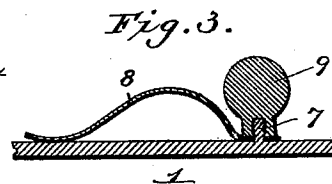
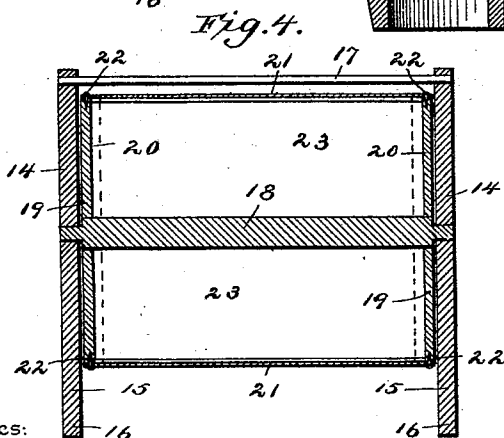
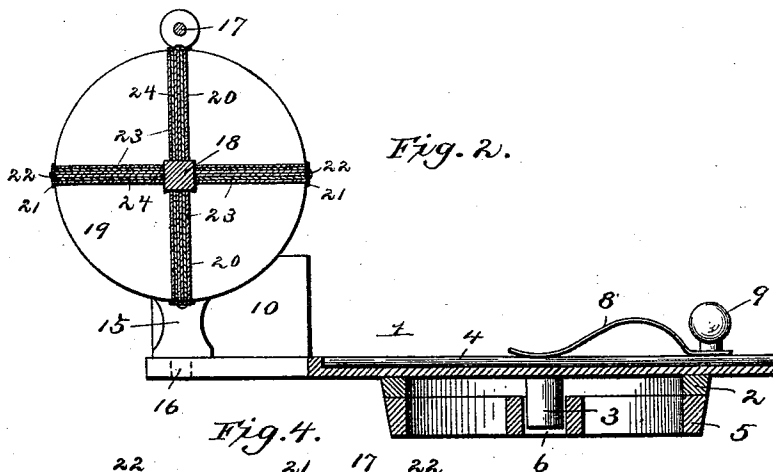
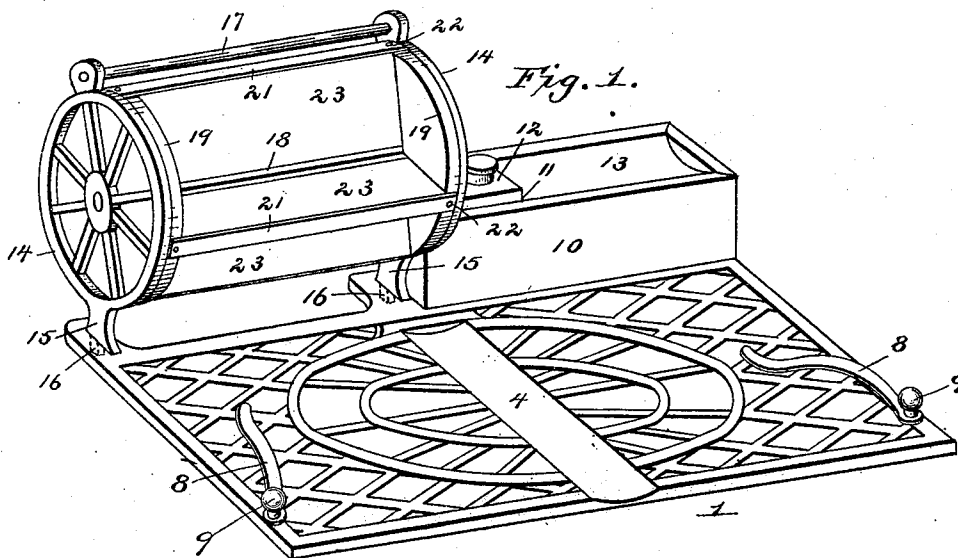


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## BOOK-REST FOR HOTEL-REGISTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, CALEB A. THOMPSON and OSKER G. EMSHIVELLER, citizens of the United States, residing at Tazewell, in the county of Tazewell and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Book-Rest for Hotel-Registers, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in book-rests of that class employed in connection with hotel counters for the purpose of supporting in convenient and rotatable position hotel registers, whereby access to the book may be had at each side of the counter.

