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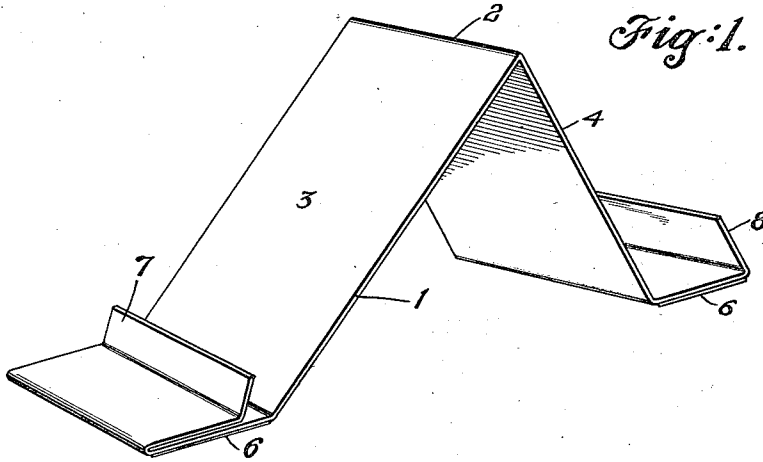


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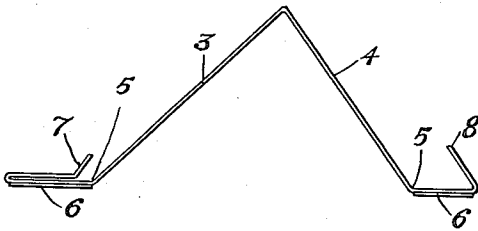


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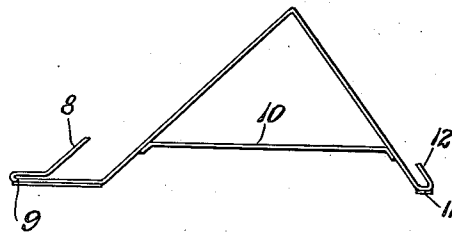
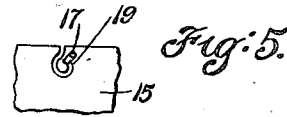
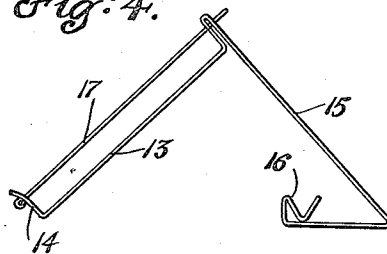


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BOOK-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN H. RICHARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Stands, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to stands for supporting note books, text books, etc., for the use of readers and copyists, and the object of the invention is to provide a stand of this character which will be adapted, without adjustments or moving parts, to be used by readers and copyists for note books, and printed books which are too heavy to be conveniently held in the hand. The device is especially adapted for the use of copyists, who ordinarily require both hands to operate a typewriter, and yet have frequent occasion to write from notes, or make quotations from text books.

The feature of this invention resides in the simplicity and cheapness of the device, wherein adjustments and movable parts are eliminated, the stand preferably having one end adapted for the holding of a note book and the opposite end for the holding of a heavier printed book, and being self supporting and easily moved around when in use.

The invention is shown in several forms herein, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is a side elevation; Fig. 3 is a modified form; Fig. 4 is an elevation of another modification; and Fig. 5 is a detail view of Fig. 4.

As shown in all of the figures, the stand is made of a single strip 1 of metal, which is intermediately bent at 2 to provide two supporting surfaces 3, 4, then further bent at 5 to provide feet 6, 6, and then reversely and upwardly bent to provide clips 7, 8. The support 3 and clip 7 are preferably constructed to receive an ordinary stenographer's note book, which opens at the end, and the clip 7 holds the leaves down, but yet permits the leaves to be turned over at the top. The clip 8 is somewhat higher than clip 7, and somewhat farther from the support 4, for receiving and holding open a bound book. This is especially useful for such books as law books, cyclopedias, dic-

tionaries, and the like, from which a copyist is to make quotations. The clip 8 is of such length that the leaves of the book can be easily turned over when desired and yet not cover the lower lines of printed matter at the bottom of a page. By extending the feet 6 as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 on the left end, an extended base is formed which prevents overturning. In Fig. 3 the extended base is formed on the side which holds the heavier book, and also in this figure is shown a stiffening brace 10. An extended foot construction can be applied to either or both ends, as may be desired, and these ends may also carry pads of felt or other material, as shown.

In Fig. 4, a modified form is shown more especially intended for users of telephone books, directories, etc., in which the supporting back 13 is bent to provide a bottom support 14, a rear support 15 and a rear foot 16, which may be so bent as to form a transverse trough in which to retain pencils, etc. In this form, the book is fastened to the stand by a wire 17 which passes through and locks in a curved slot 19 in the upper end of the rear support 15.

From the foregoing description the uses and convenience of the device will be seen, and it will also be seen that there are no mechanical adjustments necessary and that the device can be cheaply produced in large quantities. These devices will also be manufactured so that when packed for shipment they will nest, and thereby save transportation expense.

Various modifications and changes may be made in the specific construction herein shown, and in material, without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A book stand comprising a single strip intermediately bent to provide inclined supports and end supports, one of said ends being extended and bent back adjacent one of said inclined sides to form a clip for holding an open book.

2. A book stand comprising a single strip intermediately bent to provide a plurality of inclined book supports and end supports, each of said ends being extended and reversely bent close to the adjacent inclined

supports to form clips for holding open books of respectively different character.

3. A book stand comprising a single strip intermediately bent to provide a plurality
5 of inclined book supports and end supports, one of said ends being horizontally extended and then reversely and upwardly bent adjacent one of said inclined supports

to form a clip for receiving and holding an open book. 10

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

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