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BOOK-SUPPORTS.

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Fig. 1.

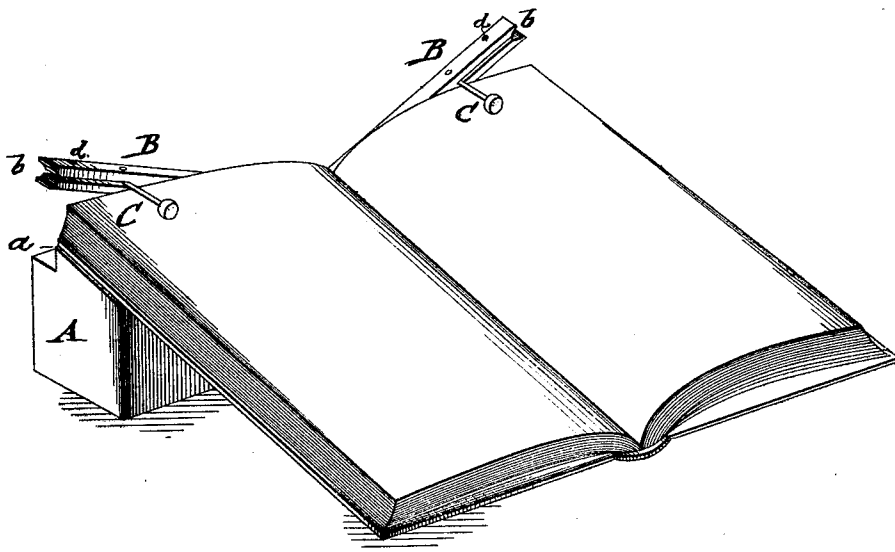


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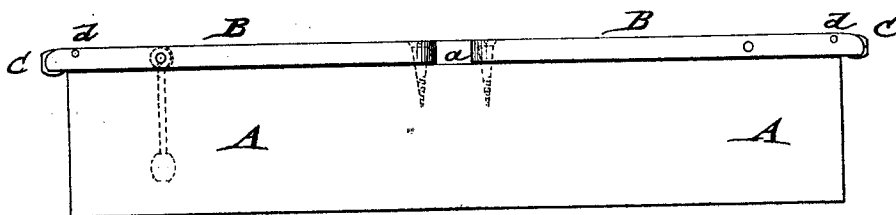
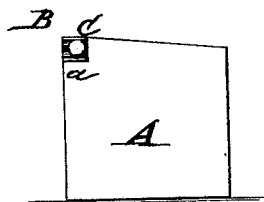


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-SUPPORTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALLSTON WILSON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Book-Rest, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved book-rest with a book supported thereon. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, and Fig. 3 an end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention has reference to an improved book-rest of cheap and compact construction, on which the book may be conveniently arranged for reading and the leaves retained or clasped without the use of the hand, the book being quickly placed thereon and the leaves turned over in an easy manner.

The invention consists of a supporting-block, with swinging arms, folding away in a recess of the block, and having pivoted holding-arms or clasps, folding into recesses at the ends of the arms, for holding the leaves.

In the drawing, A represents the supporting-block of my improved book-rest, which is made of any suitable size and material, and provided with a slanting top, for supporting the book in inclined position. Near to the central part of the block A are pivoted the swinging arms B, that may be folded into a longitudinal recess, *a*, of the block when the book-rest is put away after use. The outer

ends of arms B are provided with recesses *b*, in which the leaf-holders or clasps C are pivoted, so as to swing either forward over the book into position at a suitable angle to the arms, or back into the same, to fold down therewith on the block. The leaf-holders C have, preferably, ball-shaped ends, and are retained in the recesses of the arms by cross-pins *d*.

When the book is placed on the rest for reading, the arms are raised to the height required by the size of the book, and the holding-arms then swing forward on the leaves. For turning a leaf, the arms are slightly raised, and, after the turning of the leaf, carried down again on the pages. When the book is taken off after use, the leaf-holders are folded back into the arms, and the arms then folded down on the block, so that the rest takes up only a small space, and may be stored away in convenient manner.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A book-rest, consisting of a block, provided with one inclined face, groove *a*, grooved arms B, and leaf-holders C, all arranged to support the book and hold the leaves, substantially as specified.

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