

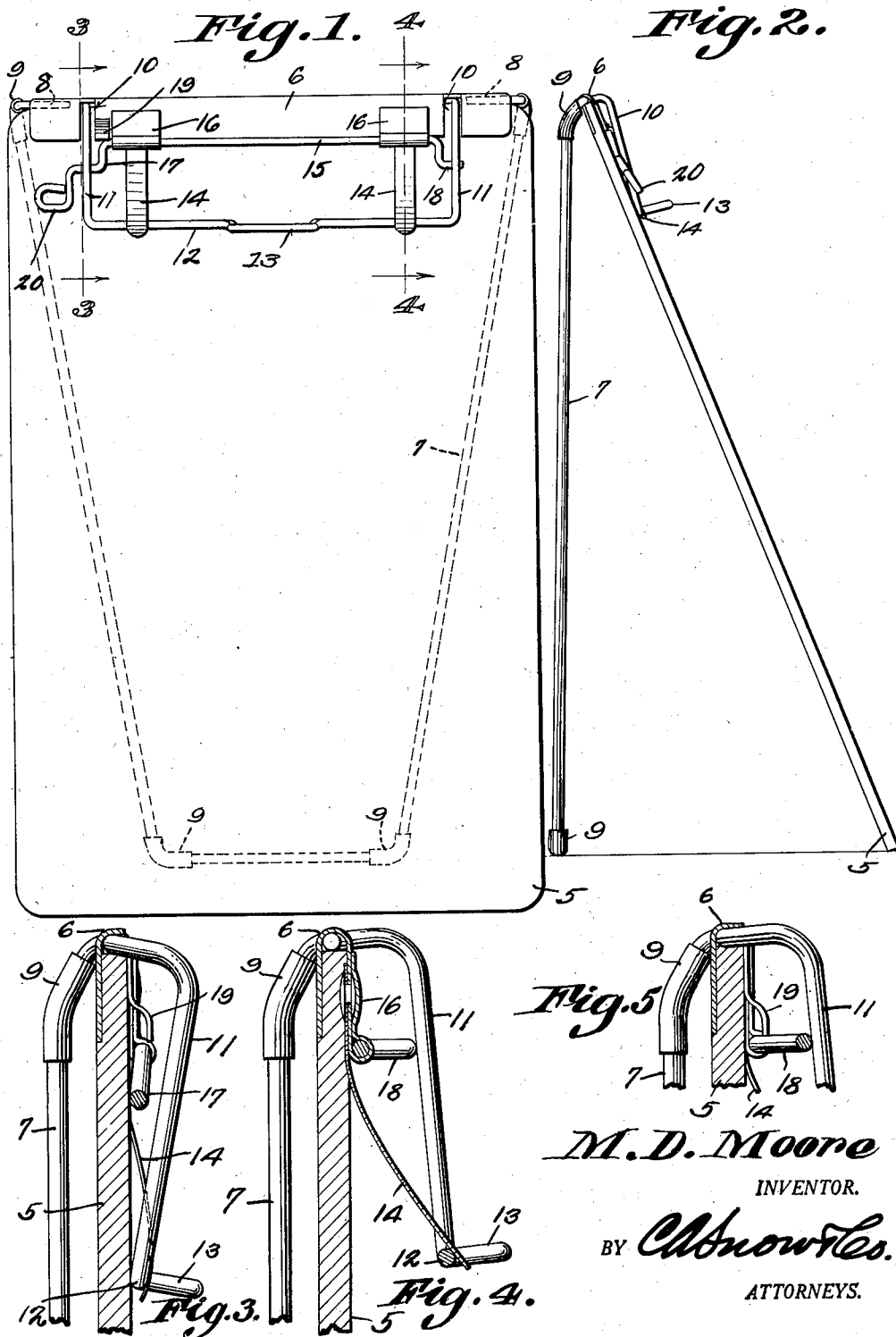
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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—66)

This invention relates to copyholders, the primary object of the invention being to provide a device of this character which may be readily positioned on a supporting surface, such as a desk or table, and in an upright position to the end that the copying may be accomplished with facility and without strain on the eyes of the person using the device.

