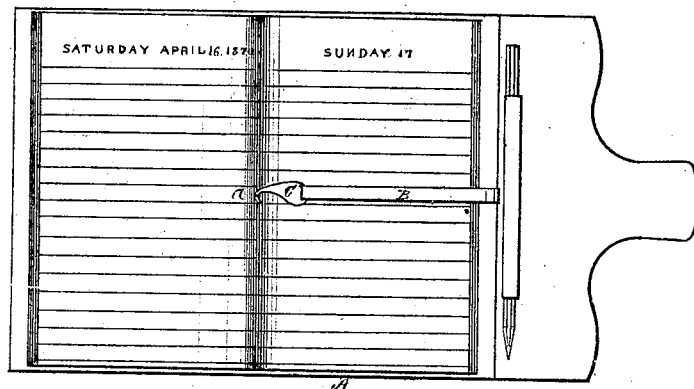


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-MARKERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all persons to whom these presents may come :*

Be it known that I, EDMUND COTTLE, of Randolph, of the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention having reference to Books; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, which represents a memorandum-book as open, and provided with my invention, the purpose of which is not only to serve as a mark to note the page at which a person may have left off reading or writing, but to hold down the leaves on one side of the middle of the book while a person may be reading the book or writing in it.

In carrying out my invention, I fix to one of the covers of the book A, at or near the outer edge of such cover, a strap or band, B, which may be either elastic or inelastic, and I provide such strap, at its free end, with a hook, C, which, when used, is to be hooked upon the stitching used in binding the leaves together.

The band may be elastic, and run through a slot in the hook, so as to bring the hook at the middle of the band, in which case the halves of the band should

be folded on one another, and their ends be fastened to the book-cover.

There may be such a band and a hook or book-marker to each of the covers, or to one of them only.

Where the stitching of the book is not favorable for taking the hook, a thread or wire, *a*, may be run through the pack of leaves, near their junction, and be secured to the covers or back of the book, so that, when the book is open, such thread or wire will show in manner as represented in the drawing, wherein the hook C is exhibited as hooked upon such thread or wire, or the part of it which becomes exposed between the leaves, the hook C, in this instance, being formed in manner as shown.

I claim—

The combination and arrangement of the hitching-wire *a* with the hook C, the band B, and the book A, the whole being substantially as described.

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