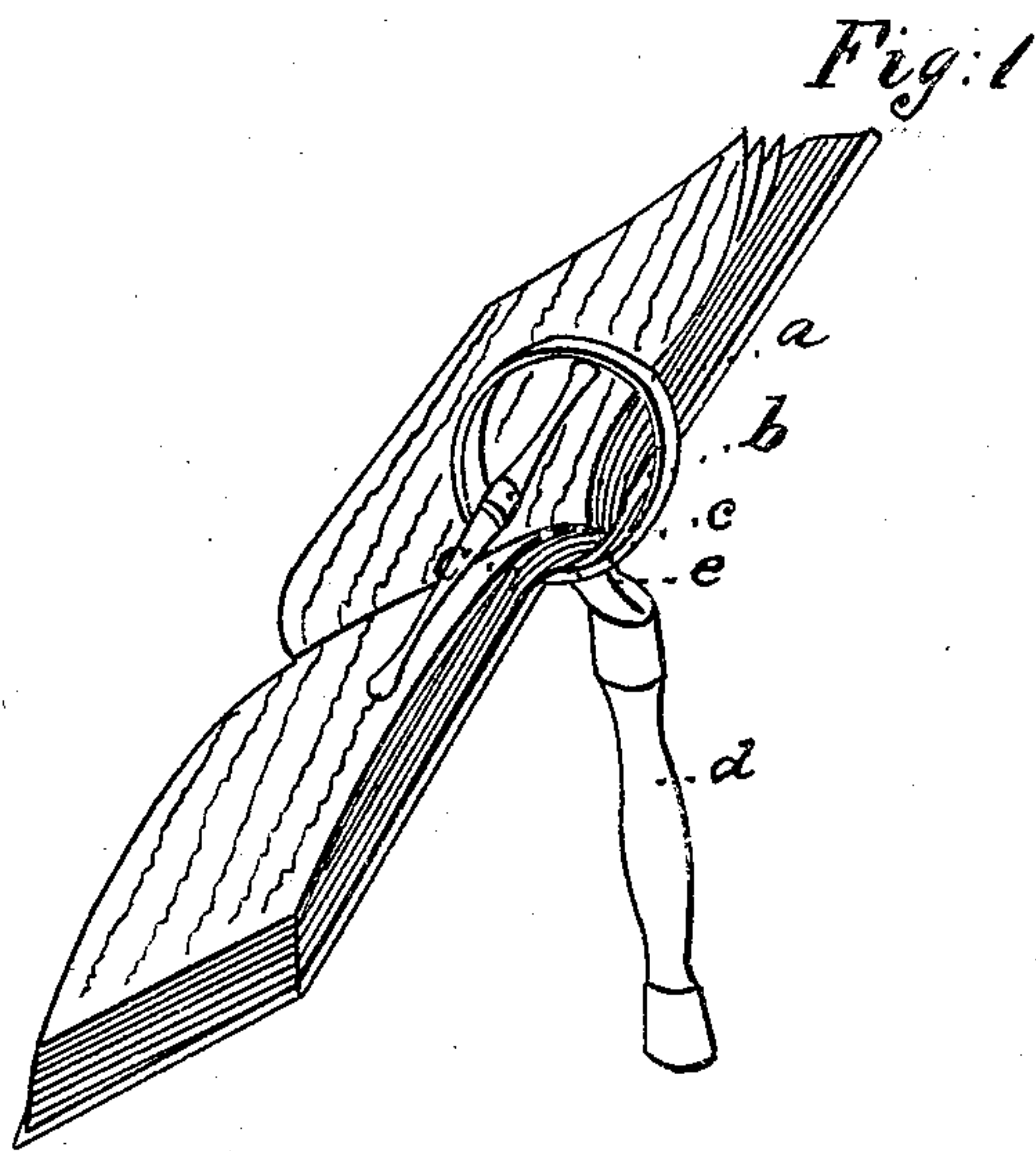
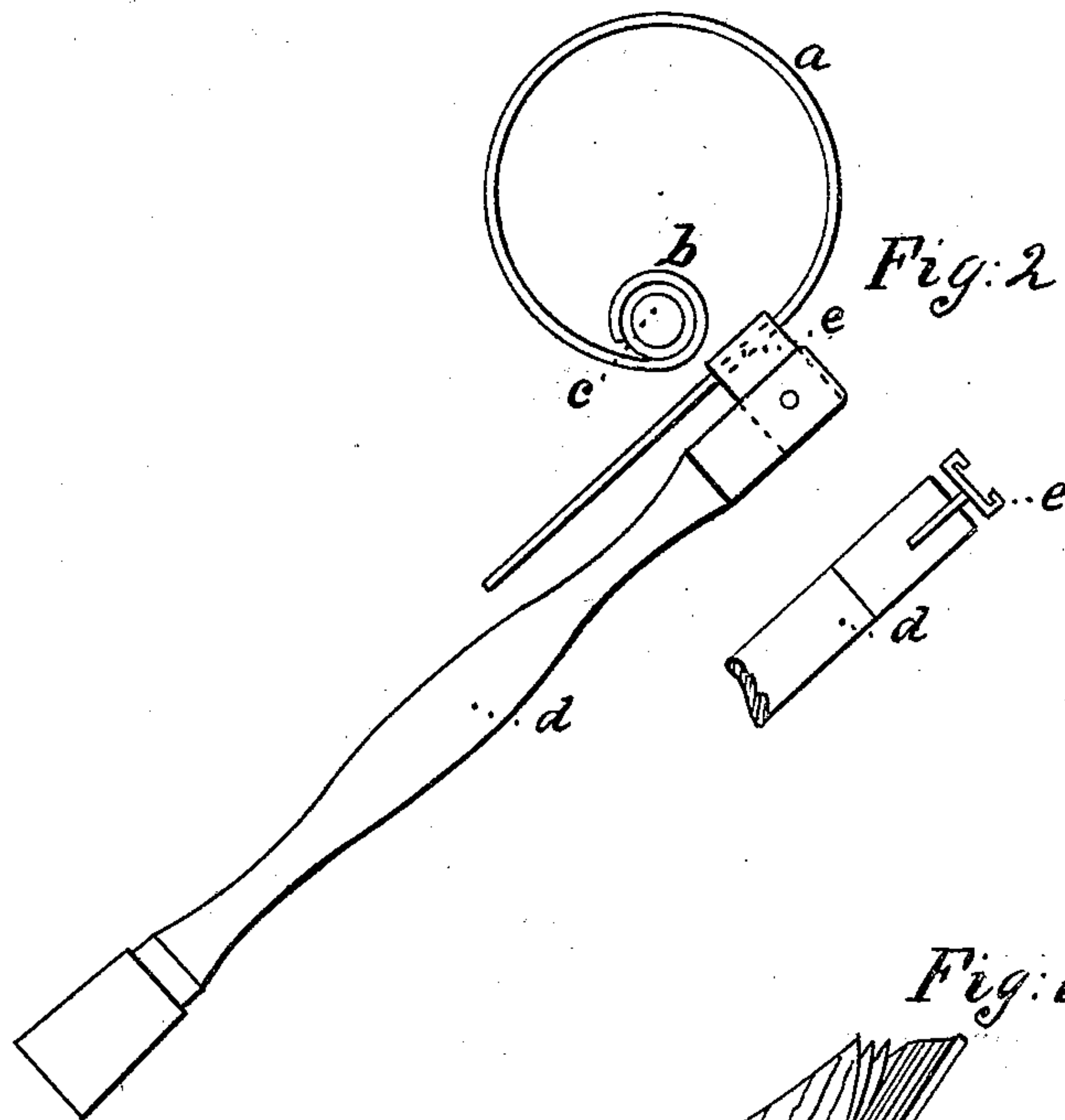


