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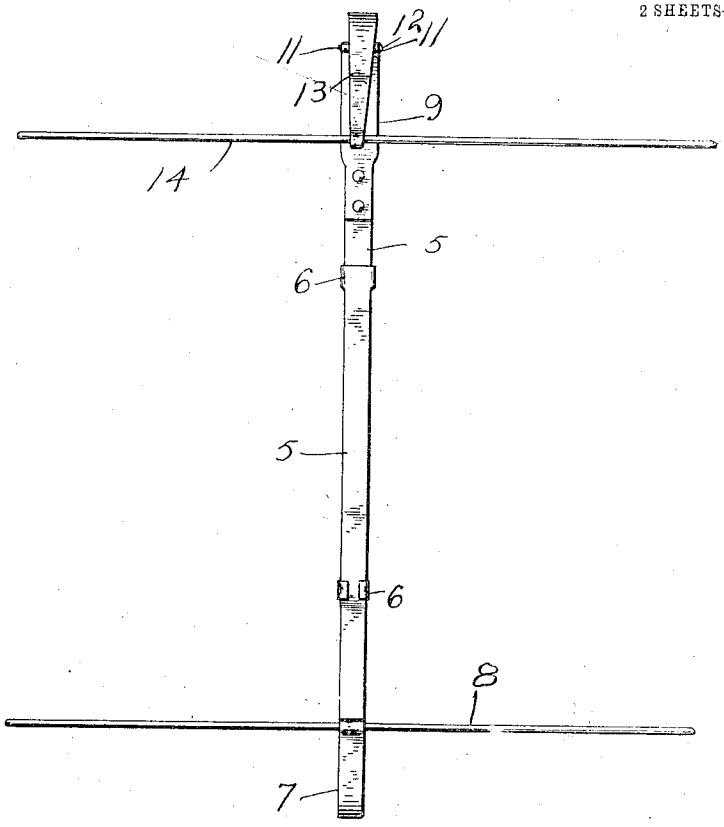


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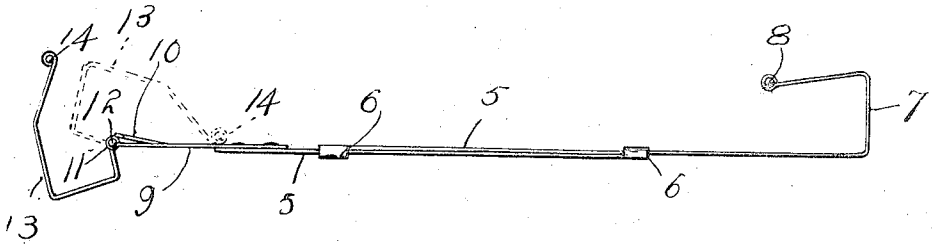


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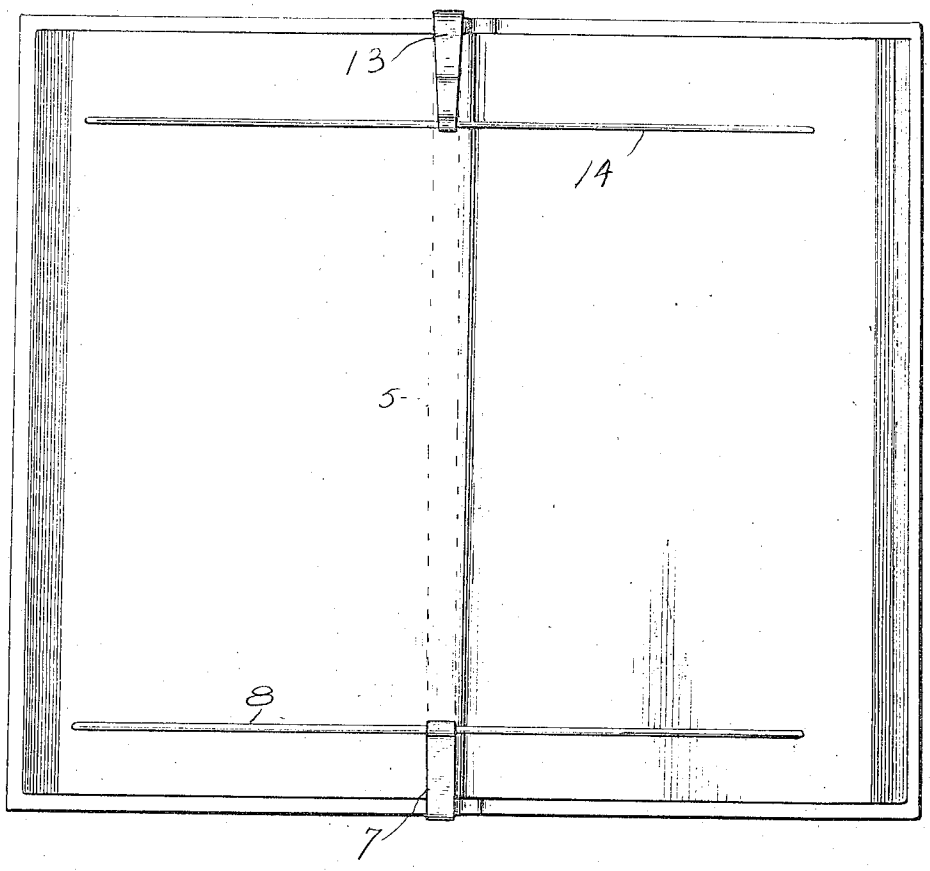


