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PAGE INDICATOR FOR BOOKS.

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Fig. 1.

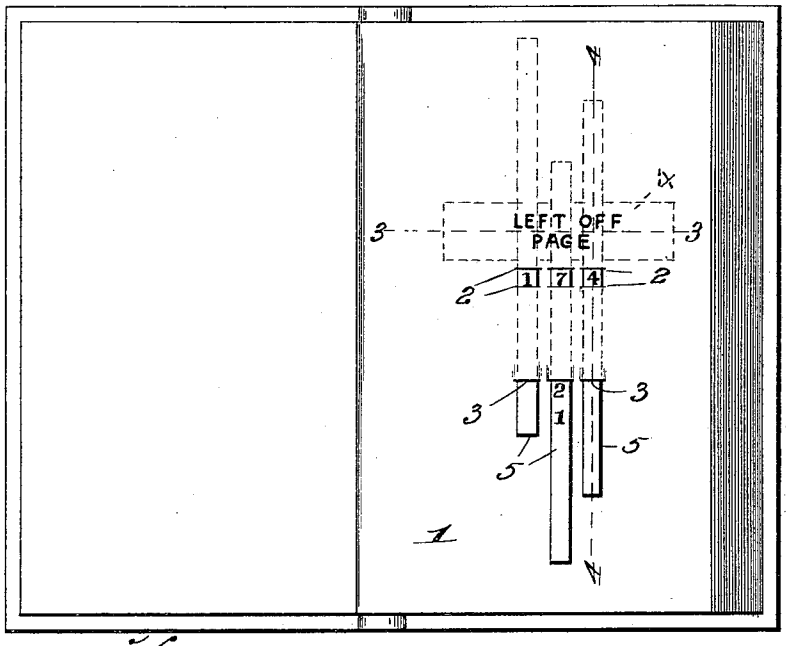


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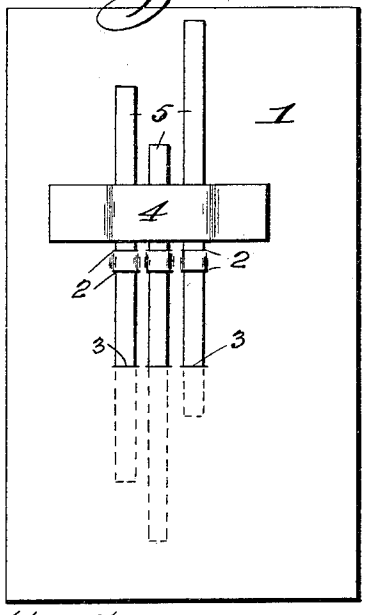


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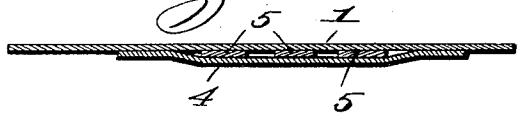
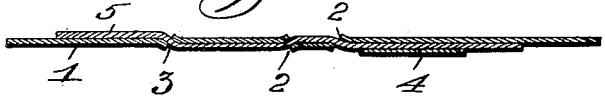


Fig. 4.



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PAGE-INDICATOR FOR BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. McCLUSKEY, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Page-Indicators for Books, Magazines, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to page-indicators for books, magazines, &c.; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view of an open book provided with my improved indicator. Fig. 2 is a view of the under side of the leaf to which the indicator is attached. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken approximately on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken approximately on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

My improved indicator may be in the form of a separate leaf, which may be inserted between the front cover and the first leaf of any book or pamphlet, or the first leaf in any book or pamphlet may be specially constructed, so that the indicator may be located thereon.

1 indicates the first leaf in a book or pamphlet, upon the face of which, at a point just above the center, are printed the words "Left off page," and beneath these printed words is formed a plurality of pairs of horizontally-arranged parallel slits 2. A suitable distance below these slits 2 is formed a single row of horizontally-arranged slits 3, there being one of said slits 3 for each pair of the slits 2. A horizontally-arranged flexible strip 4 is arranged on the under side of the leaf 1, the ends thereof being secured to said leaf in any suitable manner, said strip 4 being positioned transversely and immediately below the parallel slits 2.

5 5 indicate narrow strips of flexible material, on the faces of which are printed numerals from "1" to "10," inclusive, and said strips are passed through the slits 3 from the top of the leaf, thence beneath said leaf to the lower ones of the pairs of slits 2, thence upwardly through said lower slits, over the top of the leaf between said pairs of slits 2, through the upper ones of said pairs of slits, and thence between the leaf 1 and strip 4.

When the face of the leaf 1 is viewed, the lower ends of the strips 5 will be seen projecting through the slits 3 and the portions of said strips on which the numbers are printed will be seen between the pairs of parallel slits 2, which are immediately below the printed matter previously mentioned.

When the reader of the book or magazine ceases reading and desires to indicate the number of the page where he ceased reading, the strips 5 are engaged and moved upwardly or downwardly until the numbers corresponding with the number of the page is seen or indicated upon the exposed portions of the strips 5 between the parallel slits 2.

Thus it will be seen how I have provided simple and inexpensive page-indicators for books, magazines, and the like.

I claim—

A page-indicator for books, comprising a leaf wherein a plurality of pairs of parallel slits 2 are formed and there being a single row of slits 3 formed in said leaf a short distance from said slits 2, the strip 4 transversely positioned on the under side of the leaf above the parallel slits and the strip 5 arranged to operate through the slits 2 and 3 and to pass between the transverse strip 4 and the leaf, on the faces of each of which strips 5 are printed the numerals from "1" to "10," inclusive, all arranged in the manner set forth for the purposes stated.

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

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