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Book-Support.

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Fig. 1.

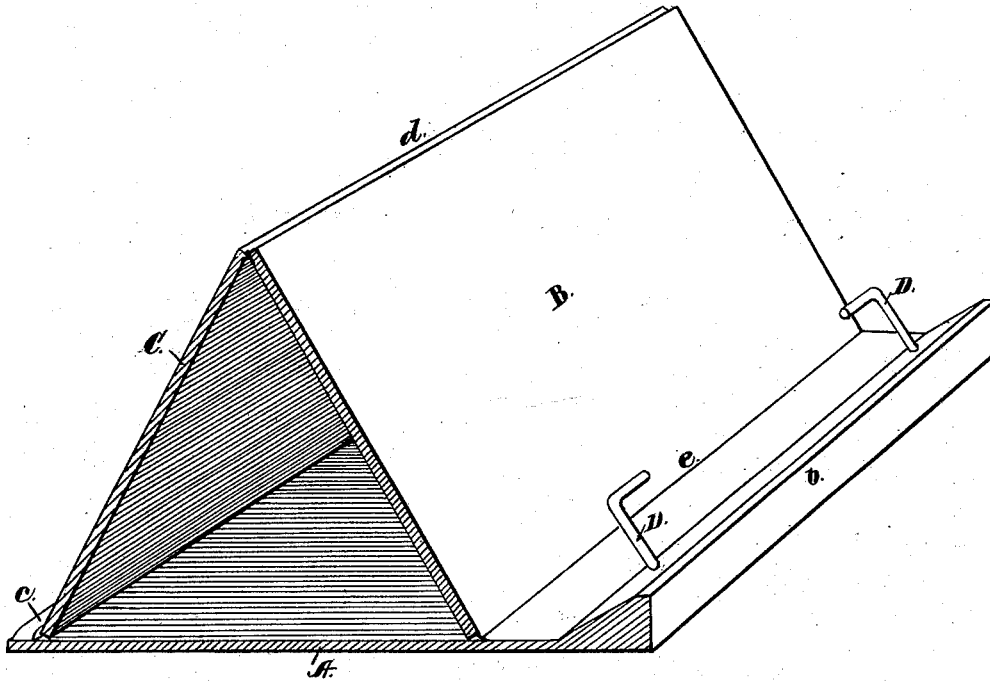
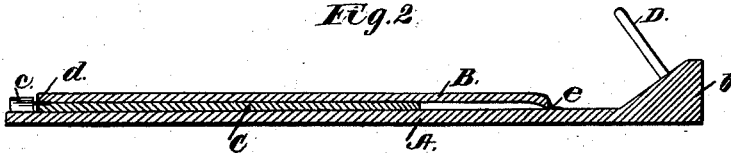


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH S. TURNER, of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Rests; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention has for its object the production of an improved portable book rest or support for holding a book up and open at any desired page. The novelty consists in the construction of the device, as will be herewith set forth and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book-supporter ready for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same folded up.

I construct my device as follows: A is a flat rectangular base-piece, of board or other sufficiently heavy and stiff material, having on its top, at the front edge, an inclined ledge, *b*, of the shape indicated, and at the opposite edge a strip or smaller ledge, *c*, both of which are securely fastened to the body A in any convenient way; or they may form a part of the same. B and C are two rectangular pieces of stiff paper or board, of same width as the base A, and hinged in any suitable manner along the edges *d*. The opposite edge of the piece B is hinged to the base-piece A along the line *e* near the ledge *b*; or both edges of the piece C might be hinged, one of them at *c*, and one edge of B might be left free. This free end of B might then, when in use, be rested against a ledge at *e*, or against the ledge *b*.

When not desired for use, the pieces B and C may be folded flat upon each other and upon the base A, as seen in Fig. 2, and when it is desired to use the device as a supporter the pieces B and C are raised and opened, as shown in Fig. 1, the lower edge of the piece C being supported against the ledge *c*. The opened book is placed with its back against the piece B, and is held open at any desired page by means of two wire pins, D, which are inserted into the ledge *b*, as shown, and have their tops bent at right angles. By turning these pins in their sockets their ends may be made to bear against the open pages of the book to hold it open.

This construction forms a strong, neat, and compact portable device.

I do not broadly claim a book rack or support capable of being folded upon itself and constructed of hinged sections, for I am aware that such is old; but

What I claim is—

The herein-described portable and folding book-rest, consisting of the horizontal base A, having ledges *b c* and retaining-wires D, and the hinged and adjustable pieces B C, the several parts constructed and relatively arranged as specified.

Witness my hand this 24th day of October,
A. D. 1877.

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