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MANUSCRIPT HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

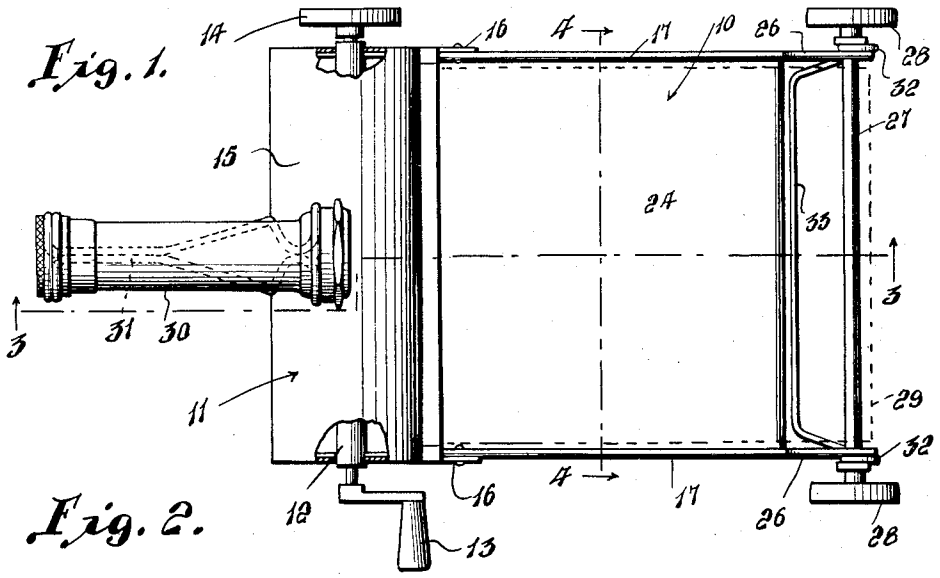


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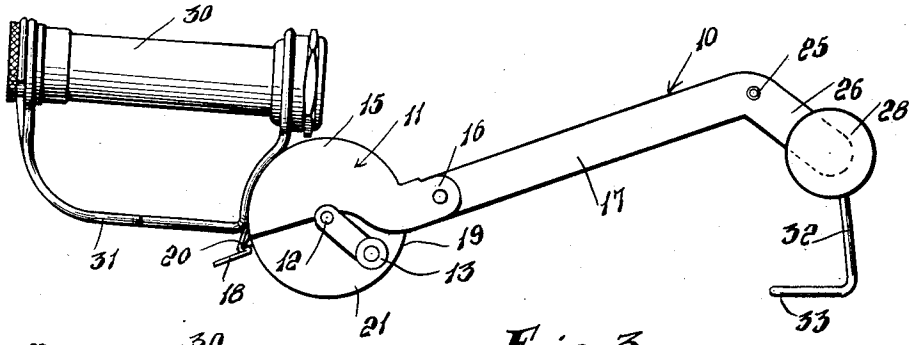


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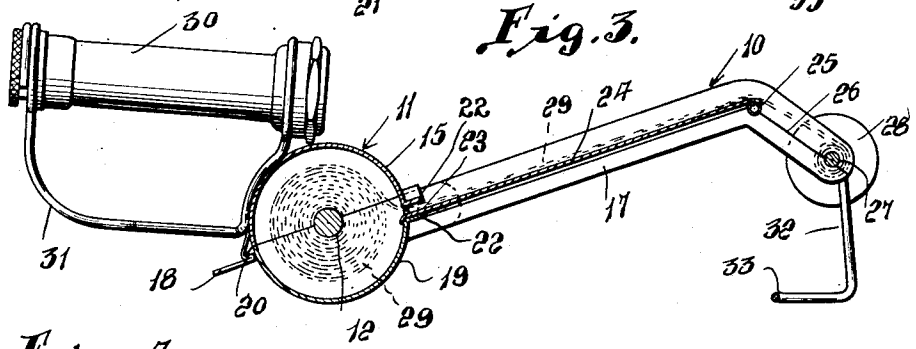
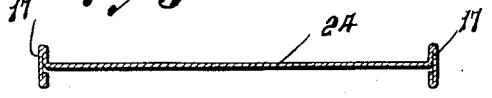


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This invention relates to improvements in holders for manuscripts and the like.

