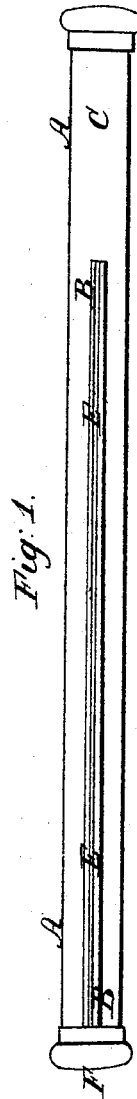
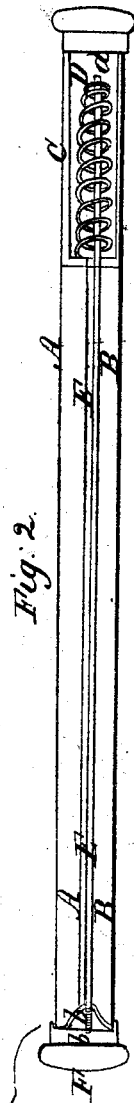


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NEWSPAPER-FILE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BURNET, of the city and county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and improved file for holding newspapers while reading, or any other sheets which it is desirable to hold in extended forms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, illustrated by the accompanying drawings, with the figures and letters marked thereon, referred to in and making a part of this schedule.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the file in perspective. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a cross-section.

The same letters refer to the same parts in each figure.

Fig. 2 shows the construction of the file.

A A is a round wooden rod of such size and length as is suited to the use to which it is to be put. This rod is grooved out longitudinally, as seen at B B, to allow the folded paper to sink into it and sufficiently deep to take in the requisite number of sheets. This groove does not extend the whole length of the rod, enough of it being left round to form the handle C, by which the file is held while reading. The handle C is bored out sufficiently deep to hold a strong spiral spring, D. Through this spring passes a strong cord or wire, E, which shuts into the groove and holds the paper therein. The wire or cord is fastened to the spiral spring at *a* at one end, while the other end is affixed to the knob F, which is so shaped that its conical portion *b* sinks into a countersink made in the upper end of the rod A A, the retraction of the spiral spring hold-

ing the whole in place after the paper is placed in the groove.

Fig. 3 shows the shape preferably given to the groove—viz., slightly wedge-shaped.

When a wire is used instead of a cord, it must be jointed at the groove where it terminates, to allow it to swing easily out and in.

Mode of use: Draw up the knob F to free its conical end from the countersink. The string or wire is then easily removed from the recess or groove in the rod, fold the paper over the cord or wire, replace the string or wire in the groove again, draw up the knob, place it in position, and the spring will hold the whole in place, repeating the process until as many leaves are placed in it as it will hold.

I am aware that various devices have been patented for holding newspapers on file while reading, and therefore I do not broadly claim this; but I am not aware of any of such lightness and simple construction as mine or of so simple and easy operation.

Therefore, what I consider novel and useful, and wish to claim, is—

The single rod with a longitudinal groove or recess to receive the back of the folded sheets, the cord or wire shutting into the groove and attached at one end to the spiral spring contained in the handle, and the other attached to the conical shaped knob fitting the countersink in the top of the rod, all made and operating substantially as set forth, or their mechanical equivalents.

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