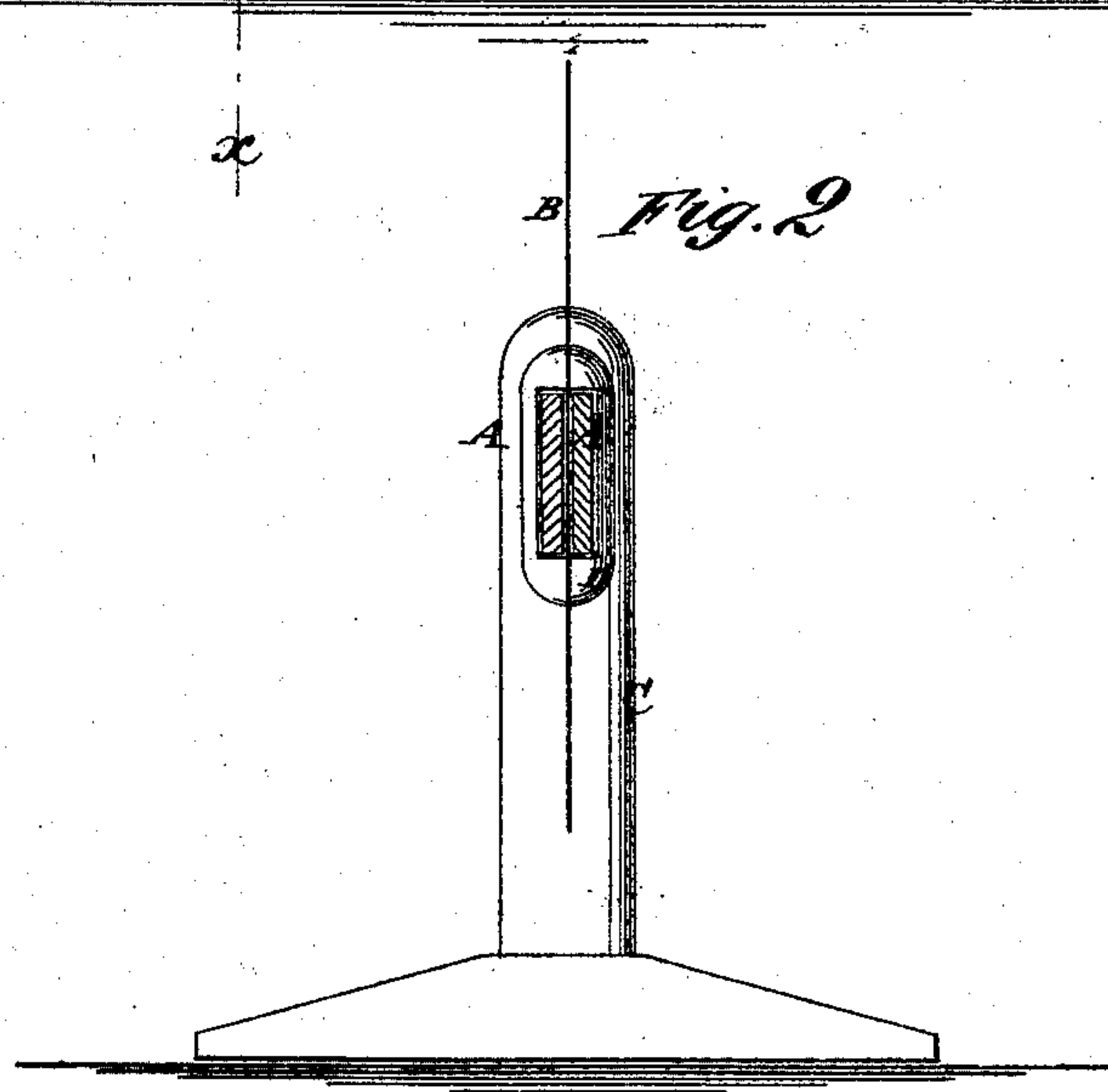
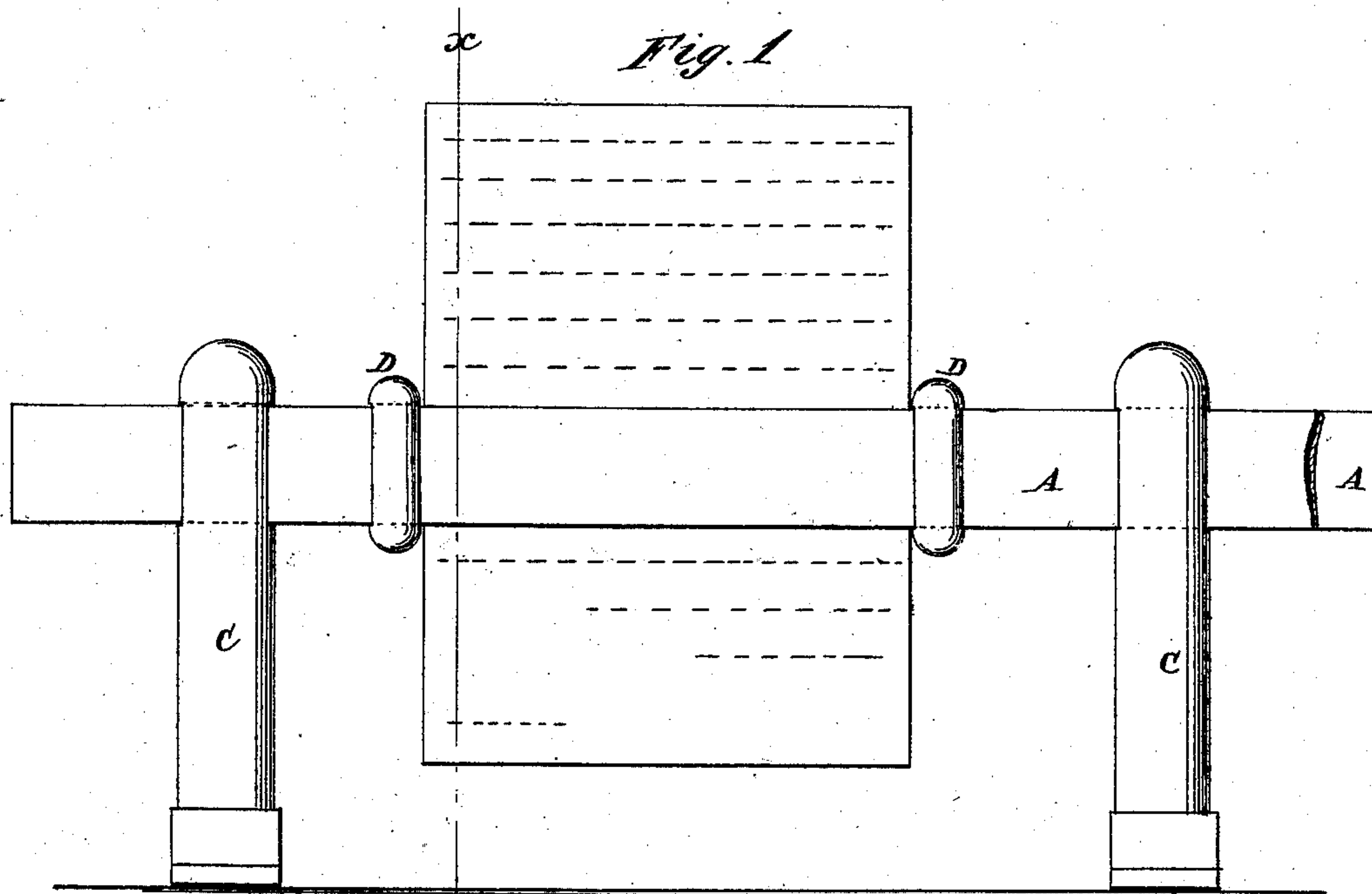