The object of this invention is to provide a device especially adapted for use by radio announcers, lecturers, and speakers in general.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device adapted to mount a roll of paper containing written matter in a manner whereby the subject matter contained thereon can be exposed as the user desires.

A further object of the invention is to provide a self-contained illuminating means for the device permanently secured thereto.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the specification of which the drawing forms a part and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view partly in section of the invention,

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the same,

Figure 3 is a sectional view partly in elevation on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing wherein like reference characters designate like or corresponding parts in the different views, the holder comprises a frame 10 having a casing 11 formed integral therewith and at one end thereof.

A shaft 12 is journaled in casing 11 and is provided with operating means comprising a crank 13 and a knob 14 keyed thereto.

Casing 11 is cylindrical in shape and is provided with a cover 15 which forms a part of the casing 11 and which is pivotally mounted by means of ears 16 to the flanges 17 of frame 10. Cover 15 is provided with a latch 18 adapted to engage a keeper 20 on the lower portion 19 of casing 11.

The flanges 17 are a continuation of end portions 21 of casing 11. Portion 19 and cover 15 have corresponding flanges 22 forming the opening 23 which extends the length of casing 11. A supporting surface 24 is secured between flanges 17 and has its opposite ends engaging the lower flange 22 and a rod 25 extending between flanges 17.

Flange 17 is bent downwardly to form the ends 26 in which are journaled shaft 27 to which is keyed knobs 28.

A roll of paper 29 is adapted to be mounted on shaft 12 in casing 11 and to have one end thereof extending through opening 23 and engaging shaft 27. The exposed portion of paper 29 rests upon and is adapted to slide over surface 24.

A flashlight 30 is mounted in the opposite ends of a bracket 31 which is secured to cover 15. Flashlight 30 provides illumination for the exposed portion of paper 29 and also serves as a handle for the frame 10 when held by the user.

A wire stand 32 is pivotally connected to shaft 27 and is provided with an outturned foot portion 33 adapted to rest upon a supporting surface to elevate one end of frame 10 when the device is used with a table or the like.

To assemble, the cover 15 is opened permitting removal of shaft 12. The roll of paper 29 is then mounted on shaft 12 and the exposed end is passed through opening 23 over surface 24 and secured to shaft 27. Cover 15 is closed and secured in a latched position by parts 18 and 20. The device can then be held in the hand using the barrel of flashlight 30 as a handle or placed upon a supporting surface with stand 32 and part 19 supporting the device. Used in either position, one of the knobs 28 is revolved clockwise to revolve shaft 27 to cause the paper 29 to be drawn over surface 24 so that the written matter thereon can be read. If light is necessary flashlight 30 can be turned on illuminating the exposed part of the paper. When no longer required, crank 13 is turned counter-clockwise to rewind paper 29 on shaft 12 so that it can either be removed from or stored in casing 11.

It is to be understood that the word manuscript is intended to include any paper or like material which could be wound upon shafts 12 and 27 and which might contain any letters, words, marks, or symbols which may be printed, drawn, typed, written or otherwise placed thereon.

Only the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown, the right being reserved to make such changes and modifications as will not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A manuscript holder comprising a frame, shafts journaled therein in spaced relationship and adapted to mount a manuscript, the intermediate portion of said frame forming a support for the intermediate exposed portion of said manuscript, a casing mounted at one end of said frame to enclose one of said shafts and provided with a pivoted cover for removal of the manuscript from said shaft, a bracket mounted on said casing, and a flashlight mounted in said bracket at an angle to the intermediate portion of said frame whereby the light rays therefrom will be directed on the exposed portion of the manuscript, the barrel of said flashlight forming a handle for manually supporting the manuscript holder.

2. In a manuscript holder, a frame, shafts journaled in said frame in spaced relationship and adapted to mount a manuscript, an inclined surface between said shafts for supporting the exposed portion of said manuscript, means to operate said shafts to move the manuscript over said inclined surface, and means for resting said holder on a supporting surface; a bracket secured to said frame, and a flashlight mounted in said bracket and providing a handle for manually supporting the manuscript holder, said flashlight being arranged at an angle to said inclined surface to direct the light rays therefrom on the exposed portion of the manuscript.

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