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Fig. 1

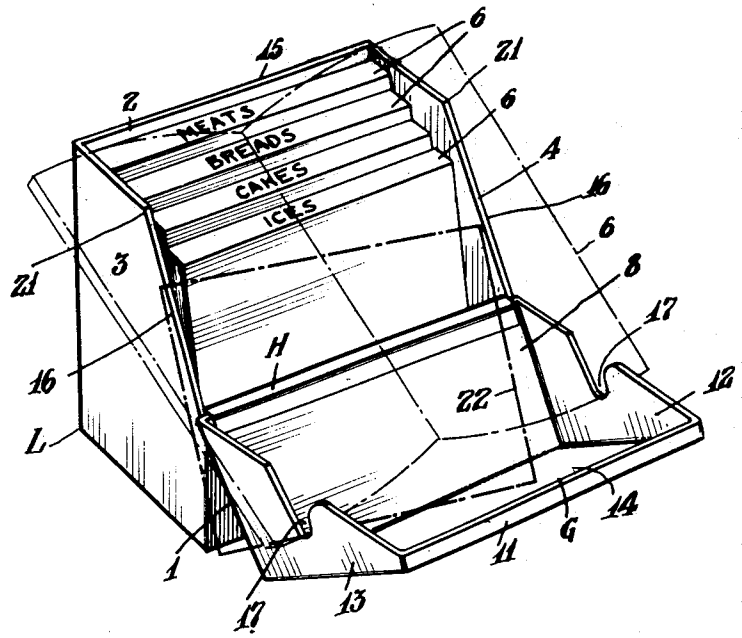
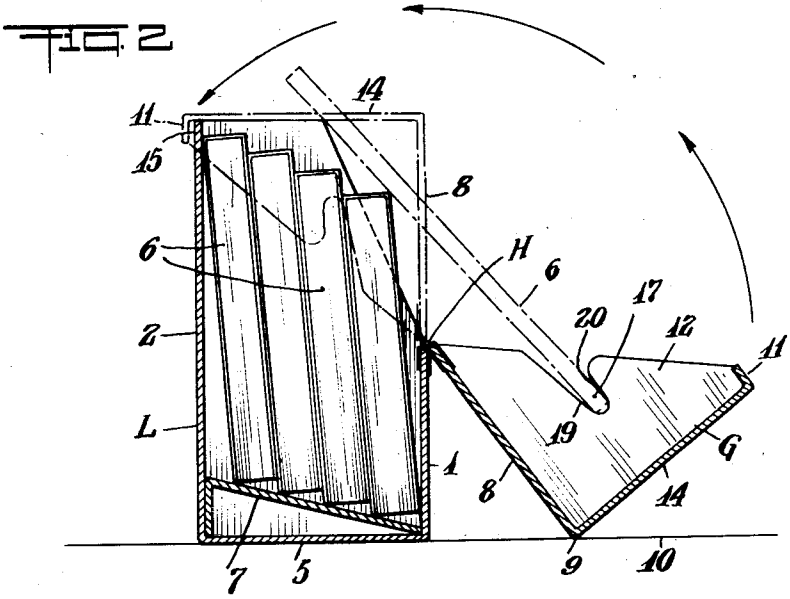


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to a holder for recipe books and the like, and an object of the invention is to provide a holder of suitable size and proportions to contain one or any number of books, cards, pamphlets, etc., and which when opened to give access to the contents provides a temporary rest or easel-like support for the book or the like at which time the book or the like may be conveniently held in such a position that it may be readily seen for reading etc.

A further and more detailed object is to provide a holder in the form of a box having a hinged cover, the arrangement being such that when the cover is closed the contents of the box will be fully enclosed and protected and when the cover is swung open it will co-operate to provide an easel-like support upon which one of the books or the like from within the box may be temporarily supported in a position so that the reading matter on the pages of the book may be easily read.

A further object is to so construct the holder that when the cover portion thereof is swung open an edge surface only of said cover portion will engage against the surface of the table upon which the box rests, thereby preventing likelihood of injury to the broad flat surface of the cover portion.

A further object is to so construct the holder that the cover portion, when swung closed, will have a suitable "snap" engagement with the remainder of the holder so as to prevent its accidental opening movement, the "snap" engagement being provided for without necessity for the use of any separately formed clips or clasps of any kind.

Other objects and aims of the invention, more or less specific than those referred to above, will be in part obvious and in part pointed out in the course of the following description of the elements, combinations, arrangements of parts and applications of principles constituting the invention; and the scope of protection contemplated will be indicated in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing which is to be taken as a part of this specification, and in which we have shown merely a preferred form of embodiment of the invention:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a holder of the type here concerned and showing the same in its open position, a recipe book from within the holder being illustrated in dotted lines as it appears when supported by the open holder, and

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the device seen in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing for describing in detail the structure illustrated therein, it will be seen that the holder includes a main body portion L and a cover portion G hinged together at a point H so that the cover portion may swing from its open position as indicated in full lines to its closed position as indicated by the dot and dash lines in Fig. 2.

The body portion consists of front and back walls 1 and 2, opposite end walls 3 and 4 and a bottom wall 5 and these define the compartment within which is contained the articles, for instance the recipe books indicated 6—6. Preferably an inclined false bottom as 7 is provided within this body so that the books 6, or the like, stand elevated one behind the other to a suitable extent so that they may be readily picked out one at a time from the holder, in use.

