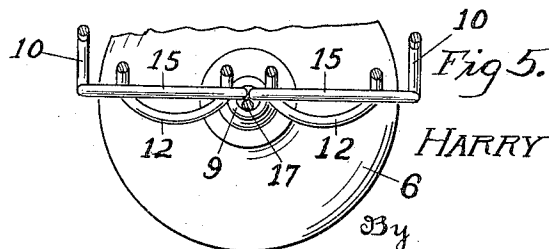
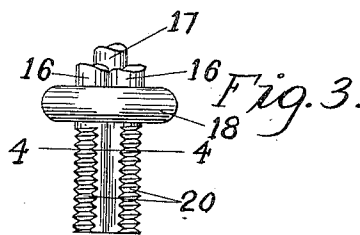
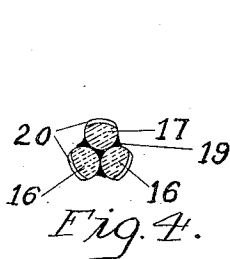
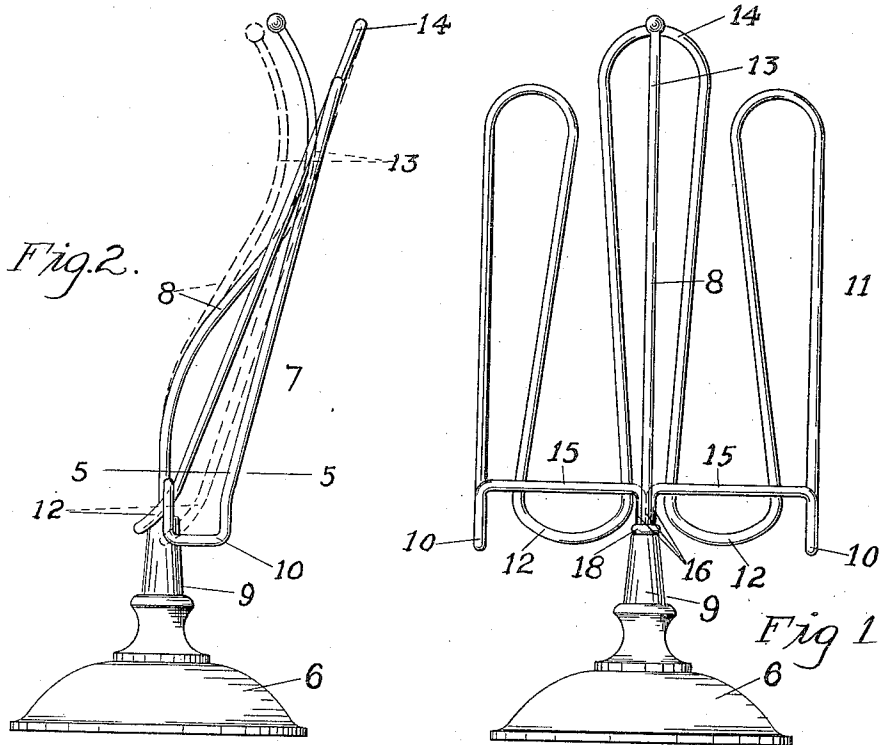


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY MORTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to holders for articles such as newspapers, menu cards, or the like, which dispose the articles in a convenient position with respect to the line of vision, for the purpose of reading therefrom.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a simple, efficient device of the character described, utilizing certain available features of the elements which make up the combination, to reduce the number of parts to a minimum, to facilitate assembling, with a rigid structure as a consequence.

In the drawings, forming a part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, the position of certain parts thereof being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a detailed view, at an enlarged scale, of supporting means used in connection with a rack of the device. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view on the lines 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view on the lines 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Similar characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Generally speaking, the device includes a base structure 6, a symmetrical rack structure 7, for the reception of a paper, hereinafter termed —article—, and a retaining means or finger 8, the latter elements being carried by the base. The base 6 is of a weight, or weighed sufficiently to stabilize the superimposed elements and includes an internally threaded socket 9. The rack 7 may be formed of one continuous piece of wire and as shown, U-shaped supports 10, spaced apart from each other in parallel relation, are vertically disposed to support the article at its lower margin. Extending upwardly from the U-shaped supports and co-acting therewith to support the article in an upright position, is a sinuous support 11, such U-shaped supports and upright support co-acting to carry the article, and the supports 10 and 11 may be disposed at any desired angle consistent with the objects of the invention, that is, to present and support

the article for the purpose of reading therefrom.

As clearly shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 5, two of the sinus or fingers 12 of the support 11 normally project downwardly intermediate the U-shaped supports 10 with their lower ends disposed beyond the forward uprights of said supports and above the bases thereof, but such members 12 are yieldable upon insertion of the article in place and their tendency to resume a normal position, under such condition, arches the article with respect to its transverse section intermediate the U-shaped supports 10 and tends to firmly retain the article in place. The article is further held in place by means of the retaining means or finger 8 which is provided with a curved portion 13 normally interposed between the extensions of sinus 14 but yieldable to permit insertion of the article in place, the tendency of the finger to return to a normal position, assisting in retaining the article in place.

The entire rack is suitably carried by wire portions 15, which continue with the U-shaped supports 10, and straight terminal portions 16 which are disposed adjacent to each other. Such terminal portions 16 together with the lower terminal 17 of the finger 8, are grouped together in parallel relation as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, retained in such group position by a collar 18, and may be inter-connected by solder 19 as shown in Fig. 4 so that a stem like terminal is provided. The periphery of the stem like terminal is screw threaded complementary to the internally screw threaded socket 9 of the base 6 to be inserted thereinto.

From the foregoing it is made manifest that I provide a simple, efficient device, the rack and retaining means being supported by the base, through portions or extensions from the former element which reduce the number of parts to a minimum without detracting from the artistic appearance of the completed device.

I claim:—

An article holder comprising in combination, a base, and a symmetrical rack carried by said base formed of one continuous wire, the rack, at each side of the axis of symmetry, consisting of a portion extending laterally with respect to the base, then formed with a U-shaped support for the lower margin of the article supported, said U-shaped

support having a forward upright then a
portion extending upwardly from said U-
shaped support, forming an upright sup-
port for the article, then retroverted in-
wardly toward the axis of symmetry and
5 formed as a finger projecting downwardly
with its lower end disposed beyond the for-
ward uprights of said U-shaped supports
and above the base thereof, then retroverted
10 upwardly and curved to the axis of sym-
metry and continuous with the complemen-

tary portion of the rack at the other side of
the axis of symmetry, the said U-shaped sup-
port of each symmetrical half of the rack
being alined with respect to each other to 15
coactively carry the article supported.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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