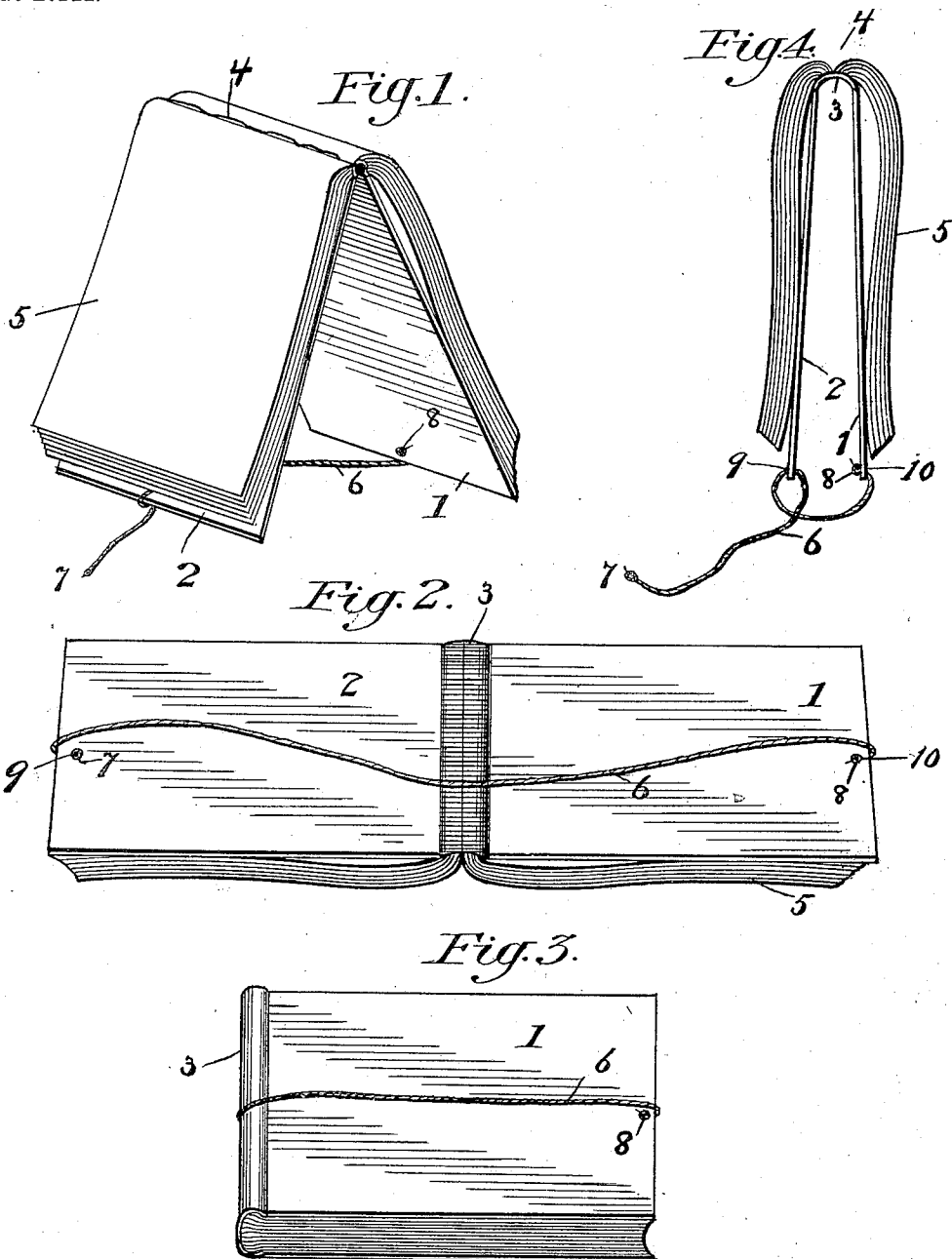


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HENRY GLASS, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented certain Improvements in Note-Book Copy-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like figures on the drawings designating like parts.

The note-book used by stenographers usually comprises a number of leaves sewed or glued at one end to a hinge of stiff covers, which can be bent back upon themselves about the hinge, the latter consisting ordinarily of a strip of flexible fabric. This enables the stenographer in taking notes to open the book either half way, so that the covers lie flat upon a desk, table, or other convenient support, or if the book is to be held on the knee or in the hand the covers may be bent entirely back until they touch each other, and when the notes are being transcribed the book is similarly opened, and for the sake of convenience it is desirable to have it held in an upright position, with the page under observation slightly inclined from the vertical, and thereby presented most conveniently for rapid transcription.

