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Fig. 1.

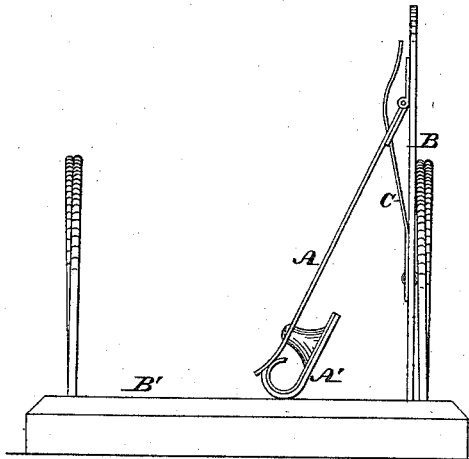


Fig. 3.

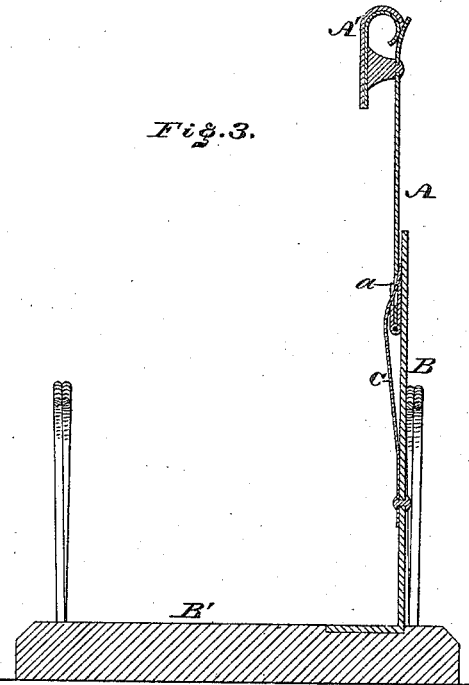
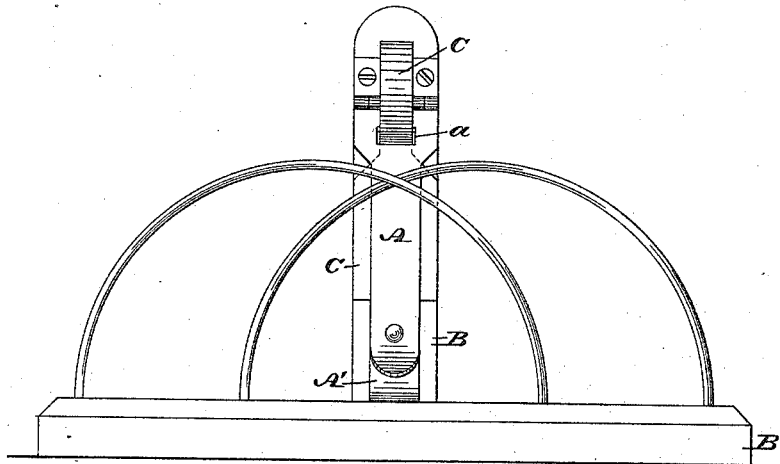


Fig. 2.



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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. SPIEGEL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Papers, &c., which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a side elevation of a holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view thereof. Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing the holder in an upright position.

15 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a holder for papers, notes, checks, &c., formed of a swinging arm which is adapted to be pressed firmly against the papers, and, when required, easily released and held free of the same, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A represents an arm which is hinged or pivoted at its upper end to an upright plate, B, the latter being 25 secured to a base, B', or having its lower end bent or otherwise constructed to form a base. In the arm adjacent to its hinge or pivot is an opening, *a*, through which is freely passed the end of a spring, C, formed in the present case 30 of a flat plate of steel, the other end of said spring being secured to the plate B, so that the spring exerts its pressure constantly against the hinged end of the arm, whether the latter is in lowered or elevated position.

35 The operation is as follows: The arm is raised to place the papers, &c., on the base B' and then let go, whereby it is forced downwardly against the papers, &c., thus securely holding the same as located, the spring bearing 40 against the upper wall of the opening *a*,

and thus exerting a downward pressure on the arm A. When it is desired to clear the base of the papers, &c., or to apply additional papers, &c., thereto, the arm is thrown up, whereby when it has passed the center the 45 spring exerts an upper pressure on the back of the contiguous wall of the opening *a*, and serves to hold said arm in upright position, as seen in Fig. 3. The arm may now be restored to its normal position, and the spring 50 is again operative to exert its downward pressure on the same. When it is desired to remove but a limited number of papers, &c., the arm is raised sufficiently to relieve the same of pressure, after which the papers, &c., are 55 withdrawn and the arm let go, so that the latter presses against the papers, &c., remaining on the base.

The free end of the arm is provided with a head or pad, A', which is in contact with the 60 papers, &c., or said end may be rounded to form the bearing-surface of the arm at said end; but I do not limit my invention thereto, as the end of the arm is sufficient to hold the papers, &c., when the spring exerts its downward 65 action.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A holder for papers, &c., consisting of a 70 swinging arm, a supporting-plate, and a spring, the latter bearing against the arm in an opening therein, so as to hold the same in operative and inoperative positions, substantially as described.

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