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Fig. 1.

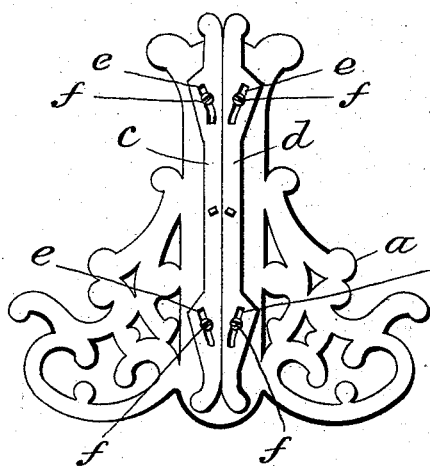


Fig. 2.

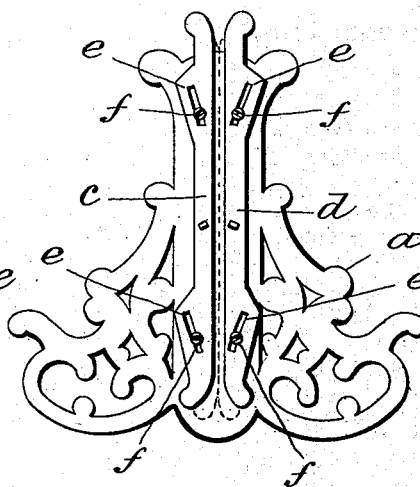


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. ROBINSON, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Music-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a front view of my rack with the slides closed. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same with the slides open. Fig. 3 is an edge view of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an edge view of Fig. 2. Same letters show like parts.

My invention relates to music racks or holders and racks for holding manuscript, books, pamphlets, &c.

a shows a base or support upon which my rack or holder may be placed. In the case of its being used for music-sheets it is usually placed in an inclined position, but may be used in any convenient position. Upon this or a proper base or support I place two slides, *c d*. These slides are so arranged that they will approach and touch each other along their lengths on one edge when moved in one way, and when moved in the opposite direction will separate or move away from each other. This is illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4. One method of effecting this operation is by producing slots *e* in the slides *c d* and passing through them and driving into the base *a* the pins *f*. The slots of each set, *e*, are arranged

as seen in Figs. 1 and 2—that is, not parallel to each other, but so that if sufficiently extended they would meet at the lower ends and continually diverge at the other ends. By this combination of the slides, slots, and pins the slides can be drawn closely together when moved in one direction, and thus made to pinch or bind the back edge of the sheet, book, or pamphlet, and thus hold it on the base *a*. Pushed in the other direction the slides release what they have held between them. The sheet or other article is placed between the slides when somewhat separated, and then they are moved as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the sheet, &c., is then held between the slides until they are opened or separated.

I do not claim, broadly, the application of two slides so arranged on a base as to approach and recede from each other when moved, but do claim the combination herein set forth.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In combination with the base *a*, the two slides *c d*, arranged so as to approach and touch each other when moved in one direction and to open when moved in the opposite direction by means of the slots *e*, cut in said slides at an angle, as described, and the pins *f*, set in the base *a*, the whole to operate as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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