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NO MODEL.

Fig. I.

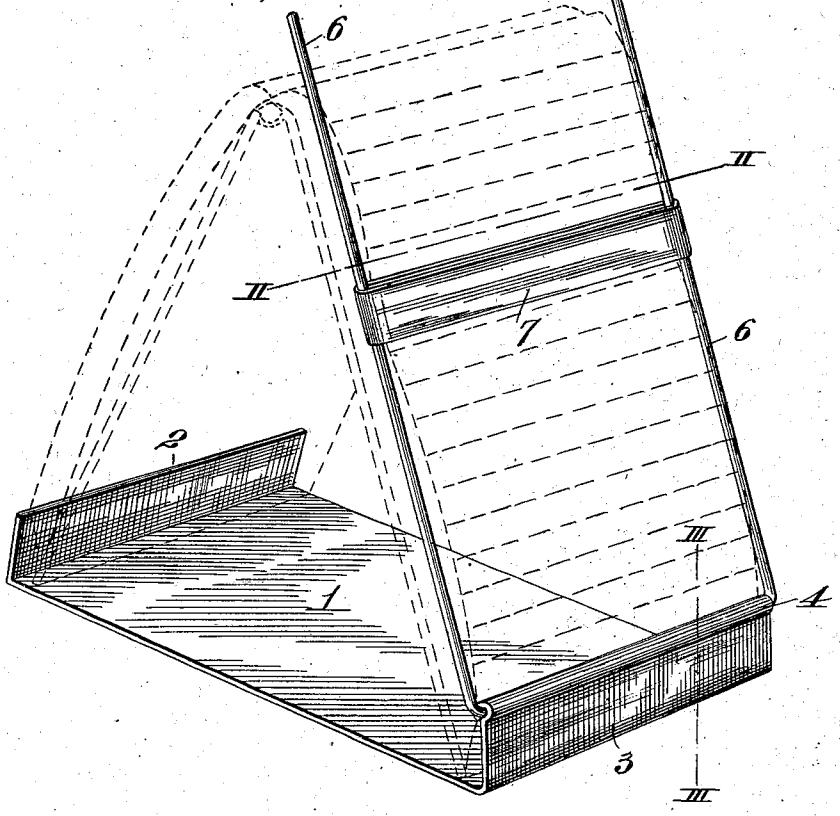


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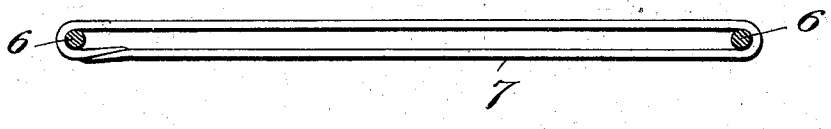
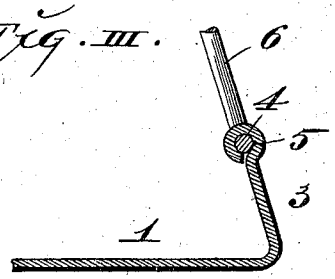


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. MURPHY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Copy-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a copy-holder for supporting stenographers' note-books and embodying a line-indicator adapted to traverse the page of the book from which copy is being made; and the invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a perspective view of my copy-holder with a note-book indicated in dotted lines as positioned therein. Fig. II is a cross-section taken on line II II, Fig. I. Fig. III is a vertical section taken on line III III, Fig. I.

1 designates the base of the copy-holder, which is provided with a rear upturned lip 2 and a forward upturned lip 3. This base is preferably constructed of sheet metal, and the upturned lip 3 is provided with an eye 4, extending longitudinally thereof, formed by curling the lip, as seen in Figs. I and III. Swingingly mounted in the eye 4 is a yoke consisting of a central pivot portion 5 and two arms 6, that are bent at an angle to the pivot portion to extend in parallel lines, as seen in Fig. I.

7 designates a line-indicator of loop form and by which the yoke-arms 6 are embraced. The sides of this line-indicator extend in parallel lines, as seen in Fig. II, and the ends of the loop fit loosely against the yoke-arm 6, in contact with which the line-indicator travels. The line-indicator being of loop form and bearing against only the outer surfaces of the yoke-arms is adapted to move freely on said arms by a slight pressure upon its upper side when resting against a note-book, as seen in Fig. I. The ends of the note-book are sustained by the upturned lips 2 and 3, and when the yoke-arms 6 are positioned, as seen in Fig. I, the page of the book from which copy is being made is held from movement by the line-indicator, which may be caused to travel downwardly over the face of said page by slight pressure, as stated. The yoke by which the line-indicator is supported and held being swingingly mounted in the forward upturned lip 3 may be readily swung in any desired position to accommodate the introduction of the note-book. In the event of the yoke-arms 6, which are preferably of spring-wire, being associated too closely together to properly uphold the line-indicator 7 or being too widely separated to permit free movement of the line-indicator, said arms may be sprung outwardly or inwardly to afford just the requisite bearing-support for the line-indicator to accomplish its proper working on the supporting yoke-arms.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a copy-holder, the combination of a base, a yoke swingingly mounted in said base and having arms, and a loop line-indicator embracing said yoke-arms, substantially as set forth.

2. In a copy-holder, the combination of a base having upturned lips, a yoke swingingly mounted in one of said lips and having arms, and a line-indicator of loop form embracing said yoke-arms, substantially as set forth.

3. In a copy-holder, the combination of a base having a rear upturned lip, a forward upturned lip provided with an eye, a yoke having its central portion positioned in said eye and having arms projecting from said central portion, and a line-indicator of loop form embracing said yoke-arms, substantially as set forth.

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