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Leaf-Holder for Books.

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Fig. 1.

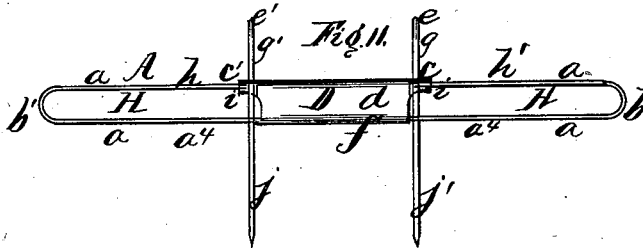
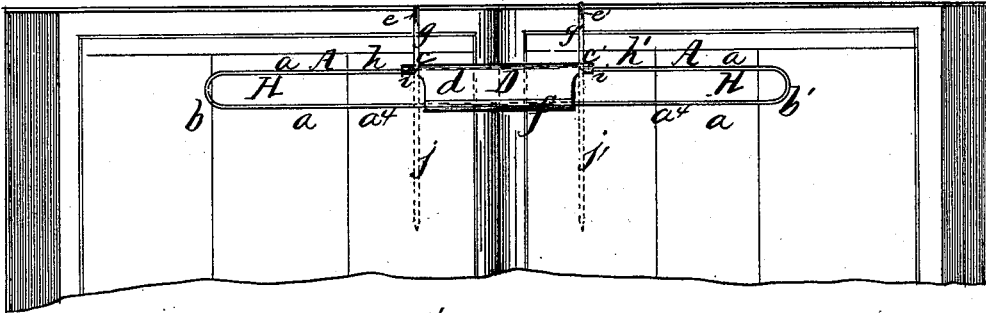


Fig. III.



Fig. IV.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LEAF-HOLDERS FOR BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK C. GERARD, of Seymour, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Leaf-Holders for Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a holder for the leaves of books which is simple in construction, easily applied to all kinds of books, pamphlets, &c., cheaply manufactured, and effective in preventing the leaves from closing when the book is open.

My invention consists in forming a piece of wire of a certain length—say sixteen inches, more or less—into the required shape. This is done by bending the wire into two parallel arms of about two inches (more or less) in length each, and the ends upward at a right angle, then giving them a circular bend and carrying them downward—say, about one and one-half inch, (more or less.) Between the upward-bent ends of the wire is placed a strip of metal, the upper part of which extends outward and serves as a handle, by aid of which the holder is placed into and removed from the book.

In order to more fully describe my invention, I refer to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure I is a front view of my improved leaf-holder for books. Fig. II is a back view

of the same. Fig. III is a plan view. Fig. IV is an end view.

A is the holder, consisting of the wire *a*, the ends of which are first bent at *b b'* in a half-circle, and then carried inward, parallel with *a*, to the points *e* and *e'*, where they are bent upward at right angles (see Figs. I and IV) to points *e* and *e'*. They are then curved backward and downward, as shown in Fig. IV, into the prongs *j* and *j'*.

D is a handle, consisting of the metal strip *d*, which is fastened at *f* to the horizontal wire *a*. It is then carried up and fastened to the vertical bends *g* and *g'*, and the horizontal bends *h* and *h'* at *i*, when it is bent downward and outward, as shown in Fig. IV.

In order to use my invention, take the holder by the handle D and insert the prongs *j j'* between the leaves at the top of a book, or let them rest on the cover, according to the thickness of the book, pamphlet, &c. Then bring the horizontal part H of the holder down upon the leaves, as shown in Fig. I. The leaves are thus prevented from rising.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A leaf-holder for books, consisting of the horizontal arms H and the prongs or pins *j* and *j'*, provided with the handle D, substantially as shown and described.

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