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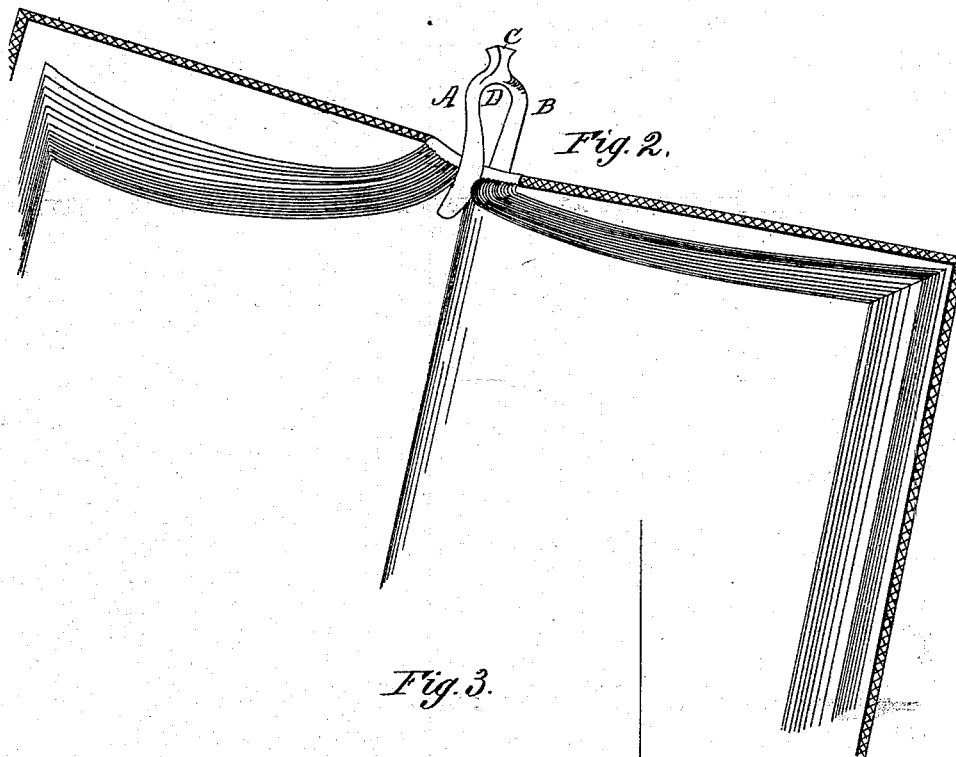
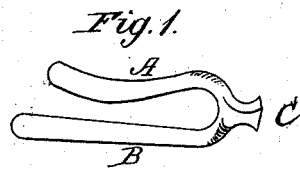
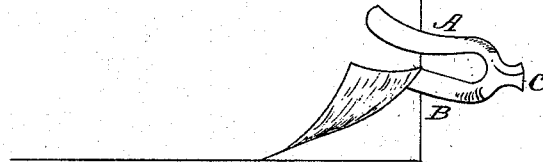


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK D. ADAMS, of the town of Auburn, in the county of Placer and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combination Book-Mark and Paper-Cutter, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to securely mark any page of a book or magazine, so that it may be conveniently referred to at any future time, and also to cut or separate any leaves of books or magazines which have not been properly separated.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is a perspective view of the instrument, which is to be made of brass or other metal. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of open book with the book-mark partially adjusted to mark the place where the book is open, and Fig. 3 is a view showing the use of the instrument as a paper-cutter.

The instrument is formed with a straight elastic blade, B, and a tongue, A, connected thereto at one end and curved toward and then from the plane of the blade.

C is a handle to facilitate the handling of the instrument.

The tongue A is curved upward, so that it may readily pass into books of various sizes, while the blade B, which is made to spring, closely grips the back of the book, thereby holding the book-mark securely in place. The

book-mark is to be pushed forward into the book until the part at D touches the book. The book-mark is then securely adjusted.

In cutting leaves the tongue A acts as a guide, for while its extreme end is held over the paper the knife B cannot slip.

I am aware that a paper-cutter and book-mark has been formed by means of a blade doubled upon itself in such manner that the ends shall lie in planes parallel with each other. In my invention, however, the tongue is curved toward and from the plane of the blade in order to adapt the instrument to books of different sizes. With this construction a book having a very thin back may be clamped and held to mark a given page with the same facility as one having a very thick back, while the handle adds greatly to the convenience of the reader in using the instrument.

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

The combined paper-cutter and book-mark, consisting of the straight elastic blade B, and the tongue A, connected thereto at one end and curved toward and from the plane of the blade, and the handle C, substantially as shown and described.

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