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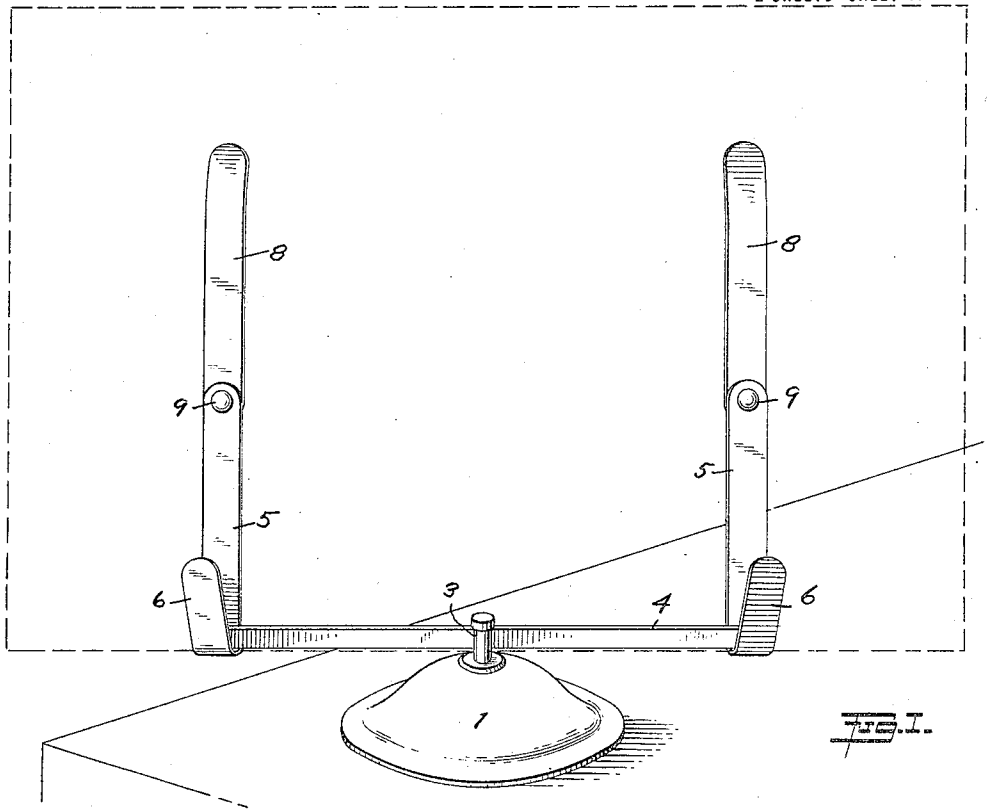


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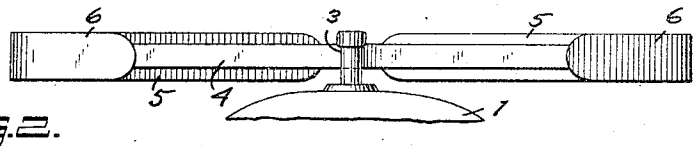


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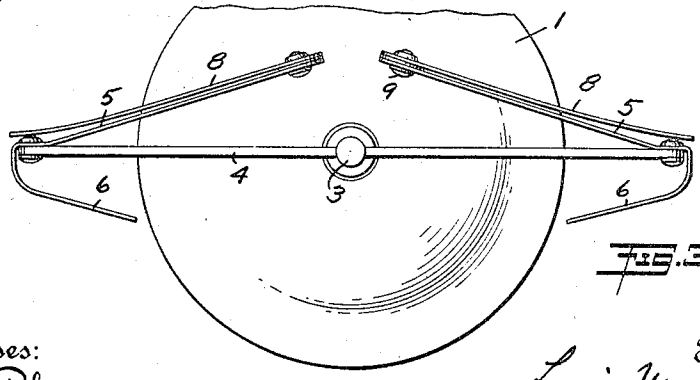