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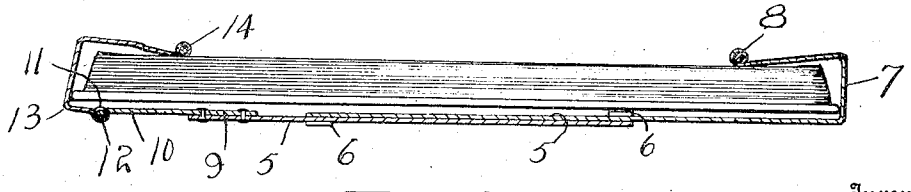


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAMIE TRIMBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Cherokee, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to a book holder and more particularly to that class of devices for holding books in an open position.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device for holding books open for convenience of reading.

The device is formed of a portable structure comprising an extension bar having at its lower end a hook terminal having fixed thereto a rod adapted to span a greater portion of an open book and to overlie the open pages thereof, the said extension bar being positioned across the back of the book at or adjacent the point where the covers are hinged together and on the opposite end of the bar is mounted a spring controlled pivotal clip or clamp which is adapted to be brought into engagement with the upper edge of the book and which clamp or clasp carries a rod adapted to span and overlie the open pages of the book at its upper edge.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a book holder which is readily attached to and removed from a book and is adapted to fit any size and thickness of books and which is conveniently manipulated to permit the quick turning of the leaves of the book without detaching the holder.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings which disclose the preferred form of embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a top plan view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof with the clip or clamp in an open position. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of a book in an open position with the invention applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawings.

In the drawings, the book holder comprises extension members in the form of flat bars or strips 5 slidably engaging one another and being held together by guide lugs or lips 6 whereby the said members can be lengthened or shortened to accommodate the same to large or small books. The lowermost member 5 at its free end is bent on itself upwardly and inwardly to form a hook terminal 7 which is adapted to engage and surround the lower edge of a book when in an open position.

Secured to the hook terminal 7 is a transverse rod or bar 8 which is adapted to overlie and span a considerable area of the book when in an open position to hold its leaves open and prevent the accidental turning thereof. On the outer free end of the upper member 5 is mounted a clip or clamp the same comprising a plate 9 secured to said member and it being split to form a central flat spring tongue 10 between pivot ears 11 carrying a pin 12 forming a pivot of a clamping jaw or head 13 which is hingedly connected to the said plate by the pivot pin 12 and is maintained in its open or closed position by the spring tongue 10 acting upon the same. The said hinged head or jaw is adapted to be brought into position to overlie the upper edge of the open book and engage the leaves thereof and carried by the said head or jaw is a transverse rod 14 the latter adapted to span and overlie a considerable area of the open book to maintain its leaves in an open position and to prevent the closing of said book.

The device is light and simple and can be used on book shelves in a rack or it is adaptable for use with sheet music.

In applying the book holder or device the members 5 are extended according to the length of the book to which it is to be applied and which members are positioned across the cover of a book at the point of the hinge connection of the covers so as to have the hook terminal engage the lower edge of the book and have its transverse rod 8 span the open leaves of said book and then the clamping head or jaw is thrown over the upper edge of the book to have its transverse rod span and overlie the leaves of the open book whereby the said leaves will be held smooth and prevented from turning and the closing of the book is prevented.

What is claimed is—

1. A device of the class described com-

prising slidably connected extension members, a hook terminal on one of said members, a transverse rod carried by the hook terminal, and a clamp carried by the other member and having a transverse rod.

2. A book holder of the class described comprising slidably connected members forming an extension bar, one of said members having a fixed hook terminal to engage the lower edge of a book, a rod fixed to the bill of said hook terminal and adapted to span the leaves of a book, a spring controlled hinged jaw carried by the other member and adapted to engage the upper edge of a book, and a rod carried by the bill of the hinged jaw and adapted to span the leaves of a book.

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

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