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Fig. 1.

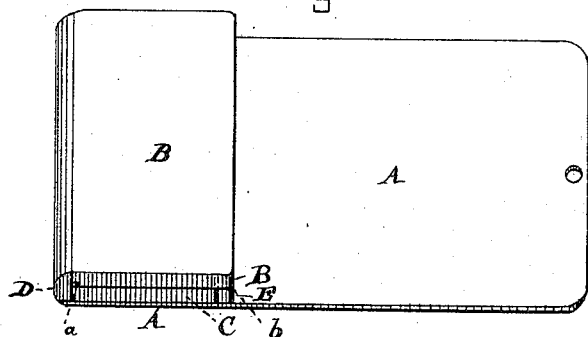


Fig. 2.

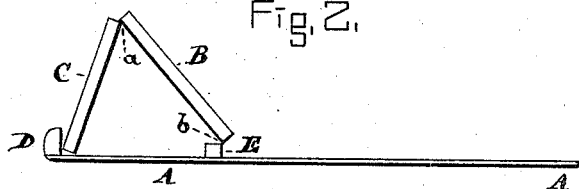
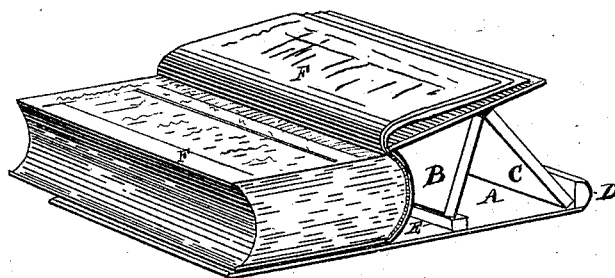


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. CREAR, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Book-Supports and Arm-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in book-supports and arm-rests; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a support for a portion of a large book—such as a ledger—when open and in use, thereby enabling the user to scan both pages of the volume at a glance without the constant shifting of position necessary when the book is open flat upon the desk or table, at the same time easing the strain which occurs to a certain extent upon the binding of all large volumes when opened flat; second, when closed and inserted between the pages of the ledger it performs the functions of an ordinary arm-rest; third, when not in use as an arm-rest or book-support it can, by opening and setting the shoulder end toward the user, be still further utilized as a support for copy.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention when closed and in shape to be used as an ordinary book-keeper's arm-rest. The manner in which this is used is so familiar that it will not be necessary to show or describe it. Fig. 2 is a side view of my invention when ar-

ranged for use as a book-support, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my invention in use as a book-support.

A is the thin flat piece of wood forming the main part of the rest. B is the outer leaf of the folding portion. C is the inner leaf of the folding portion. D is a cleat secured to the board A. E is a like cleat. F is a book. At 40 b the leaf B is hinged to the cleat E, and at a the leaves B and C are hinged together. The widths of the leaves B and C are so arranged that when raised, as shown in Fig. 2, they will form an elevated support having a triangular cross-section. The inner end of C then abuts against the cleat D. The ledger or other large book is placed upon A, and the lid is allowed to rest upon the edge of the triangular prism formed by the two leaves B and C and the base A. 50

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

The combination of the board A, provided with the cleats D and E, with the board B, hinged to the cleat E, and the board C, hinged to the board B, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 55

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