The objects of our invention are to produce a neat and attractive rest for this purpose, the same being adapted to conveniently support the book in a rotatable manner, and retain the same open at the current date for the purpose of registry; and furthermore, to provide a convenient support for the pens and ink, whereby they are constantly at hand; and, finally, to provide an advertising device for supporting in position for inspection business cards which may be viewed from either side.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book-rest embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view. Fig. 3 is a sectional view through one of the knobs. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view through the rotatable advertising device.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The rest proper consists of a metal table 1 which is cast with openings so as to render the same light, and the table has formed upon its under side a depending bearing ring 2 at the center of which there is located a depending stud 3. The upper side of the table is provided with a shallow groove or recess 4 to receive the back of the book. Arranged below the table and supported upon the counter is a supporting ring 5, the same being of cast iron and having an outer bearing rim which receives the ring 2 for rotation. The ring 5 is provided with a central opening 6, and

through the same depends the stud 3. It will thus be seen that the table may be rotated so as to present the book to the guest or to the clerk behind the counter either for the purpose of registering, assignment of room, or other memorandum that may be necessary.

Threaded studs 7 extend upwardly through the table 1 adjacent to the outer corners thereof, and near the edges and upon these studs are located curved spring arms 8, said arms having their inner ends provided with eyes that take over the studs 7 and adapted at their outer ends to rest upon the leaves of the book and thus retain the same open at the current date, or any other portion of the book under inspection. Threaded upon the studs 7 are knobs 9, which may be conveniently grasped for the purpose of rotating the table, the said knobs bearing upon the spring arms 8 and serving to retain them in position upon the studs.

An oblong box 10 is arranged at one corner of the table, and the said box is provided with a pocket or recess 11 in which the ink-well 12 is removably seated. To one side of the ink-well the box is provided with a pen rest 13. The opposite corner of the table supports the advertising device, or this may be omitted if so desired, but we prefer to employ it. This advertising device comprises a pair of vertical standards 14, the same having their lower ends provided with studs 15 that are let into mortises 16, as shown by dotted lines as being formed in the table 1. The upper ends of the standards are connected by a transverse rod 17, which retains them in their relative positions. The standards are provided at their centers with a transverse shaft 18, the ends of which are let into the standards, the latter forming bearings therefor. Circular heads 19 are arranged upon the ends of the shaft, and the same are provided at intervals with radial grooves 20, the heads being connected at the outer ends of the grooves by transverse strips 21 that are removably retained in position through the medium of pins 22. These strips are removable, and into the grooves are inserted pairs of glass panels 23 and intermediate advertising cards 24 arranged back to back so that the reading matter thereof may be read at opposite sides of

the glass panels. It will be seen that the structure described forms a reel that may be rotated, and thus expose the various cards to the view of the guest registering.

- 5 Of course the construction of this advertising device may be changed as to its details, and in fact the details of the entire support may be altered without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of  
10 the advantages thereof.

In operation the register book is placed upon the supporting table, the back of the book resting in the groove 4 which permits the leaves to rest flat upon the table and form  
15 a firm support for writing. This support is further increased in firmness by the spring clamping arms that rest upon and press the leaves snugly together, the said arms also serving to retain the book open at a certain  
20 place and prevent accidental closing by drafts of wind or otherwise. When a guest arrives the clerk in attendance grasps one of the knobs and rotates the table so as to present the register to the guest and after signing the  
25 knob is regrasped and the table rotated so as to present the register to the clerk who indicates upon the register the time of arrival, number of room, or other data that may be necessary and which is usually kept.

- 30 Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

1. In a register-book support, the combination with a rotatable table for supporting the book, of opposite standards having studs  
35 let into the table, a bearing shaft arranged in the standards, opposite disk-like heads arranged upon the ends of the bearing shaft and having pairs of radial grooves, transverse retaining strips connecting the disk-like  
40 heads at the outer ends of the grooves, pins extending through the strips into the heads, and pairs of glass panels arranged in the grooves under the strips, substantially as specified.

2. In a register-book support, the combination with a table, of opposite standards, a  
45 bearing shaft arranged in the standards, opposite heads arranged upon the ends of the bearing shaft and having pairs of radial grooves, transverse retaining strips connecting  
50 the heads at the outer ends of the grooves, and pins extending through the strips into the heads, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures  
55 in the presence of two witnesses.

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