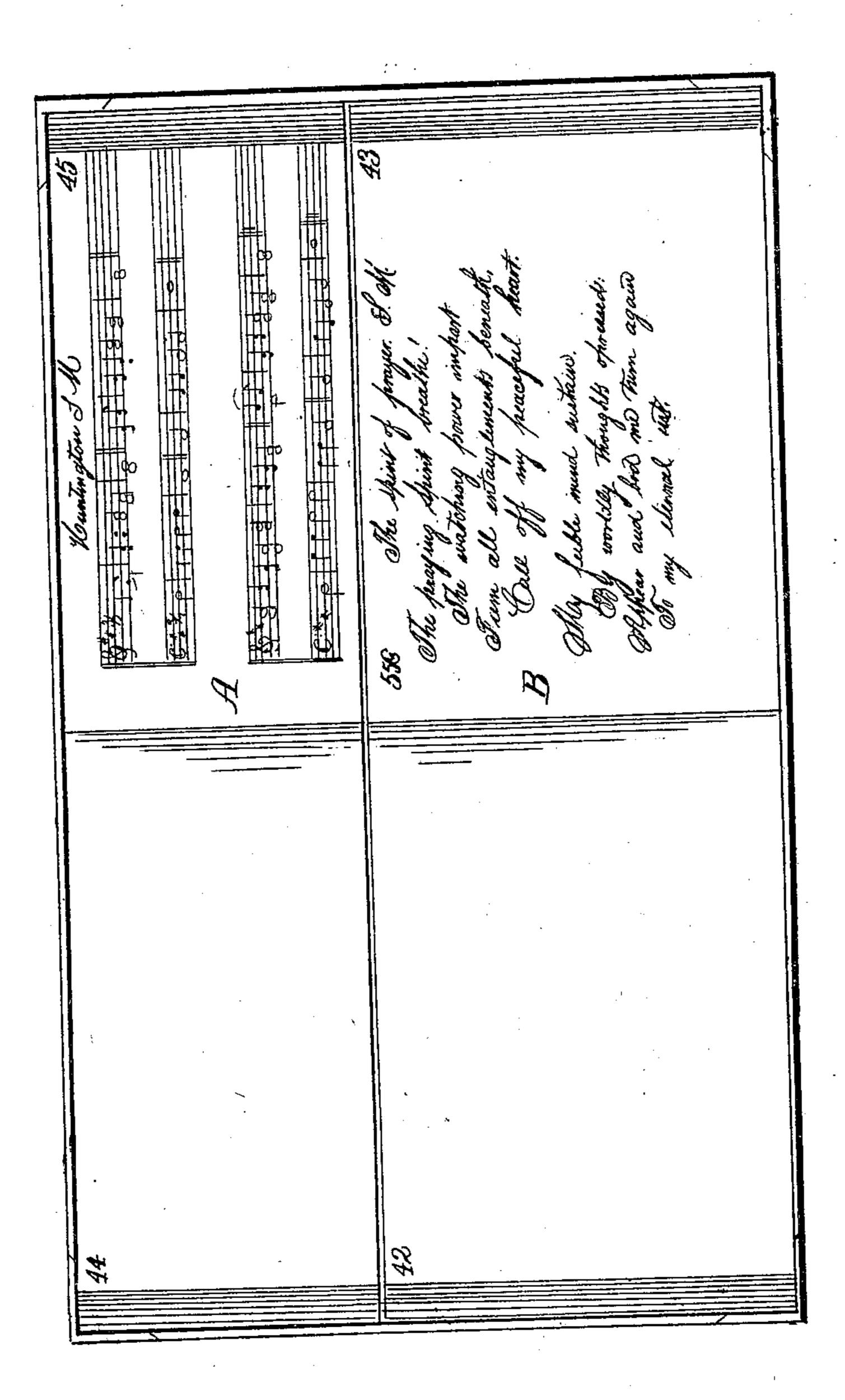
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IMPROVEMENT IN MUSIC-BOOKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Isaiah Ickes, of Massillon, in the county of Stark, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Music-Book; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

The drawing is a face view of the book when opened for use.

It is often desirable, especially in church-music, to sing one hymn to different notes; but with the hymn-book, as at present made, this cannot be accomplished, unless two separate books, one with the notes, and the other with the words, be used.

It is awkward for the members of a choir to hold two books, and consequently the hymn is generally sung to the notes which are upon the same page with it.

My invention is designed to obviate this difficulty; and

It consists in making the leaves of the book in two separate sets; that is, the leaves are divided transversely, or across the book, the notes being on either the upper or lower divison, and the words on the part either above or below the notes, as the case may be, the whole being bound as an ordinary book.

A designates the upper, and

B, the lower division.

In the present instance, the upper set of leaves is designed for the notes, and the lower for the words or hymn.

The manner of using the book can be readily understood by reference to the drawing, where it will be seen that the words on page 43 are to be sung to the notes on page 45. Thus any change of music or words can be readily effected, and without any trouble.

The convenience of such a book for choirs and Sunday-schools, is too plain to need recital here.

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

So making a hymn-book that there shall be a division, transversely, of the leaves of the said book, the notes being on the one half, and the words on the other, whereby any particular hymn may be sung to any desired tune, and the change of different hymns and different notes be accomplished readily, the whole having an exterior like a book of the ordinary make.

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