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BOOK HOLDER AND REST.

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Fig. 1

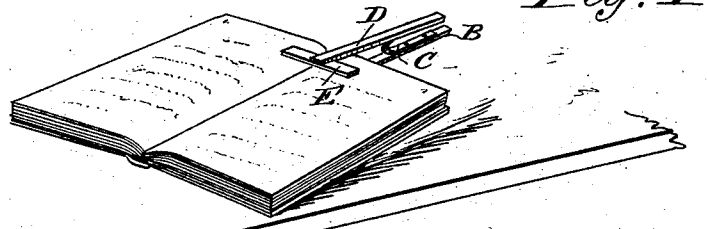


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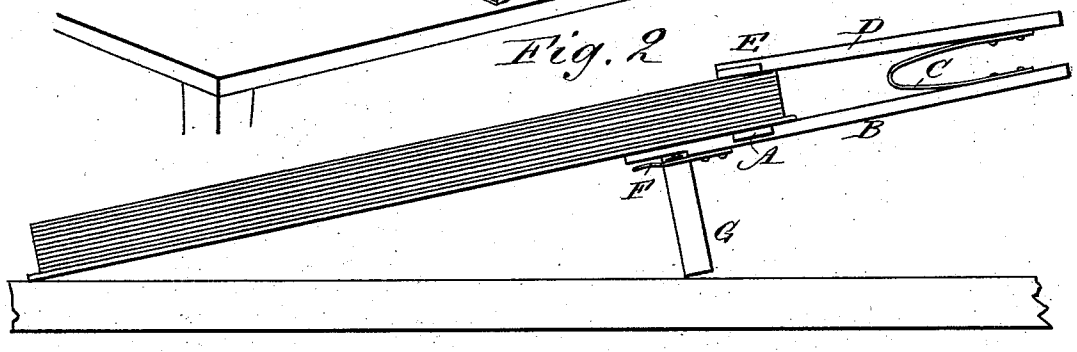


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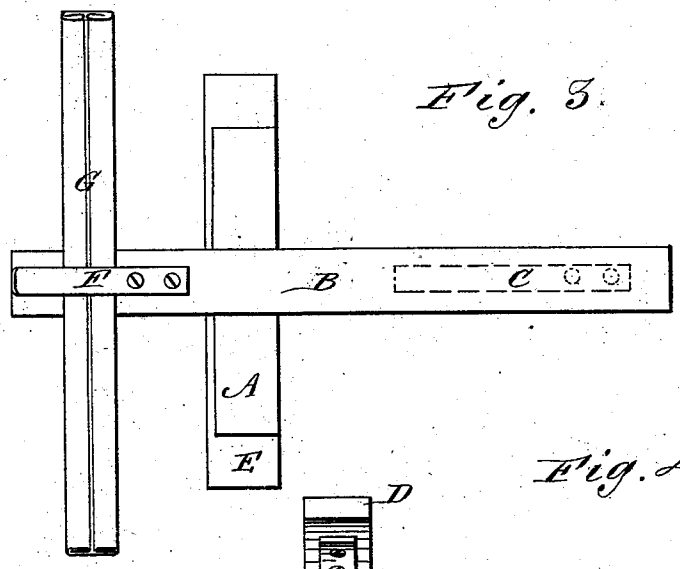
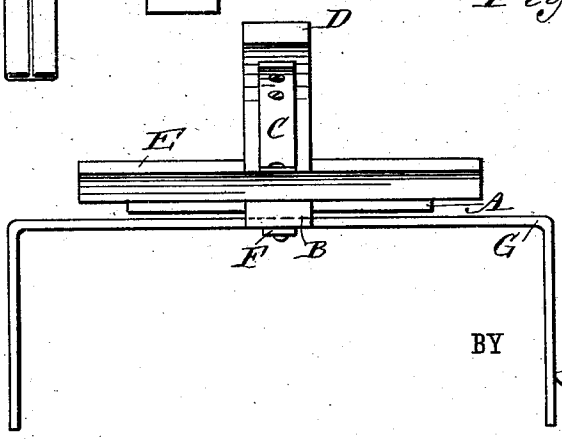


Fig. 4



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BOOK HOLDER AND REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN V. PARKER, of Strafford, in the county of Orange and State of Vermont, have invented a new and Improved Book Holder and Rest, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved device for supporting a book and holding it open.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book holder and rest, showing the manner in which it is used. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal elevation of the same, showing the manner in which it is used. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the under side of the book holder and rest. Fig. 4 is a rear end view of the same.

A cross-piece, A, is attached to a strip, B, of wood, metal, hard rubber, or other suitable material, near one end of the same, and to the opposite end one shank of a bow-spring, C, is attached, to the other shank of which a strip, D, is fastened, which is above the strip A, and is pressed toward the same by the spring C. A cross-piece, E is attached to the free end of the strip D, which cross-piece E is directly above the cross-piece A. A spring-clip, F, is secured to the under side of the strip B, the free end of the clip projecting toward the free end of the strip B. The cross-piece of a U-shaped standard, G, is passed between the clip F and the strip B, whereby the strip B will be held on the cross-piece of the standard by the spring-clip. The strip B can slide on the cross-piece of the standard G, and be moved toward either end of the same, and will always be held in place by the spring-clip F. The strips B D, with their cross-pieces A E, form two T-shaped pieces united by a spring, between which T-shaped pieces the end of the book is to be passed.

The device is used as follows: The book is opened and placed on the cross-piece A, the strip B, and the U-shaped standard G, in such a manner that one end of the book will be supported by the above devices and the other end will rest on the table, &c. The strip D is raised to permit pressing the end of the book under it, and when released the spring C presses the cross-piece E in the end of the book, and holds the same open and holds the leaves down. By moving the strip B toward one end or the other of the standard G, the leaves can be held nearer one edge or the other of the book. The inclination at which the book is held can be varied by adjusting the device in such a manner that a greater or less part of the book rests on the strip B.

The device is very simple, supports and holds the book open very effectively, and in no way injures the book.

I am aware that it is not new to combine a bracket, a median abutment, two side flaps, a platform, and a spring between the flaps, said spring being fastened at the middle, and having both ends free, so as to hold either one, but never both, of the flaps simultaneously against the abutment; also, that it is not new to combine three wires surrounded by a clip, two of said wires being extended up on a curve, so as to form a spring, and connected with links; but

What I do claim as new and of my invention is—

In a book holder and rest, the combination, with the strips B D and their cross-pieces A E, of the spring C, the spring-clip F, attached to the under side of the strip B, and of the U-shaped standard G, passed in between the bottom of the strip B and the clip F, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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