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Fig. 1

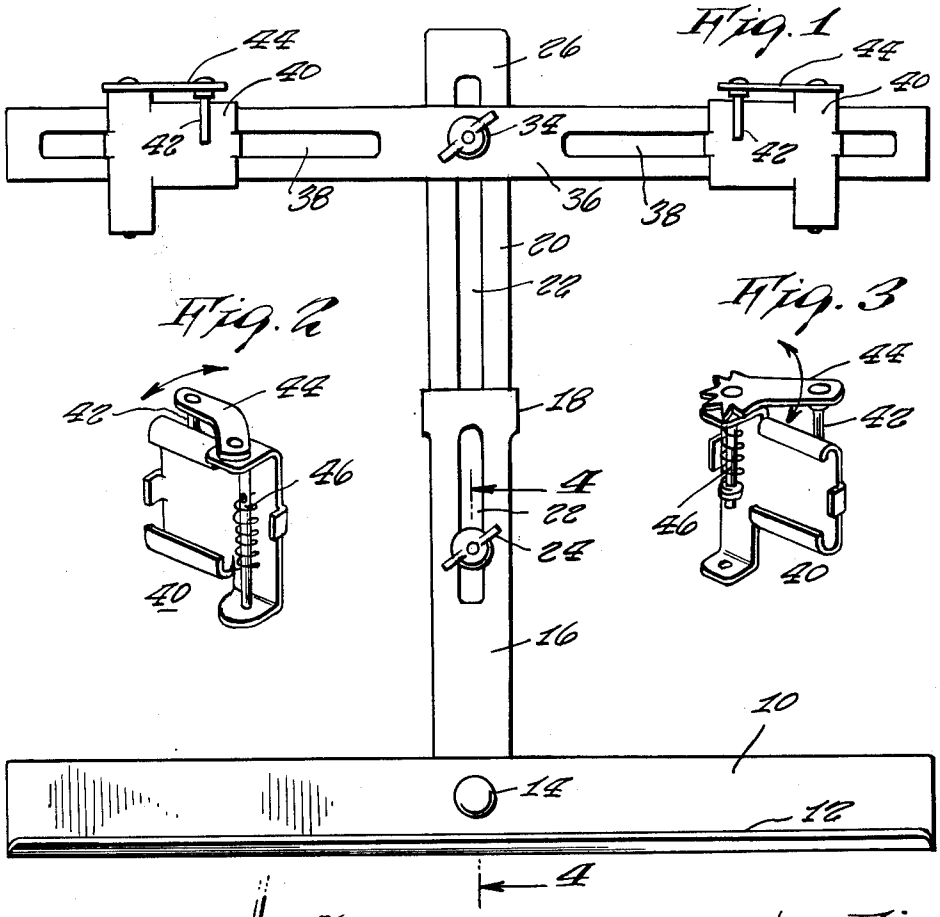


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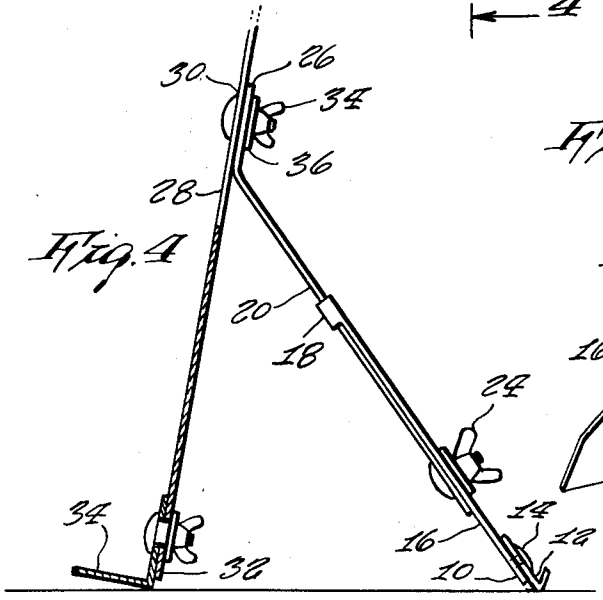


