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Book-Holder.

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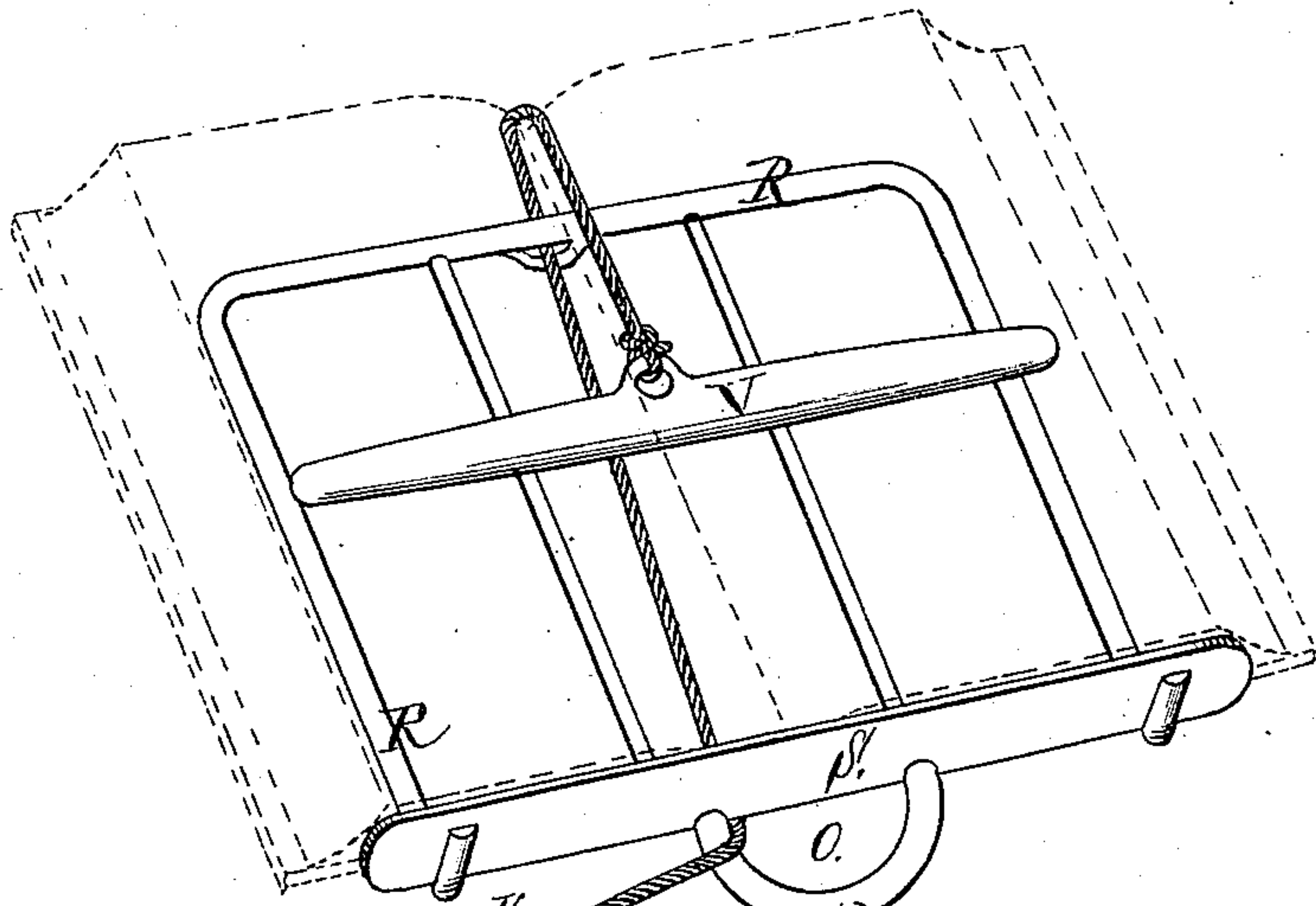


Fig. 1.

