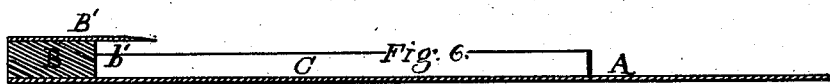
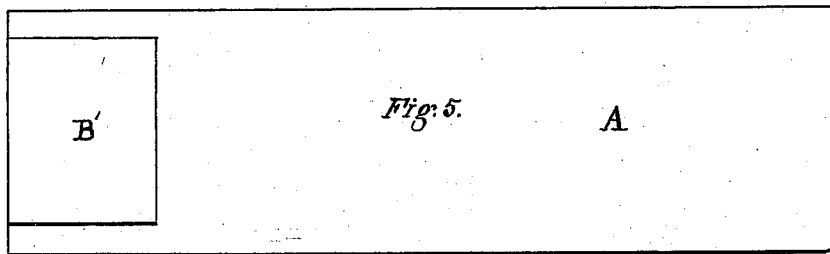
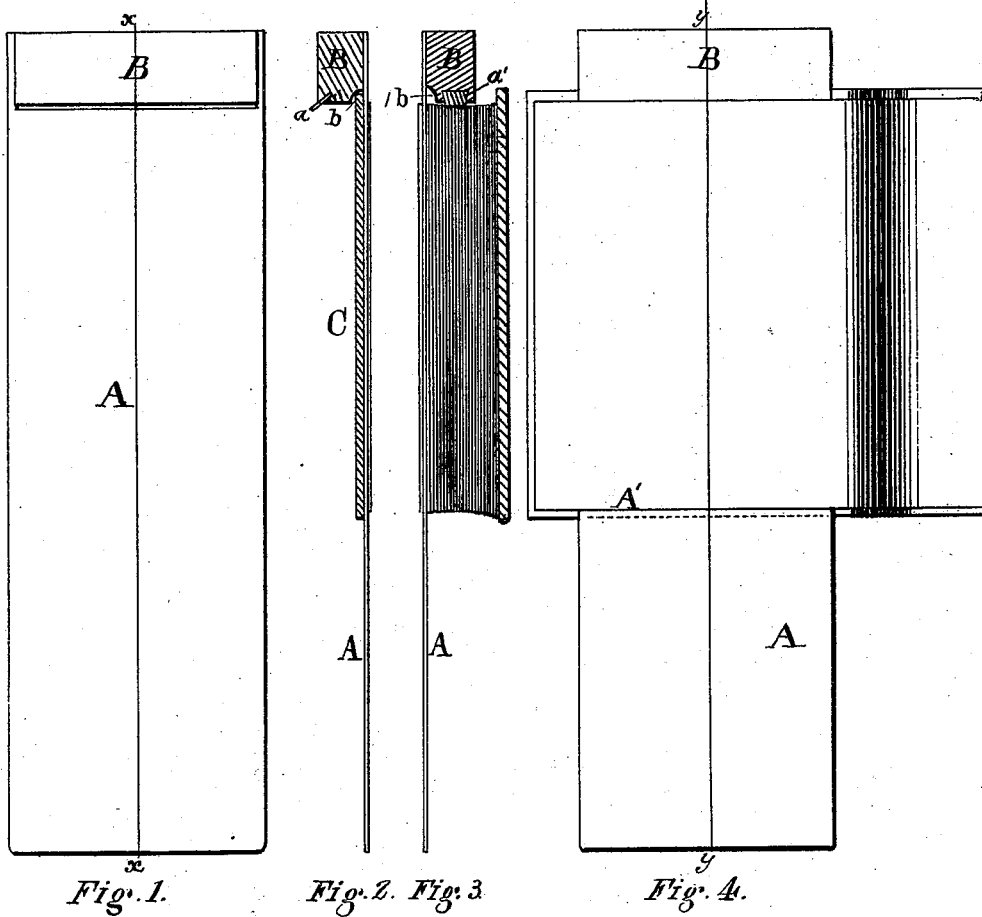


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Hand-Rest.

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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-RESTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. HENNING, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Rests for Book-Keeper's; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a top or plan view of the hand-rest. Figs. 2 and 3 are sections on *x x* and *y y* of Figs. 1 and 4. Fig. 4 is a view of the rest in use in a book. Fig. 5 is a top view of another form, and Fig. 6 is a section of Fig. 5.

This invention relates to improvements in arm or hand rests for the use of book-keepers and copyists; and consists in forming the cleat across the top with a recess, by which the board is sustained by the cover of the book, and by the insertion in the cleat of a piece of india-rubber or other elastic substance, so that the rest may be sustained by the edges of the leaves of the book as the same may be employed, all of which will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, A represents a board made of suitable material, and of a width to accommodate the leaf of the book in which entries are to be made or copied. The length of the board A must be so much longer than the book as to afford below the page a hand-rest, which is shown at A'. B is the ledge, projection, or cleat, securely fastened to the board A.

Figs. 1, 2, and 3 show the manner of constructing the cleat B, by making a hollow or cavetto in the edge, as at *b*. I also insert in the edge of B a thin strip of india-rubber, as at *a*, Fig. 2, and by a broader strip in the edge, as at *a'*, Fig. 3. These are used to impinge upon the edges of the leaves of the book, and by friction to sustain the arm-rest above the book while the hand bears upon the lower part.

In ordinary hand-rests inserted from below there is no support for the rest in the commencement or close of the book. In this invention the board is sustained by the back of the book in the commencement and close as well as in any other part.

The present book-rests may have this improved cleat by simply forming a recess, *b*, as seen in Fig. 2, and applying the rubber strip.

When the hand-rest is to be used below, the board can be turned over and run on the book-back C, and the edge of the book inserted in recess *b*. The rest will then be properly supported.

I claim—

The arm-rest having the stock B, with a recess, *b*, and india-rubber strip or block *a'*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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