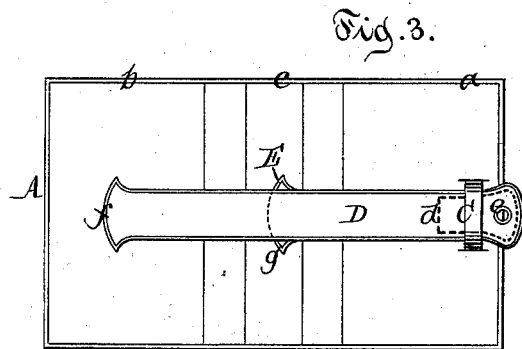
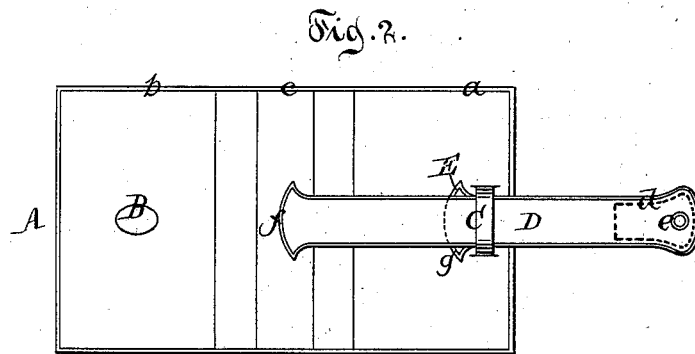
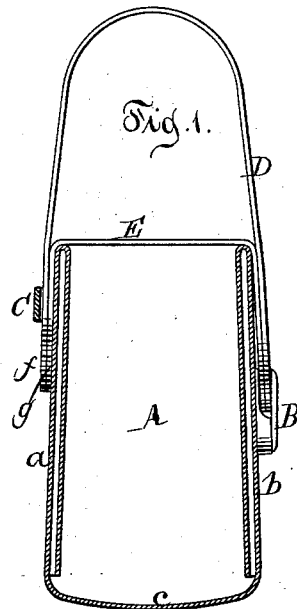


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOLDERS FOR BOOKS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWARD R. YOUNG and GEORGE AUGUST GOELLER, both of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Books and other articles, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a cross-section of a book-holder containing our invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof when it is spread out and the straps are laid flat upon each other. Fig. 3 shows the straps in their innermost position.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

Our invention is particularly adapted to book-holders, such as described in Letters Patent of the United States to Edwin Young, Edward R. Young, and F. E. Hafely, No. 204,872, dated June 11, 1878.

For the purpose of closing the holders referred to, and carrying the same, two straps having different lengths are used; and prior to our invention these straps were united at both ends and fastened to the holder at one end, the long strap being thus distended away from the short strap, so as to form a handle, while the short strap is adapted to join or connect the two cheeks of the holder. To this arrangement of said straps there are two objections, one being that the long or handle strap remains distended when the holder is opened, and, projecting from the holder in this state, together with the short strap, forms an incumbrance, while the other objection is that the holder is liable to break or tear at the point where the straps are fastened thereto, from the repeated strain which is put upon it when the straps are thrown back in opening the holder. To overcome these objections we unite the straps only at one end, and, in addition to the usual clasp for confining the outer ends of the straps, provide the holder with a bridge adapted to guide and act as a stop to the inner end of either or both straps, where we form an enlargement or counter-stop, so that the long strap may be distended to form a handle or adjusted so as to lie flat upon the other or short strap. We obtain an additional advantage by leaving the straps detached from

the holder, so that they may slide beneath the bridge, and can be moved back clear of the edge of the holder, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a holder of the class to which we apply our invention, the same being composed of two cheeks, *a b*, which are united by a flexible back, *c*, and which, when the article is intended to hold books, are provided with pockets to receive the book-covers. The cheek *a* of the holder carries an ordinary clasp, B, while on the other cheek thereof is formed a bridge, C, a strip of leather or other similar material being used for this purpose.

The letters D E designate two straps respectively designed for closing the holder A and for carrying the same. These straps are made of different lengths, as shown, and they are united at one end by stitching or other suitable means, as at *d*, while in this united part of the straps is fastened an eyelet, *e*, for the purpose of adapting the same to engage with the clasp B. At the end of each of the straps D E, where they are loose or disconnected, is formed an enlargement, *f* or *g*. The bridge C embraces both the straps D E, and the latter are detached from the holder A, so that they are capable of sliding in or under the bridge.

When it is desired to close the holder A, the straps D E are moved or slid out, so that their enlargements *f g* abut against the bridge C, and then the outer or united end of the straps is made to engage with the clasp B. In this manner the long strap, D, is distended or expanded in a curved line away from the short strap, E, so as to form a convenient handle for carrying the holder, while the short strap is stretched over the edges of the cheeks *a b*, so as to join or connect them, as shown in Fig. 1.

When the holder A is opened the outer or long strap, D, may be relieved of its distention and made to lie flat upon the short strap by drawing the same inward a sufficient distance. This position of the long strap is shown in Fig. 2. In this position of said long strap both straps D E project beyond the edge of the cheek *a* of the holder, but, being flattened, are not an incumbrance, as when the long strap is left distended; and at the same time, if it

is desired to have the straps within the edge of said cheek, as shown in Fig. 3, they can be readily moved to that position.

In the example shown the straps D E are enlarged at their outer or united ends, as well as at their inner ends, in order to prevent their withdrawal from beneath the bridge C; but in some cases we omit this outer enlargement, so that the straps may be removed from the holder.

In some cases, moreover, the short strap, E, is stitched or otherwise attached to the holder A at the inner end instead of being provided with the enlargement *g* at such end. This arrangement allows the straps D E to be moved to the position shown in Fig. 2, but not to the inner position shown in Fig. 3.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a holder having the clasp B and bridge C, of the straps D E, united at their outer ends, and either or both enlarged at their inner ends, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination, with a holder having the clasp B and bridge C, of the straps D E, united at their outer ends, both enlarged at the inner end, and both left detached from the holder, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of April, 1879.

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