

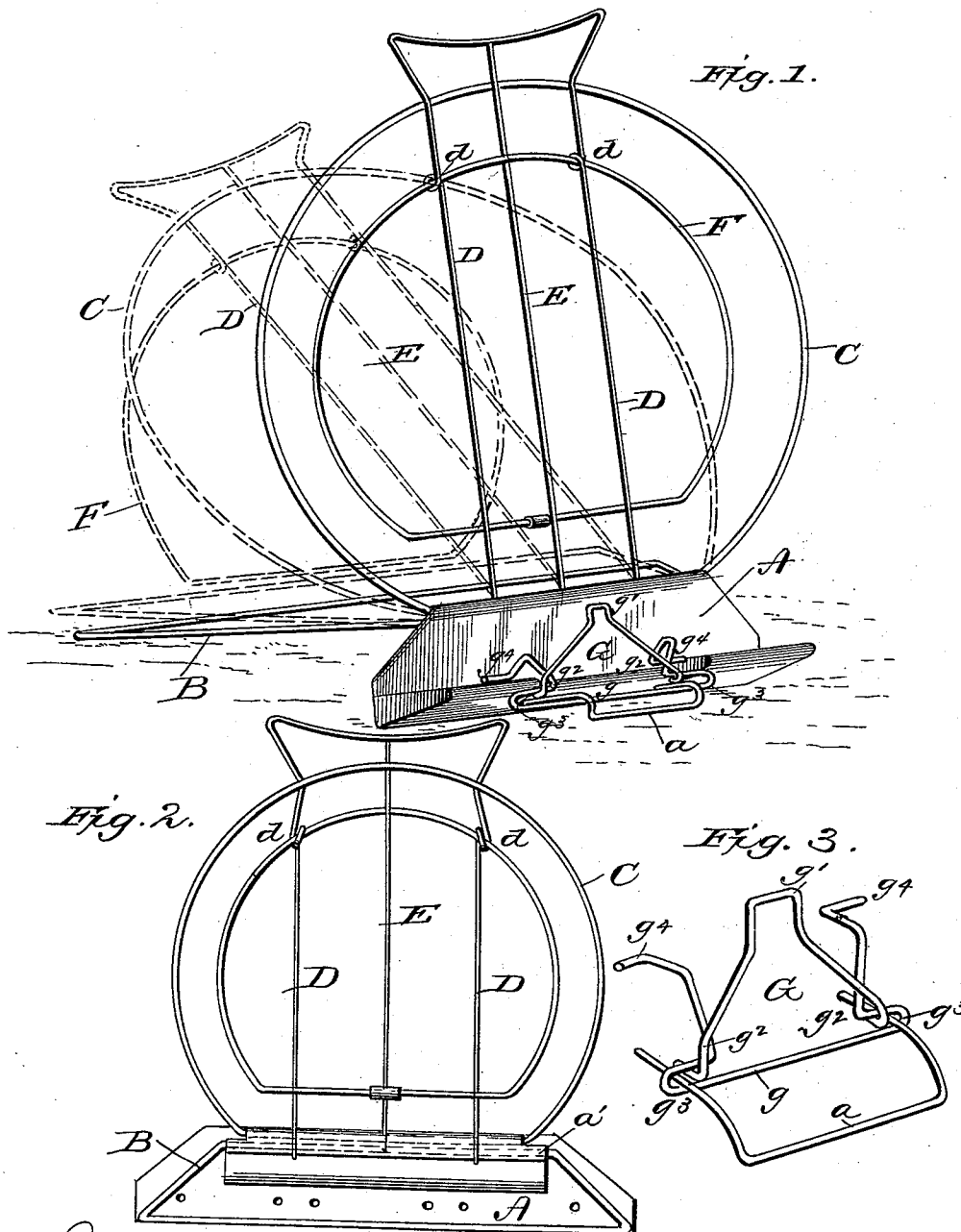
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MURLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manchester, in the county of Delaware and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Books, Sheet-Music, and the Like; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in holders for books, sheet-music, and the like.

The object is to provide a simple device of this kind capable of ready adjustment at different angles, whereby the book or other article may be held in a secure manner at varying inclinations and in open position, if desired, and with ready adaptability for turning or shifting the leaves.

