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Fig. 1.

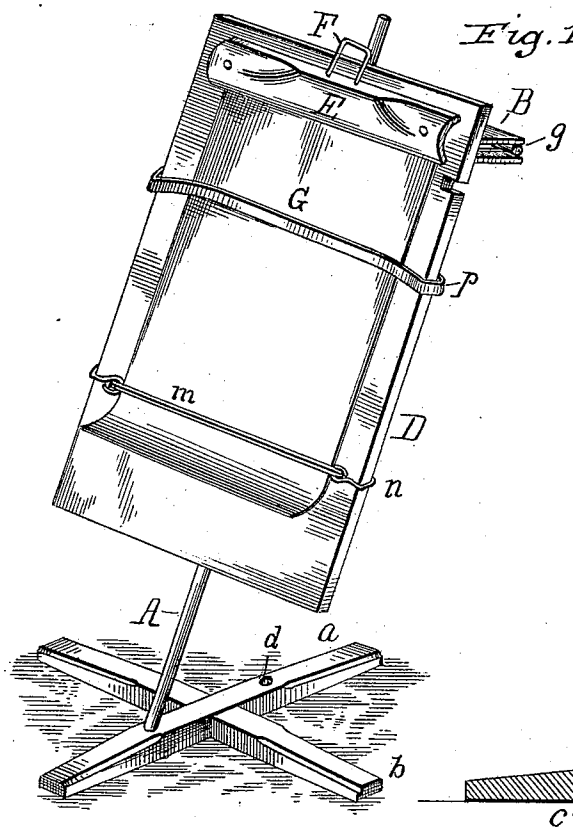


Fig. 2.

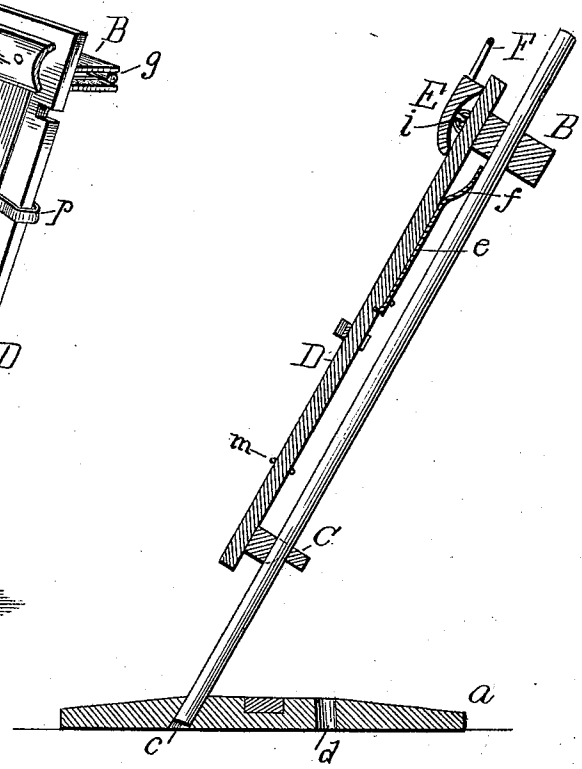
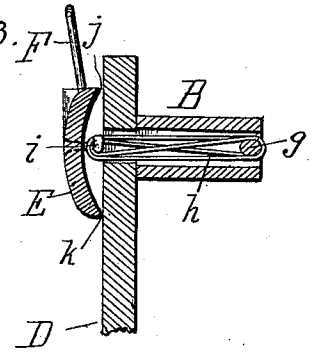


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAIAH S. MUDGETT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Princeton, in the county of Mille Lacs and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is a stand or support for holding manuscript or printed documents for copying the same; and the said invention consists in the improvements described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, and Fig. 3 is a detail section.

The centrally-crossed bars *a b* are secured together and constitute the base. The bar *a* is provided with an inclined recess, *c*, and vertical recess *d*. A rod, A, is adapted to be supported in a vertical position by having its lower end placed in either of said recesses *c d*. The said rod A passes through perforations therefor in cross-bars B C, secured transversely at the top and bottom of the rear face of a pad or plate, D. This pad or plate can thus be slid vertically upon the said rod A, and will be held at any point on said rod by means of a spring, *e*, secured on the rear face of the said pad or plate D, and having its end *f* bent so as to bear frictionally upon said rod A. Each end of the cross-bar B is recessed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the rear portion of the bar B being cut away to form a small projection or lug, *g*, attached to which is one end of an elastic band or spring, *h*, the forward end of which spring is attached to a loop, *i*, secured at the center of the depression of a curved transverse bar, E, the upper edge, *j*, and lower edge, *k*, of which normally bear against the face of the pad or plate D by means of the force exerted by the spring *h*. A loop or ear, F, secured to the upper edge of the bar E, is adapted to be pressed by the operator, so that the lower edge, *k*, of said bar tilts up, distending the spring and causing the bar to be fulcrumed on its edge, *j*. The paper or manuscript to be supported can then be inserted beneath the bar E, the loop F relieved from pressure, and the paper clamped beneath the lower edge of said bar. An elastic or spring, *m*, is arranged transversely across the lower portion of the pad A, so as to hold the lower part of the paper in position, and secured at each end to a hook, *n*, which embraces the side edges of the pad D, which hooks *n* are capable of moving vertically on said side edges to vertically adjust the spring *m* for different lengths of papers to be supported. A bar or rod, G, has its ends *p* bent to form spring-hooks designed to embrace the edges of the pad D, and is capable of being moved vertically, to act as a line-indicator. By removing the rod A from the perforation *c* and placing the same in the perforation *d*, the device can be changed from a vertically-inclined to a positively vertical position.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that a device constructed in accordance with my invention is of simple and inexpensive construction, and is durable and effective in operation.

I claim—

1. The combination, in a paper-supporting device, of a rod having a clamp and rear cross-bars perforated for the passage of a rod, the lower end of which is adapted to engage either an inclined or vertical recess in the base, and a base having said inclined and vertical recess, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a paper-supporting device, of a pad having the upper and lower cross-bar secured to its rear face perforated for the passage of a rod mounted in a base, the said upper cross-bar being recessed at its ends to form a projection to retain one end of a spring which is attached to the center of a curved cross-bar on the upper front face of the pad and provided with a lug, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, in a paper-supporting device, of a pad arranged and constructed as described, and having the rear cross-bars perforated for the passage of a rod mounted in the base, and a spring secured at the rear of the pad and bearing frictionally against the said rod, substantially as set forth.

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

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