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Fig. 1.

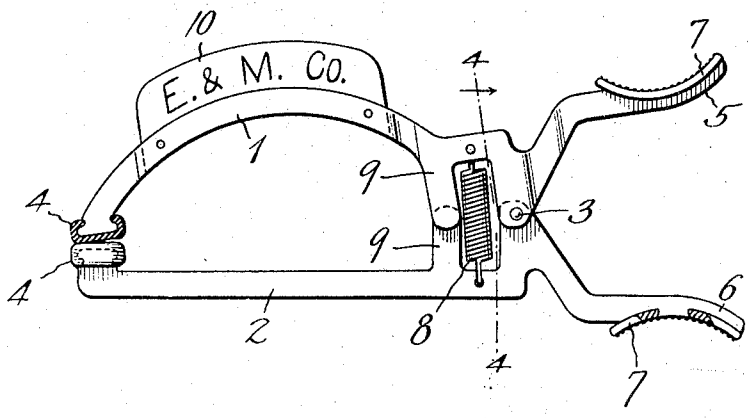


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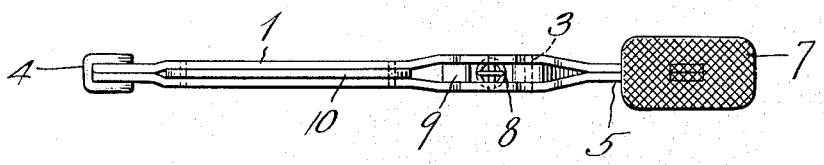


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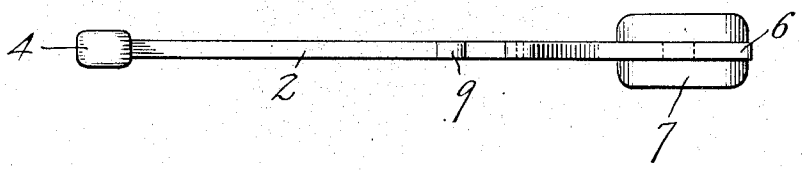
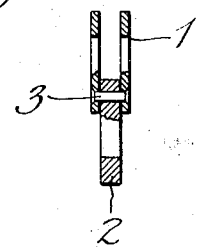


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Such a device has the advantage that by its use, the reader need not strain the binding of a book to cause the book to remain open.

My invention relates to a device for holding the pages of a book when the book is open so that the reader does not have to keep the pages held down with his hands. The invention consists of a spring-actuated clip adapted to be held open by suitable handles and applied to a book after the same is opened in such a way that two elongated fingers, the upper one of which is curved and the lower one flat, may be made to engage with the leaves on one side of the book and the book cover so as to hold the same steady. The clip is designed to have protecting devices to prevent injury to the book, and is so shaped as to present the least obstruction to vision, to be easily applied and removed and adjusted when turning from page to page and to be opened widely enough to accommodate all necessary variations in the thickness of the matter to be embraced by it. The device may also be further utilized as a means of advertising.

The invention will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved page holder.

Figure 2 is a top view of the same.

Figure 3 is a top view of the lower member of the holder, and

Figure 4 is a section through the holder on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

The page holder consists essentially of an upper member 1 and a lower member 2 pivoted together by a pin 3. The longer arms of these members are designed to engage the pages and cover on one side of an open book, the upper member 1 being curved to avoid injury to the edges of the pages while the lower member 2 is straight in order to lay flat between the cover and the table or other support. The extremities of these arms are preferably encased in soft rubber tips 4 to avoid injury to the book. The shorter arms of the members indicated at 5 and 6 are provided with thumb and finger pads 7, which may have a slightly roughened surface and be curved to suit the contour of the finger and thumb, as clearly shown in Figure 1. These handle ends being shorter than the book-engaging ends, a slight motion of the thumb and finger will produce a multiplied motion of the page holding arms, which is an obvious advantage. A spring 8 on the side of the pivot 3 toward the longer arms gives the necessary tension to these arms to clamp the pages and cover of the book and hold them securely in place. Protecting extensions 9 act as guards to prevent the spring from coming in contact with the edge of the book and so save the latter from injury. The members 1 and 2 are preferably made thin with a greater dimension in the direction of the clamping force. In this way they may be made much lighter than otherwise would be necessary and, furthermore, they present less obstruction to the view of the printed page. If desired, an additional plate 10 may be attached to the upper number 1, upon which some advertising may be impressed or the advertising may be put on the upper member 6.

I claim:—

A page holder comprising two members pivoted together intermediate their ends so as to form a pair of arms adapted to engage the pages and cover of a book and a pair of arms adapted to be gripped by the hand to spread said first mentioned arms apart, a spring tending to draw said book engaging arms together, and a pair of straight guards projecting toward and to the side of each other so as to shroud said spring and to present a continuous abutment for any object held between the arms.

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