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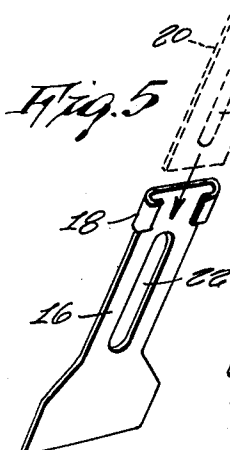
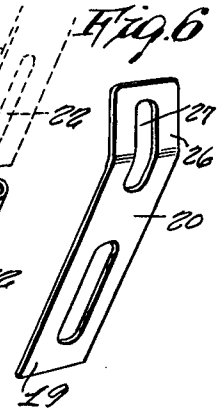


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My invention is directed toward book and magazine holders.

It is an object of my invention to provide a new and improved holder for books, magazines and the like.

Another object is to provide a new and improved holder of the character indicated which can be easily assembled and taken apart.

Still another object is to provide a new and improved holder of the character indicated which can be easily manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages will become apparent when this specification is studied together with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevation view of my invention;

FIGURES 2 and 3 show slightly different forms of the page holding elements of FIGURE 1 in rear perspective;

FIGURE 4 is a cross section through 4—4 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 5 is a detail view showing how two of the parts of FIGURE 1 fit together; and

FIGURE 6 is another detail view of another of the parts of FIGURE 1.

Referring now to the figures, a first horizontally extending elongated member **10** rests on a suitable surface **11** such as a table and is provided with a bottom horizontally extending shallow trough **12**. A bolt **14** secures member **10** at its midpoint to an inclined second elongated member **16** extending perpendicularly away from member **10**. The top of member **16** has a curved slide element **18** slidably engaging the bottom straight portion **19** of an inclined third elongated member **20**. Members **16** and **20** have slots **22**. When these members are slid to the desired relative position, they are held securely in position by means of manually operated screw assembly **24**.

The top portion **26** of member **20** is bent toward the vertical and also has a slot **27**. A vertical support member **28** has its top end **30** in contact with portion **26** and at its bottom end **32** is bolted to a right angled element **34** resting on surface **11**.

A second horizontally extending member **36** is secured at its midpoint to portion **26** and top end **30** by another bolt **34**. Member **36** has right hand and left hand horizontal slots **38**, each of which carries an adjustable positioned page holding element **40**.

Each element **40** has a finger **42** to hold the page of a book or magazine in position, finger **42** depending downward from a horizontal support **44** horizontally rotatable about a spring biased rod **46**.

Typically all of the members can be formed from $\frac{3}{32}$ inch aluminum flat sheet.

When a book is placed in open position on the structure, the lower portion of the book rests on or in trough **12** and the open oppositely facing pages are held at the top by fingers **42** of elements **40**.

While I have described my invention with particular reference to the drawings, my protection is to be limited only by the terms of the claims which follow.

I claim as follows:

1. A holder for books, magazines and the like, comprising a horizontally disposed trough for supporting the bottom of the printed matter to be held, a horizontal member spaced vertically from the trough, means connected to the horizontal member at each end for releasably holding the pages of the printed matter being supported, a first vertical member connected at one end to the trough, a second vertical member connected to the horizontal member, the first and second vertical members being slidably connected to one another for connecting the trough and horizontal member and for varying the space therebetween, means for releasably holding the first and second vertical members immovable relative to one another to maintain the space between the trough and horizontal member, said horizontal member being movable to the second vertical member toward and away from the trough, a vertical support member connected to the end of the second vertical member to which the horizontal member is connected, the end of the second vertical member being movable along the support member, and means for releasably connecting the horizontal member and the support member to the end of the second vertical member.

2. The holder in accordance with claim 1 wherein the means connected to the horizontal member at each end is comprised of a pair of elements each slidable on the horizontal member and having a spring biased pivotal arm for engaging pages to be held.

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