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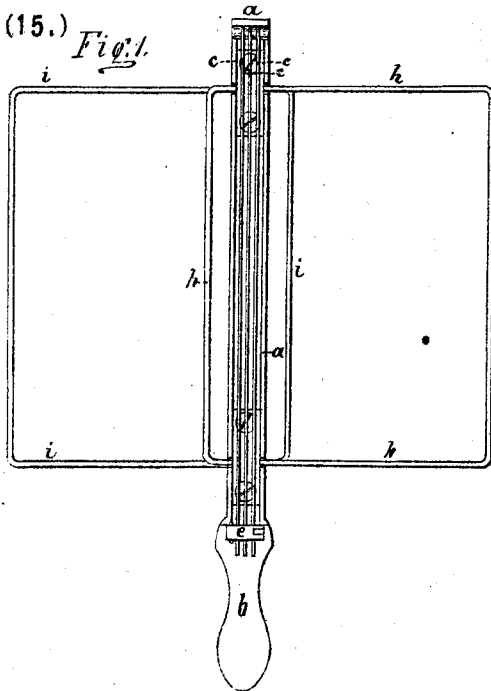


Fig. 2.

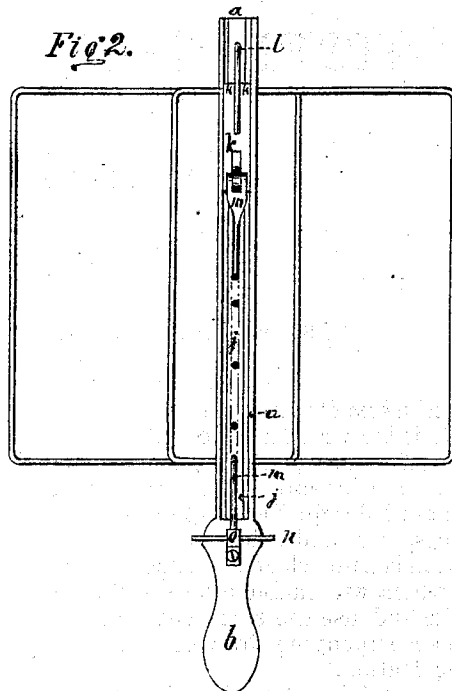


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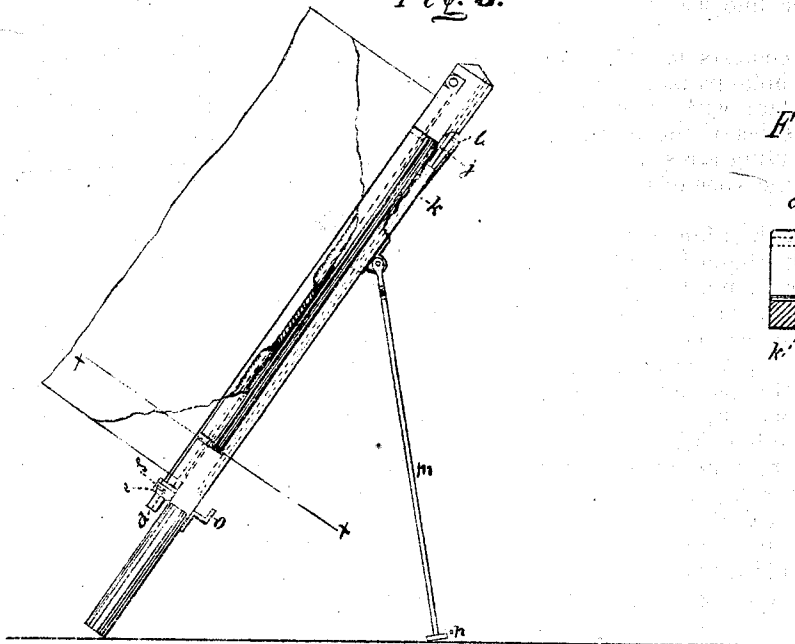
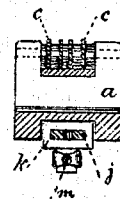


Fig. 4.



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Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 121,993, dated December 19, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS COHN, of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Files for Newspapers, Music, Letters, Invoices, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a bottom view, and Fig. 3 a side elevation, showing the rest set up and one of the slats holding a newspaper. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of stock of the holder taken through the line *xx* of Fig. 3, the brace being closed.

The invention consists in providing a file so constructed as to hold papers side by side on a series of hinged slats, with an expansible frame for holding both sides of the paper open at the same time, and having a rest to support the file and papers upon the knee of the reader or upon a table.

Referring to the drawing, *a* is a wooden stock of any convenient dimensions, furnished at one end with a handle, *b*, and having a slot running lengthwise of its upper side, in which slot lie, side by side, a number of wood or metal slats, *c*, all pivoted upon a pin occupying a slot made crosswise of the stock *a*, near its point. These slats are of equal length, and rest in a socket, *d*, secured to the handle *b* at the end of the longitudinal slot, and are confined in said socket by means of a cover, *e*, hinged at one end to the socket, and held at the other end, when down, by means of a spring-tooth, *f*. Each of the slats *c* is intended to hold a single paper, and all papers held by the slats are therefore held side by

side, the last page of each coming next the first page of the next on its right, and all the pages running in natural succession. These slats, moreover, hold the papers without making holes in them. The end pieces of two rectangular frames, *h i*, occupy grooves running crosswise of the stock *a*, said end pieces being beneath the slats *c*. The side pieces *i* are parallel with the stock, and one frame being slid to one side of the stock and the other frame to the other side as much or as little as desired, they form supports for holding both sides of the paper flat at the same time, which is a great convenience. A groove runs lengthwise of the under side of the stock *a*, within which groove is secured a rod, *j*, having perforations at regular intervals. Upon such rod is placed a slide, *k*, to one end of which is secured a spring-tooth, *l*, which may enter either of the holes in the bar. To the other end of the slide *k* the extremity of a brace, *m*, is jointed, which brace has a foot, *n*. When the brace is not in use the foot *n* is held under a catch, *o*, secured to the handle *b*. By moving the slide *k* so as to disengage the foot *n* from the catch *o*, the brace *m* can be set up so as to support the file and papers in an inclined position on the knee or on a table, the degree of its inclination being varied by moving the slide *k*.

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

1. The combination of the stock *a* and sliding frames *h i*, as described.

2. The combination of the stock *a*, bar *j*, slide *k*, and brace *m*, as set forth.

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