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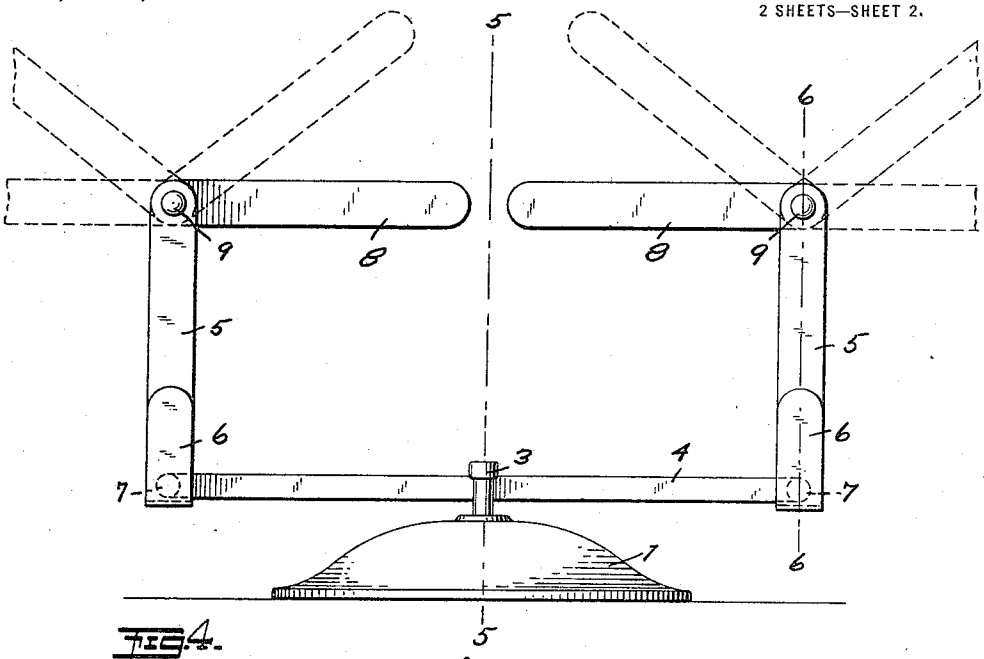


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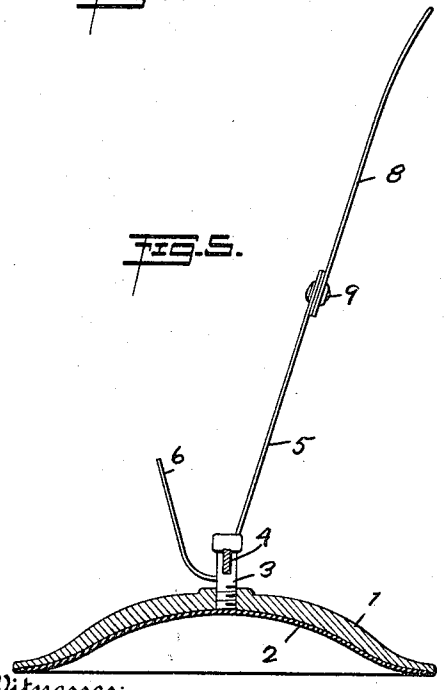


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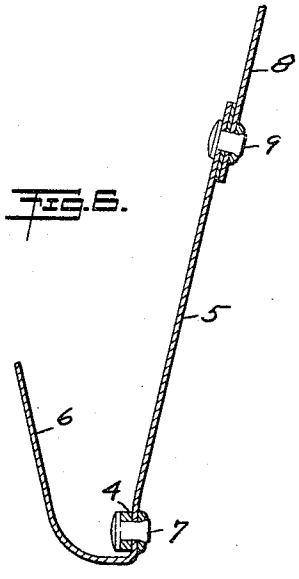


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS W. RICE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Newspapers, Magazines, &c., in Position, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a convenient, neat, and effective device for holding newspapers, magazines and the like, of varying sizes, in position to be read at the table, the device being capable of a variety of adjustments and being foldable into compact form when not in use.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in use; Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front elevation of the device folded; Fig. 3 is a plan view like Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a front elevation, showing various adjustments in full and broken lines; Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a vertical section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

The device embodies a supporting base 1 adapted to rest on the table and capable of supporting the holding arms and the weight of the paper or magazine without danger of overturning. As illustrated, this supporting base is in the form of a domed disk, which may have a felt facing 2 on the under side. Rising from the center of the support is a short post 3, through which passes a horizontal member or bar 4.