W. R. CARTER.
Copy-Holders.

No. 143,616.

Patented Oct. 14, 1873.



Witnesses:

A. W. Humphreys
Alex F. Roberts

Inventor:

W. R. Carter
Per *Munn & Co*
Attorneys.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WALTER R. CARTER, OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

IMPROVEMENT IN COPY-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 143,616, dated October 14, 1873; application filed August 9, 1873.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER R. CARTER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Copy-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a couple of long thin bars or plates, supported horizontally side by side in a stand of any suitable kind and material for holding written or printed papers to be copied between them, to expose the line directly above the edge of one of the bars, which serves as a guide to the copyist, the paper being drawn up, as each line is copied, to expose the next.

The stand may consist of a couple of posts with vertical and horizontal slots through them for the bars, or any equivalent thereof. The posts may be capable of being adjusted toward and from each other, to be placed against the edges of the sheet of paper for guiding it as it is pulled up through the bars; or special guides may be fitted on the bars between the posts, the guides being mortised, and the bars passing through them the same as through the posts. The mortises in the posts and blocks are to be so formed as to width that, while they will allow the bars to shift freely in them, they will hold the bars so close together as to cause them to pinch the paper sufficiently to hold it in whatever position it may be required to be held.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved copy-holder; and Fig. 2 is a section of Fig. 1 on the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the two parallel bars, between which the paper sheet of copy B is to be held. C represents the posts or stands for holding the bars; and D represents guides, which may be used or not for the edges of the paper.

The bars A are, preferably, made of wood; but they may be of metal, vulcanized india-rubber, or any other approved material.

The stands will also be constructed of wood, by preference. In this example they consist of two independent stands; and may be shifted toward and from each other as required by the width of the paper sheets of the copy, and will serve as the guides for the edges of the paper; but, if preferred, they may be attached to a base or platform, as far apart as the widest sheet of paper to be copied. When so arranged the guides D will be used. They not only guide the paper, but prevent the bars A from springing apart between the posts, so as to let the paper fall. The paper being placed between the bars to begin with, as represented in Fig. 1, is adjusted with the upper line just above the front bar A, which serves as a guide to the eye in distinguishing the line to be copied from the others when more than one is above the bars, and hides all the lines below, so that the copyist is never at fault when returning to the copy from the work, as when no object is used. Moreover, the holder supports the copy directly in front of the eyes, where it can be read more accurately than when lying flatwise. As each line is finished the paper is drawn up to expose the next line to be copied.

If desired, the front bar A may have a slot in it; or another bar may be placed above it, with a little space between, through which to see the line to be copied, so that the lines above will be hid, as well as those below, but generally this will not be required.

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

The guides D D, combined with two horizontal bars, A A, held in mortises of two posts, C C, as and for the purpose described.

W. R. CARTER.

Witnesses:

C. SEDGWICK,

ALEX. F. ROBERTS.