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BOOK HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

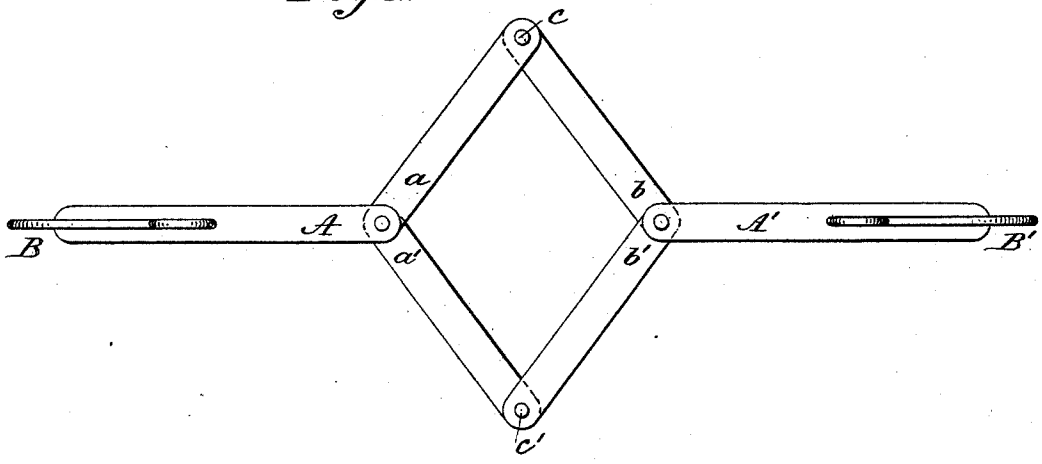


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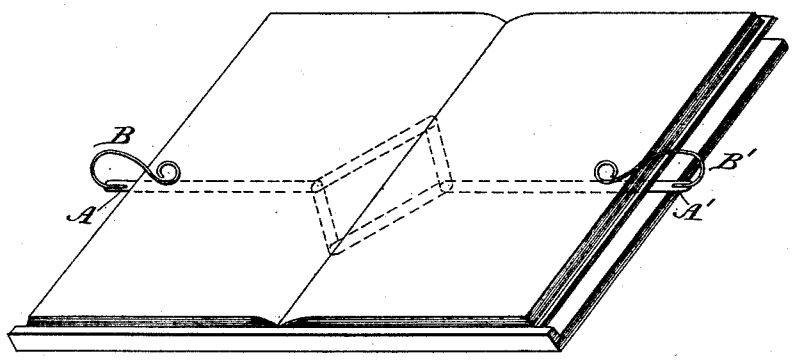
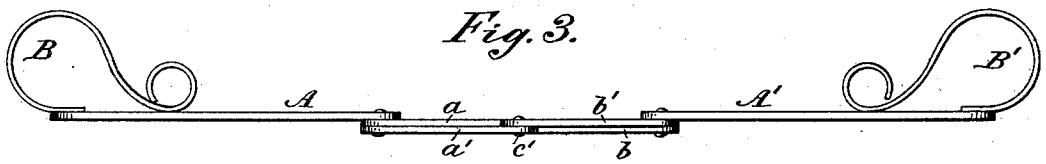


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD H. ROYS, of Spencertown, in the county of Columbia and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Book-Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved book-holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the book-holder in position, and Fig. 3 is an edge view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective device for the use of musicians, students, and others for holding books in an open position.

My invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

The bars A A′ are preferably made of thin spring-steel, and to their inner ends are jointed the bars *a a′* and *b b′*, the bars *a b* being connected together by a rivet, *c*, and the bars *a′ b′* being connected by a rivet, *c′*, all of the bars being capable of endwise or lateral movement in the same plane.

To the outer ends of the bars A A′ are attached clips B B′, formed of wire bent on a reverse curve and adapted to clamp between them and the said bars A A′ the leaves of a book, as shown in Fig. 2. By the arrangement of the bars *a b a′ b′* the holder may be contracted or extended endwise to adapt it to books of different widths, and should it be desirable to use it upon a book too wide to be received in the clips when the holder is fully extended the bars A A′ may be turned up parallel with the edges of the book, and the clips B B′ may be brought into engagement with the leaves of the book at the top.

In addition to holding books open for musicians and others my improved holder is adapted for holding manuscript, or as a clip for holding letters and other documents.

My invention is particularly useful to invalids, who will be assisted in reading by having the book held open before them.

The holder offers no obstacle to the free turning of the pages of the book, as they may be readily slipped out of one of the clips and introduced underneath the opposite clip.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A book-holder consisting of the four bars *a a′ b b′*, pivoted as shown, the two folding bars A A′, secured at their inner ends to two opposite pivots of said bars to turn in planes parallel with the arms and projecting in opposite directions, and the inward-extending clips at the outer ends of said arms, substantially as set forth.

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