The front wall 1 is cut low, being slightly less than half the height of the body portion, the remainder of the front wall of the complete box consisting of the front wall part as 8 of the cover portion G, said part 8 being thereby longer than the wall 1 so that when the cover portion is swung open a corner only as 9 of the cover portion will engage against the surface 10 of the table or other support upon which the device is resting at the time.

The cover portion consists of the front wall part 8, a small rear wall part 11, opposite end wall parts 12 and 13, and a top wall part 14. These wall parts are in such relation that when the cover portion is thrown closed the small rear wall part 11 must be forced or "snapped" over the top edge 15 of the rear wall 2 of the body portion, as indicated in Fig. 2. The whole structure is preferably formed of cardboard, sheet-metal, or other semi-rigid material so that the inherent elasticity thereof, together with a certain yielding quality provided in the hinge H, will enable the wall 1 to "snap" over the edge 15 of the back wall 2 and prevent any opening movement of the cover portion except when manual pressure is applied to force the wall part 11 back again out of engagement with the edge.

The end walls 3 and 4 of the body portion are preferably beveled off as at 16—16 upwardly from the hinge H, and the end walls 12 and 13 of the cover portion are shaped to close the openings in these regions when the cover portion is swung closed.

Each of the end walls 12 and 13 of the cover portion is formed with a notch 17. These two notches are of similar contour and together they cooperate to provide a very convenient and efficient retaining holder into which may be positioned lower edge portions of a book or card containing material desired to be read from time to time by the user of the device. The notches provide forwardly facing surfaces as 19 against which the book or card may lay, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, and rearwardly facing surfaces as 20 standing to oppose any tendency of a leaf of a book to swing out of the notch.

When a book or card, or the like, is resting within the notches 17 by its lower edge its upper portions may rest against the corners 21—21 of the end walls 3 and 4 of the body L, and, or, against a book or the like which may remain within the body. The book which is resting within the notches 17 is thus supported as upon an easel, and its leaves will be held spread open so that the reading matter thereon may be easily and conveniently read at any time.

In using this device the user has simply to swing open the cover G so that its edge 9 rests upon the table, select from within the body L a book containing the subject matter desired to be read, and spread open the book to the desired page and rest it upon the easel provided by the notches 17, as indicated by the dot and dash lines in Fig. 1.

In some instances the user may desire to utilize only one of the notches 17 in the support of a card or book, as for instance indicated by the heavy dotted lines 22 in Fig. 1.

A device of the kind as disclosed herein may be utilized for numerous purposes but is especially well adapted in connection with the use of small books containing recipes. In this instance the book containing the desired recipe may be conveniently supported where it can be easily referred to and read at any moment and yet be always off of the table and out of harm's way.

As many changes could be made in this construction without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the following claims, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description, or shown in the accompanying drawing, shall be interpreted as illustrative only and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions, and having means therein cooperative with a part of the body portion when the cover portion is in open position to at that time provide an easel-like support for an article placed to engage said means and said body part.

2. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions, the cover portion being constructed with respect to its hinge connection so that when in its open position it will rest by a corner upon a table surface upon which the body portion rests, and said cover portion having means therein cooperative with a part of the body portion when the cover portion is in open position to at that time provide an easel-like support for an article placed to engage said means and said body part.

3. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions and having a pair of notches formed in opposite walls thereof cooperative with a part of the body portion when the cover portion is in open position to at that time constitute an easel-like support for an article placed to rest in said notches and against said body part.

4. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions, said body portion and said cover portion having parts cooperative when the cover portion is in open position to provide an easel-like support for an article placed to engage said body and cover portions.

5. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions, the body and cover portions having parts arranged with respect to the hinge so that the cover portion will have a "snap" acting connection with swung closed against the body portion, the cover portion having a pair of notches adapted when the cover portion is thrown open to receive lower edge parts of an article from within the body portion, and the body portion having parts adapted to be engaged by relatively upper portions of said article when said article is resting in said notches, said cover portion and said body portion thus having parts cooperative to constitute an easel-like support for the article.

6. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, the cover portion being hinged to the body portion to swing between open and closed positions and having opposite end walls each formed with a notch therein, said notches being adapted, when the cover portion is in open position to cooperate with a part of the body portion to provide an easel-like support for an article placed to rest in said notches and against said body part.

7. As an article of manufacture, a holder comprising a body portion adapted to contain articles intended to be inspected and a cover portion, said holder including a front wall the lower part of which is a part of the body portion and the upper part of which is a part of the cover portion, a hinge connecting the upper edge of the lower portion of the front wall with the lower edge of the upper portion of said front wall so that the cover portion is adapted to swing into open and closed positions, said hinge being disposed relatively nearer to the bottom edge of said front wall than to the upper edge of said front wall so that the portion of said front wall forming part of the cover extends relatively further from the hinge than the portion of said front wall forming part of the body and is adapted when the cover portion is swung to open to engage against a table surface upon which the body portion rests, and said cover portion having means which in consequence of the engagement of the cover portion with the table is disposed to cooperate with a part of the body portion to thereby constitute an easel-like support for an article placed to engage said means and said body part.

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