The invention consists in the improved construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, the dotted lines indicating the position of the parts when the device is adjusted in such a manner as to bring the supplemental support into operation. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation with the covering removed, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the clamp.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A indicates the angular base centrally recessed, which has projecting from its forward portion a wire staple *a*, said staple having its extremity bent or curved downwardly. The base is also formed or provided upon its rear with a sleeve or collar *a'*, in which turns the shorter side of a looped support B, said support having, preferably, the form of a trapezoid. The back of the rest or holder is indicated by the letter C, of the usual circular form and rigidly secured at its lower end to the base.

A central longitudinal strengthening-loop D is soldered at the top and bottom to the back, and its upper end is extended above

said back. The sides of this extended portion are somewhat diverged, so as to afford a ready means for hanging the holder against the wall by simply engaging the angles of said extended end with hooks or the like. A rod or brace E is located intermediate the wires forming the central loop D, and has its upper end secured to the transverse portion of said loop.

The letter F indicates a supplemental support which is curved, excepting at its lower extremity, where it is rectilinear. This support passes through eyes *d*, formed by bends in the wires of the central loop D, and is free to be turned therein, so that it may be swung at any inclination.

Fig. 3 of the drawings represents in detail the clamping device G. This clamp consists, preferably, of two parts *g* and *g'*, soldered together at the points *g² g²*. The part *g* consists of a wire having its ends bent inwardly upon the horizontal portion for a short distance, to form the loops or eyes *g³ g³*, through which the sides of the staple *a* pass. The ends are then bent outwardly at an obliquity, then rearward, and finally outwardly at right angles to form feet *g⁴ g⁴*, which bear against the pages of the book in order to maintain the same in an open position. The part *g'* of the clamp is of an approximately inverted-V shape, with its lower ends bent inwardly at right angles and passing through the eyes or loops *g³*. It will be seen from this construction that the clamps may slide freely upon the staple *a*, and the greatest weight being at the top when it is adjusted inwardly, so as to bear against the book, it will maintain that position by reason of its gravity until again tilted or slid forward.

The rest or holder is designed to receive a book or sheet-music, and is intended to be placed on a piano, organ, table, stand, or the like, and will be found particularly useful as a support for sheet-music, inasmuch as the leaves may be firmly held at any desired incline, and at the same time may be readily turned. It will also be found of great service to copyists, literary men, and others requiring a support for their manuscript.

In most cases the trapezoidal support B will be sufficient to maintain the book at sufficient inclination to answer ordinary pur-

poses. If, however, it is desired to turn the support B so as to bring the back of the holder at an inclination of about forty-five degrees, as indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 1, in that case it will be found that the weight of the book would tend to overcome the support afforded by the part D, and to guard against this I provide the pivoted supplemental support F, the lower rectilinear portion of which is adapted to bear upon the supporting-stand when the back of the holder is thus inclined.

When the holder is hung against the wall in the manner previously described, the support B may be readily made to assume the proper angle for a book to lean against.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a holder for books, sheet-music, and the like, the combination of an angular base having its horizontal portion centrally recessed, a staple projecting forwardly therefrom, and a clamping device consisting of two connected parts, one of said parts consisting of a wire doubled upon itself to form loops which receive the opposite sides of the staple, the ends of said wire being then bent outwardly at an obliquity and finally into angular form, and the other member of the clamp consisting of a wire bent into an approximately in-

verted-V shape, having its lower ends bent rearward so as to pass through the eyes or loops formed in the other part, substantially as set forth.

2. In a holder for books, sheet-music, and the like, the combination of a base provided upon its rear and near the upper edge thereof with a sleeve or collar, a wire support for holding the book until a certain inclination is reached, said support having one end turning in the sleeve or collar and its other end resting upon the supporting medium, a back-support for the book secured to the base-piece, a central looped brace for said back, having twists or bends to form eyes and its upper end extending above said back to form means for securing the device to hooks or the like projecting from a wall, and a partly circular supplemental support pivoted in the eyes of the loop, the lower rectangular portion thereof adapted to bear upon the supporting medium when the holder is adjusted to a position beyond that at which the lower base-support will act, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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