

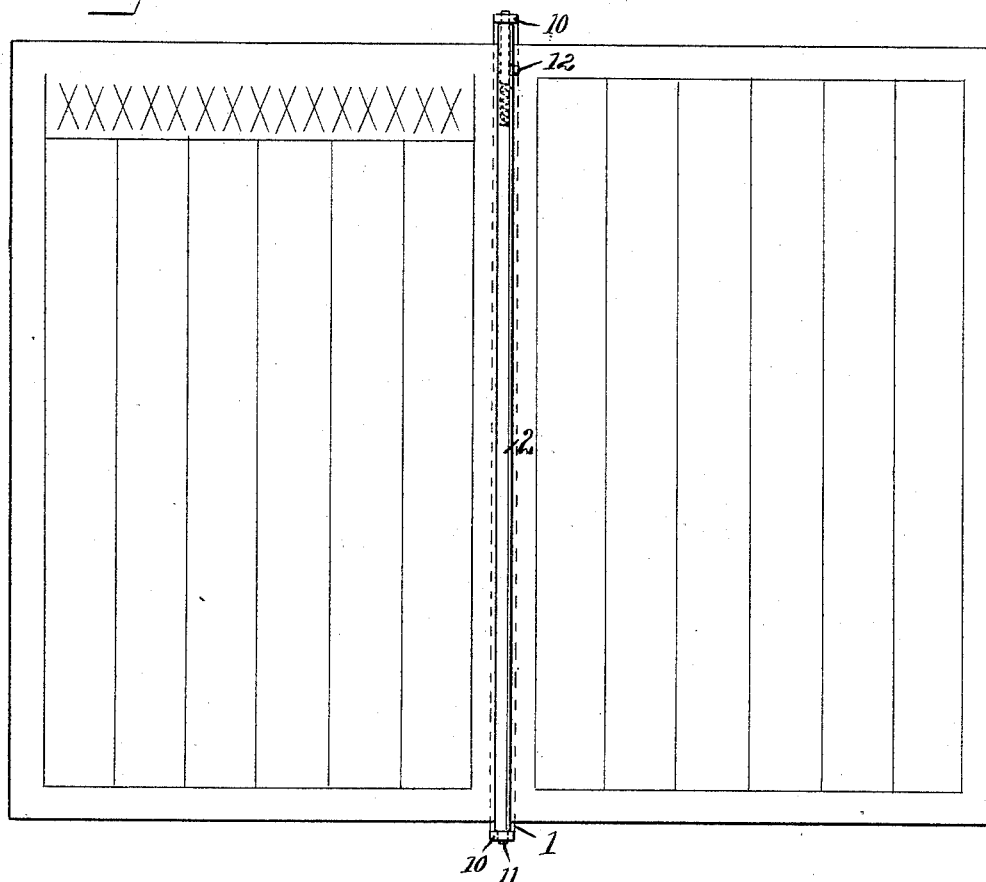
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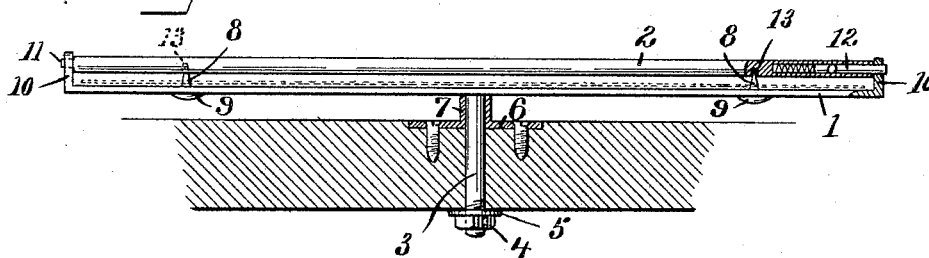
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## REVOLVING PAPER-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. HILLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revolving Paper-Holders; and I do hereby 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.

My invention has for its object to produce a paper-holder adapted for use in the reading-rooms of libraries, clubs, &c., which shall be simple in construction, durable, inexpensive, which will permit the ready attachment and removal of papers without injury to illustrations, and which shall be so attached to the desk or other support as to permit the holder and the papers held thereby to be turned, so as to place the papers in any convenient position for examining illustrations placed lengthwise of the page.

With these ends in view I have devised the simple and novel construction, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, numerals being used to denote the several parts.

Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating my novel paper-holder in use; and Fig. 2 is a section of a portion of a desk, table, or other support, showing the manner in which my novel holder is pivoted thereto, so as to permit it to be readily turned to any required position.

My novel paper-holder consists, essentially, of a revolving base, denoted by 1, and a detachable holding-strip, denoted by 2. The base is provided at its mid-length with a pivot or stud 3, which is its sole support in use. This pivot or stud is passed down through a hole in the desk and is preferably screw-threaded at its lower end and retained in position by a nut 4, a washer 5 being usually placed between the nut and the under side of the desk, as shown. I preferably also place upon the upper side of the desk a supporting-plate 6, having a boss 7, through

which the pivot or stud passes, the under side of the base resting upon the top of the boss. In order to retain the papers in the holder against lateral movement I preferably provide two or more prongs 8 upon the base, which pass through the papers and engage the holding-strip, the heads of these prongs on the under side of the base being preferably pads of leather, denoted by 9, to prevent injury to the desk should the base come in contact therewith. The holding-strip may be attached to the base in any ordinary or preferred manner. I preferably provide at each end of the base a lug 10, having a hole through it, and provide at one end of the holding-strip a pin 11 to engage one of the lugs, and at the other end a spring-catch 12 to engage the other lug. The base may be of either metal or wood, and the holding-strip may be either a rod or tube, as may be preferred. In practice I provide the underside of the holding-strip with recesses 13 to receive the upper ends of prongs 8, so that when the holding-strip has been placed in position the papers will be held securely against movement in any direction.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A revolving paper-holder consisting of a base having on its under side a stud to engage the desk, upwardly-extending prongs to engage papers, lugs at its ends, and a holding-strip having at one end a pin to engage one of the lugs, at the other end a spring-catch to engage the other lug, and in its under side recesses to receive the prongs.

2. A revolving paper-holder consisting of a base and holding-strips, substantially as described, said base having on its under side at its mid-length a stud adapted to pass through a desk or table, and a nut engaging said stud on the under side of the desk, whereby the holder is retained in position.

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

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