It is customary with devices of a nature akin to mine to support the newspaper-holding frame on a long or high pedestal, which is objectionable because it renders the device topheavy and easily overturned or upset when the newspaper-holder is placed on a table. Also, when the newspaper-holder embodying such high pedestal is placed on a table, the magazine or newspaper held by the holder is at such a high point that the eyes of the reader seated at the table have to be raised to read the newspaper, which is uncomfortable. My device aims to remedy these defects, and, with these ends in view, the post 3 is, as shown, very short or low, so that the bar 4 is supported at but a short distance above the dining-table on which the holder may be placed, and the eyes of the reader seated at the table do not have to be raised in reading the paper. In addition, the post 3 being very low, the device is not topheavy and easily overturned or upset. The post 3 is provided with a threaded lower end, as shown in Fig. 5, which is screwed into the base 1, so that the post may be removed, when desired, as for packing in a small compass for purpose of shipment or storage. Flat arms 5, carrying hooks 6, are pivoted to the remote ends of the bar, so as to be capable of being raised and lowered, and are preferably inclined rearward in order to support the reading matter at a comfortable angle for reading. In the preferred construction shown, the arms are placed behind the bar 4, and their lower extremities are bent to form the hooks 6, which are disposed in front of the bar, the bar and arms being united by rivet pivots 7. Flat extension pieces 8, similar to the arms, are disposed with their lower ends overlapping behind the upper ends of the arms and united thereto by pivots 9. The extension pieces are approximately the length of the arms, or not substantially longer, and the arms are about half the length of the bar, or somewhat less, so that the parts when folded are included within the length of the bar.

The folded condition of the device is represented in Figs. 2 and 3, where it will be seen that, owing to the manner of arranging and pivoting the parts, the arms and extension pieces fold down compactly and without interference into what may be generally termed the plane of the bar, the arms and extension pieces then extending in reverse directions, that is to say, the arms pointing toward each other and the extension pieces away from each other. In this folded condition the hooks 6 are turned inward toward each other.

When the device is opened the arms 5 are preferably disposed upright, and the extension pieces may be disposed in line therewith, as shown in Fig. 1. Or, as represented in Fig. 4, the extension pieces may be turned horizontally inward, so as to afford a line of support across the back of the article being held. This is desirable, for example, when ordinary magazines are to be supported. Certain other of the possible adjustments are shown. The one in which the extension pieces converge upwardly is especially useful in connection with magazines such as the "*Saturday Evening Post*," where the height of the magazine renders it desirable for the supports to extend well up on the

back, and at the same time the tendency of the magazine to close and slip rearwardly between the supports must be counteracted by causing the extension pieces to approach fairly close to each other. The merits of various other adjustments may be readily determined in practice.

What is claimed as new is:

A folding table rest for newspapers and the like, comprising a base adapted to rest on the table and provided with a short post, a cross-piece carried by the post close to the base, supporting arms pivotally secured at their lower ends to the back of the cross piece at the outer ends of the latter with their lower extremities fashioned into hooks and extending around in front of the cross-bar, and extension pieces pivotally connected at one end of each with the upper ends of said arms and their opposite ends being free, whereby the extension pieces may be disposed vertically or turned either inward or outward, the arms and extension pieces being adapted to fold alongside the cross-piece, the arms then extending inward from their supporting pivots toward the post, and the extension pieces extending outward from the inner ends of the arms, the arms and extensions inclining rearward from the cross-piece.

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