An important object of the invention is to provide a copyholder of this character having means to securely clamp the sheet containing the printed matter being copied, to the end that the copy will be held at the proper angle for copying.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a clamp for clamping the work to the board, the clamp being so arranged that it may be held in its open position, permitting the sheets of paper or work containing the material to be copied, to be slid under the clamp with both hands.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein described, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a copyholder constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1, and illustrating the clamp as held in its open position.

Figure 5 is a sectional view similar to Figure 3, with the exception that the operating lever is shown as engaging the stop, restricting movement of the operating rod.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the copyholder comprises a support 5 which is in the form of a board, to the upper end of which is secured a metallic clamp 6 constructed of a length of sheet metal material, bent over the edge of the support, securing the clamp in position.

As shown, the curved portion of the clamp 6 is spaced from the edge of the support 5, providing a clearance for the easel member 7, which is in the form of a substantially U-shaped rod, the ends 8 thereof being fitted within the ends

of the clamp 6, as clearly shown by Figure 1 of the drawing, so that the easel member 7 may swing outwardly or inwardly, with respect to the support 5.

As shown, the ends 8 are slightly offset, so that a clearance is provided to allow the easel member 7 to move into close engagement with the support 5.

Cushioning members 9 are provided on the easel member, and are adapted to contact with the surface on which the copyholder is positioned, to insure against the copyholder marring or damaging the surface of the desk or table on which the device is positioned.

As clearly shown by Figure 1 of the drawing, the clamp 6 is formed with cut-away portions 10 for the reception of the right angled ends 11 of the clamp 12, which is in the form of a rod having its ends bent to fit within the clamp 6, for pivotal movement with respect to the clamp 6.

Intermediate the ends of the clamp 12, is an offset portion 13 providing a finger piece whereby the clamp 12 may be raised. Spring members indicated at 14 have their upper ends secured under the front edge of the clamp 6, the free ends of the spring members resting on the clamp 12, normally urging the clamp towards the support or board 5, to clamp an article between the member 12 and support or board 5.

An operating rod indicated at 15 is pivotally mounted in the bearings 16 secured to the clamp 6, the operating rod being formed with an offset end portion 17 providing a lever whereby the rod 15 may be rotated. The offset portion cooperates with the right angled end 18 of the operating rod 15 in raising the clamp 12, as it will be seen that the right angled end 18 engages one end of the clamp 12.

A stop indicated at 19 is formed on the clamp 6, and is disposed in the path of travel of the offset portion 17 of the rod 15, when the rod 15 is moved to its elevated position, elevating the clamp 12 so that sheets or pages may be positioned under the clamp 12.

A finger piece indicated at 20 is formed on one end of the offset portion 17, so that the person using the copyholder, may readily move the rod 15 to raise or release the clamp 12.

From the foregoing it will be seen that due to the construction shown and described, I have provided a copyholder which may be readily positioned on a desk or table for supporting material to be copied. The copyholder will support the pages or sheets at the desired angle

to permit copying of the material with facility.  
What is claimed is:

A copyholder comprising a support embodying a board, a substantially U-shaped clamp fitted over one end of the board and having cut-out portions, a clamping jaw embodying a length of heavy wire material of substantially U formation, the ends of the clamping jaw extending through the cut-out portions and disposed laterally, the laterally extended ends being pivotally held between said U-shaped clamp and end of the board, said clamping jaw overlying the support and adapted to clamp an article on the

support, ears formed integral with the clamp, said ears being bent rearwardly providing bearings, an operating rod mounted for rotary movement within the bearings, offset members on the operating rod engaging the underside of the clamping jaw and adapted to move the clamping jaw away from the support, flat spring members secured between the clamp and support, the opposite ends of the spring members resting on the jaw normally urging the jaw into clamping relation with the support whereby an article is clamped to the support.

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