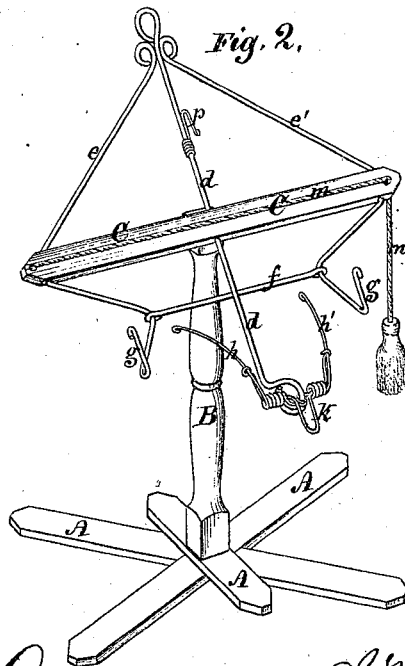
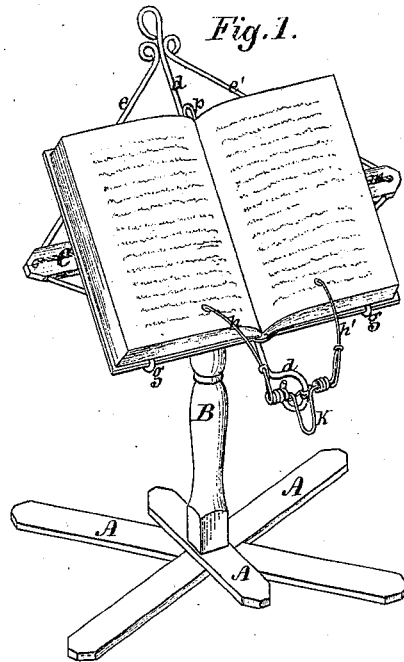


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-SUPPORTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. MILLETT THOMPSON, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and useful Hand Book-Rest, designed for holding a book by a person seated, or for position upon a table for holding matter to be copied; and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear, true, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this specification.

Figure 2 represents, in perspective, one of my book-rests with a book in position.

Figure 2 represents the same without the book, in which the details of construction are more fully exhibited.

A is a base, constructed, by preference, of several diverging arms, so that it may readily rest upon the lap of the person using it.

B is the standard, securely fixed upon the base A. For ordinary purposes it should be, say, twelve inches in height.

C is a cross-bar, hinged to the top of the standard B. To this bar the skeleton frame is attached, on which the book is placed.

This frame consists of a central vertical wire, *d*, passing through the bar C at the center.

On each side are side brace-wires, *e* and *e'*, which, being soldered at the top of the central wire *d*, extend outward and downward to the ends of the cross-bar, through it, and then downward and inward toward the central wire, where they intersect and join a cross brace-wire, *f*.

The ends of these side brace-wires turn up, so as to form holding-surfaces, *g*, for a book when in position.

To the lower end of the central vertical wire *d* spring-fingers, *h* and *h'*, are soldered.

A thumb-piece, *k*, extends through the springs of the two fingers *h* and grasps each at a point slightly above the coils, and is so set that depression of the thumb-piece raises the spring fingers.

Attached to and sliding upon the vertical wire *d*, above the cross-bar C, is a holding-finger, *p*, which, by being placed in proper relation with the book at the top end, securely holds it in position at whatever angle the book-rest may be held.

Extending along the whole length of the cross-bar C is a cord, *m*, attached at one end, and passing downward through a hole at the other end is provided with a weighted tassel.

A pamphlet or piece of manuscript may be held in position by placing it beneath the cord.

When thus constructed the book-rest is light, durable, and of extremely low cost, and is admirably adapted to the uses for which it is intended.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The improved hand book-rest, herein described, consisting of the base, standard, hinged cross-bar, brace-wires *d e f*, and holders *g*, in combination with the holding-finger *p*, spring fingers *h*, and thumb-piece *k*, all constructed and arranged as and for the purposes specified.

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