Many holders have been devised to be placed upon the type-writer desk for the reception of the note-book in the position above noted; but these, owing to a complexity of arrangement which differs only in degree in the various types, usually are relegated to the shelf after a very short period, and the mere presence of such a device is usually a source of annoyance to a skilful stenographer, for the reason that it is unsightly, takes up space that can be ill spared, and requires manipulation and attention which are grudged in proportion to the skill of the operator and the demand for speed.

The object of my invention is to render unnecessary the use of such devices by providing the note-book itself with means whereby its upright position upon the desk can be maintained without extraneous assistance, my improvements being of such a nature as not to add materially to the cost of the note-book, each note-book becoming its own copy-holder. Furthermore, my improved means

are always in position for use, do not add to the bulk or weight of the note-book, provide for the use of both sides of the leaves with equal facility, and afford means for adjustment and retention of the book at the desired angle by an operation as automatic as the opening of the book. After transcription the picking up of the note-book releases it from the operation of the holding means, and there is no time wasted by the operator in undoing complicated fastenings to remove the note-book from a copy-holder when the quick call comes to take a letter.

The various features of my invention will be illustrated and described fully in the accompanying drawings and specification and set forth in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates in perspective a note-book in the construction of which my invention has been embodied. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same with the covers extended, showing the mode of attaching the holding device. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but with the back closed; and Fig. 4 illustrates the covers completely reversed or bent back upon themselves, illustrating the manner in which the holding means may be utilized to maintain the note-book in its extreme open position for taking notes while the book is held in the hand or upon the knee.

In the embodiment of my invention selected for illustration and description as a convenient means to enable a ready and complete understanding of my improvements the parts designated by the reference-numerals 1 and 2 are respectively the covers of a well-known form of stenographer's note-book joined by a flexible hinge 3, of cloth, to which is secured, as by stitching at 4, the usual supply of leaves 5. In accordance with my invention I provide means 6 whereby when the covers are bent back upon themselves in the position shown in Fig. 1 they will be held in such position without the need of the usual complicated types of copy-holders to which reference has already been made, the preferred form of holding means embodying my improvements being illustrated as a string or flexible holding member, the ends 7 and 8 of which have been passed through holes 9 and 10 in the

covers and knotted to prevent displacement of the holding member from the book. Various modes of attachment may be adopted to permit retention of this member in adjusted position; but perhaps the simplest and most effective mode is that illustrated in the figures and best seen in Figs. 2 and 4, which show the holding member 6 as extending along the face of the covers, carried around the forward edges thereof, and brought outwardly through the holes, so that the knots will lie on the outside. When the book is opened and the covers turned back upon themselves, by pulling upon one end or the other of the holding member—as, for example, the end 7—the slack of the member between the covers will be taken up and the covers will be held at the desired distance to secure presentation of the copy at the most convenient angle, this being automatically adjustable to suit the various tastes of different operators. It is obvious that when the copy-book is placed upon a desk the holding member will be cramped between the desk and the edge of the cover and held automatically in adjusted position, with no slipping back or clumsy contrivances to annoy the operator, nor will the book fall over, no matter how quickly leaves may be turned, and as soon as required for dictation the lifting of the book automatically releases the holding member, and the book may be laid flat upon the desk in the reverse of the position shown in Fig. 2, the holding member being then beneath the covers concealed and out of the way. If it is desired, furthermore, to have the covers held closely together in their position of complete reversal, one end of the holding member may be drawn out into substantially the position shown in Fig. 4, with a result which is illus-

trated so clearly as not to require further explanation.

Having thus described my invention and one convenient mode of carrying the same into effect, I wish it understood that I do not limit myself to the specific materials described, nor to the specific form of holding member illustrated, nor in general otherwise than as set forth in the claims read in connection with this specification.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a note-book of the class described, of a holding member comprising an adjustable tie of flexible but non-extensible material, secured to, and coöperating with, the covers of said book, substantially as described.

2. A note-book of the class described having a running tie secured to, and connecting, the covers of said book to hold the same in adjusted open relation.

3. A note-book having covers with holes near their free edges and a holding member comprising a string passing through said holes freely to run therein for adjustment and coöperating with said covers in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described.

4. A note-book having stiff covers with holes near their forward free edges, and a string passed through said holes and free to run therein but knotted outside said covers to prevent displacement therefrom.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 10th day of November, A. D. 1902.

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