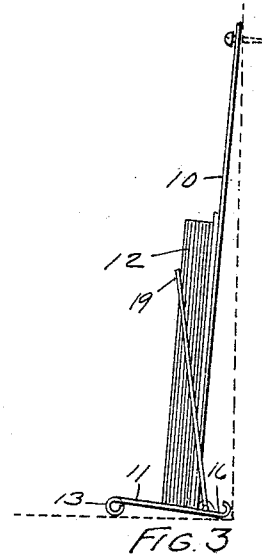
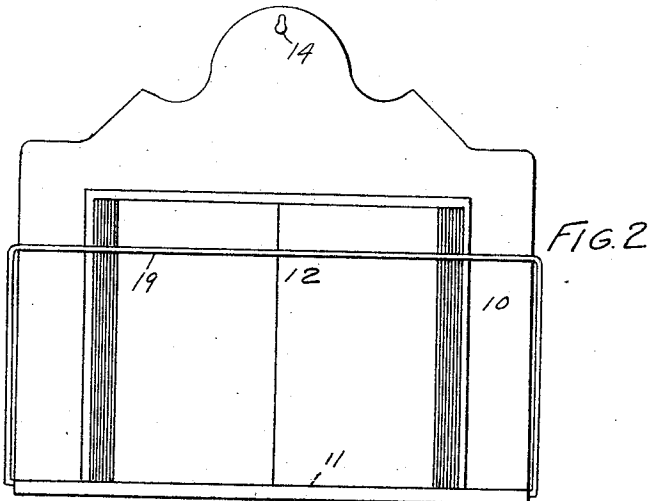
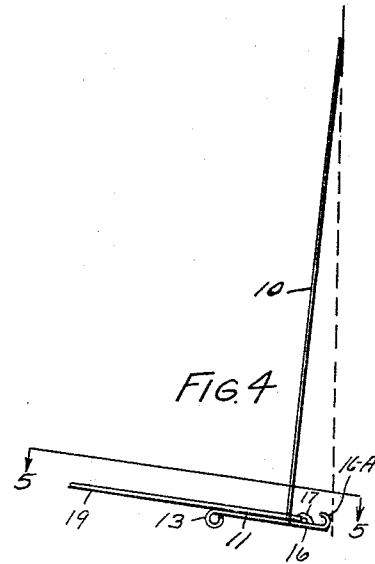
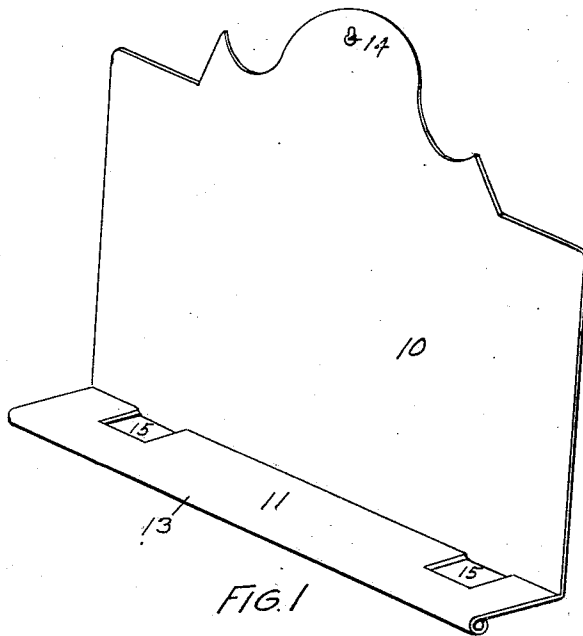
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## COOKBOOK HOLDER

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This invention relates generally to book holders and particularly to devices for holding cook books in a readable position on the wall or on a table.

5 The main object of this invention is to provide a book holder for cook books which will firmly hold the book open at the desired page and in a convenient reading position without having the book in danger of becoming soiled and without requiring table space  
10 otherwise needed by the user.

The second object is to encourage the use of cook books by overcoming the inconvenience of using same in the ordinary manner in  
15 which it is often difficult to hold the place and to read the recipe when found and to keep the pages and cover of the book from being soiled by contact with the materials employed in cooking.

20 The third object is to so construct the holder as to facilitate its manufacture and to permit the use of inexpensive materials capable of being inexpensively decorated to harmonize with its surroundings.

25 The fourth object is to so construct the holder that the page-holding portion thereof may easily be rendered inoperative for the purpose of inserting or removing the book or for turning the pages thereof.

30 These, and other objects, will become more apparent from the specification following as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device  
35 without the page holder. Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the cook book in position for use. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the page holder in an inoperative position.  
40 Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken along the line 5—5 in Fig. 4.

Similar numbers of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the  
45 device in its preferred form consists of an

inclined back 10 whose lower edge is turned at a right angle to form a rest 11 for the cook book 12. The front edge of the rest 11 is downturned to form a ledge 13 which not only stiffens the edge of the rest 11 but protects the book from becoming soiled when  
50 the device is resting on a table. When it is not desired to rest the device on a table it may be hung from a convenient hook on the wall by means of the opening 14.

55 Since the device as thus far described would be unstable, it is desirable to form openings 15 in the rest 11 and turn down the metal therein to form feet 16 on the rear side of the back 10 in the plane of the rest  
60 11. The ends 16—A of the feet 16 are curled. From the feet 16 are punched the two ears 17 which form bearings for the inturned ends 18 of the U-shaped page-holder 19. The tips  
65 20 of the ends 18 are bent as illustrated for the purpose of urging the page-holder 19 toward the book, as shown in Fig. 3, or away from the book, as shown in Fig. 4, for reasons previously mentioned.

While this device has been illustrated and  
70 described as made of metal, it is clear that other suitable materials could be employed without departing from the spirit of this invention.

The upper portion of the back 10 is preferably shaped and decorated as desired.

While the operation of this device is so simple as to require little or no explanation, it must be understood that to insert or remove the book 12 or turn the pages thereof it  
80 will be necessary to move the page-holder 19 to the position shown in Fig. 4. The holder 19 is preferably made from a round spring wire.

I am, of course, aware that many forms of  
85 book-holders have been constructed in the past, I therefore do not intend to cover such devices broadly, but I do intend to cover all such forms and modifications thereof as fall fairly within the appended claim.

I claim:

A book-holder comprising an upright, slanting back having a base projecting in front of and behind its bottom edge, the forwardly projecting portion having a down-turned ledge, and a U-shaped page-holder having its ends hinged to the backwardly projecting portion of the base, said ends having eccentric portions which engage the top side of said rearwardly extending base portion for the purpose of urging the closed portion of said U-shaped member toward the front of said back.

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