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**IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-HOLDERS.**

*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, WILMER D. GRIDLEY, of New Britain, county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Leaf-Holders and Support; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it, referring to the drawings, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of this invention consists of a flat sheet-metal coiled spring, on one end of which is formed a socket, for the reception of a bar, that rests upon or presses against the open leaves of a book, while the other end of said spring takes its bearing against the back of the book; thus the book, or the leaves of a book, are held in an open position.

It also consists of a support for holding a book in an elevated incline position.

The object of this invention is to furnish the student or reader undisturbed facility for the prosecution of his study.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is an isometrical view of this invention, as applied to a book.

Figure 2 is a side view, showing at a glance the plan of its construction.

*a* is a coiled spring.

*b* is a socket, formed on one end of the spring *a*.

*c* is a holding-bar, secured in the socket *b*, and rests, or bears against the open book, or leaves of a book.

*d* is a support, having a hinged clasp, *e*, so formed

that the spring *a* may slide freely therein, and so that it can be secured in a joint at the end of the support.

Now it will be clearly seen that, by placing the spring with the holder over the upper end of the book, on to the open leaves, and the opposite end of the spring upon the back of the book, the leaves or book will be held open, and, by inserting the outer end of the spring through the clasp in the support, the book will be held in an elevated inclined position, and thus the annoyance commonly experienced by persons in having their books close, or the leaves turn from their place while they are pursuing their studies, will be avoided, and, when desirable, the book may be held in an elevated inclined position.

I believe I have thus shown the nature, construction, and advantage of this invention, so as to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same therefrom.

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

1. A leaf-holder, consisting of the coiled spring *a*, socket *b*, and holding-bar *c*, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of the spring *a*, socket *b*, bar *c*, with the supporting-rod *d*, and holding-clasp *e*, substantially as shown and described.

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