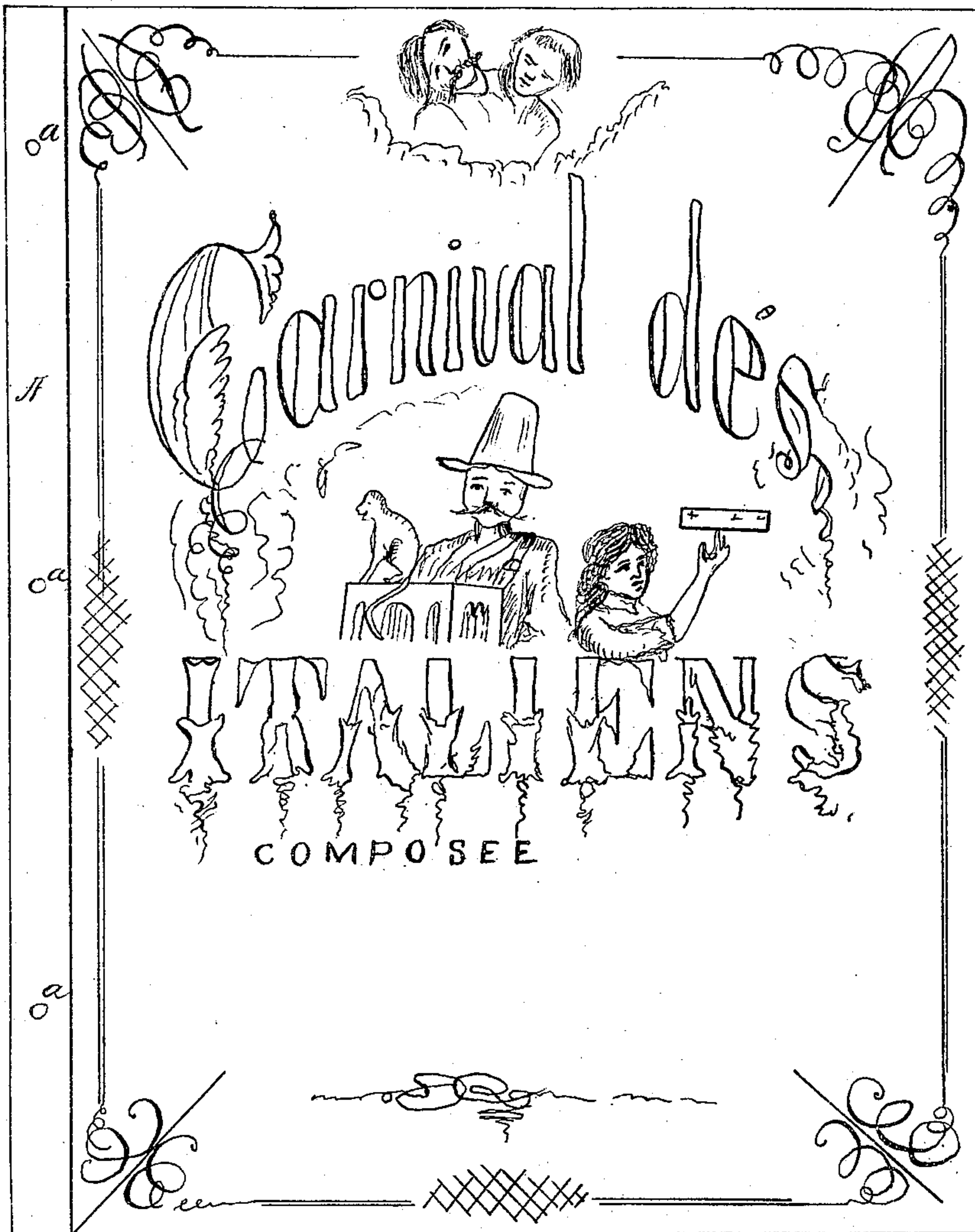


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. READ, of Longmeadow, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Paper Binding; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention as applied to a sheet of music, and

Figure 2 is an end view of the same.

This invention consists of a device for fastening together sheets of paper, such as newspapers, music, &c., so as to confine them somewhat in the form of a book, that is, having leaves all fastened together at one edge, leaving the rest of them free to be turned over.

In construction I form my fastener of a small strip, A, of some suitable sheet metal, which may be japanned or otherwise ornamented on the outside. This strip is bent around the edge of the sheets to be fastened together, the strip being made sufficiently wide to secure a hold; it is then pressed together, the stiffness of the metal causing it to stay in the position so obtained, confining the edges of the paper securely together. Holes *a a a* may be made through both sides of the fastener, so that a number of these pamphlets can be fastened together.

The sheets of paper so arranged are in a much more convenient form for reading or reference than they would be if left unattached, and my method of fastening them together is of so small an expense as to be hardly appreciable. My device may be also used to great advantage on office files, and where it is wished to preserve legal documents and keep them together.

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

A paper-fastener composed of the strip A, arranged and constructed substantially as and for the purpose described.

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