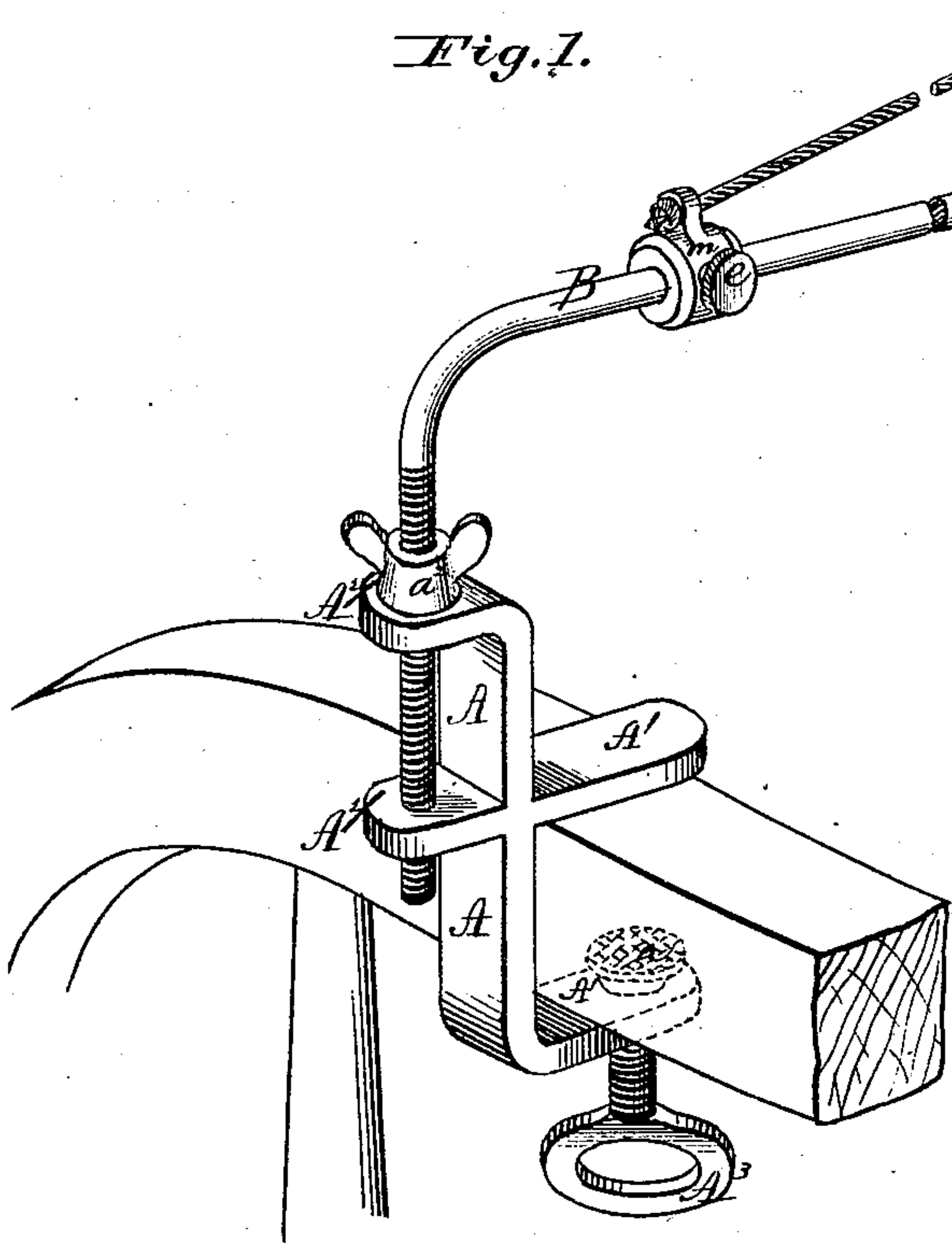
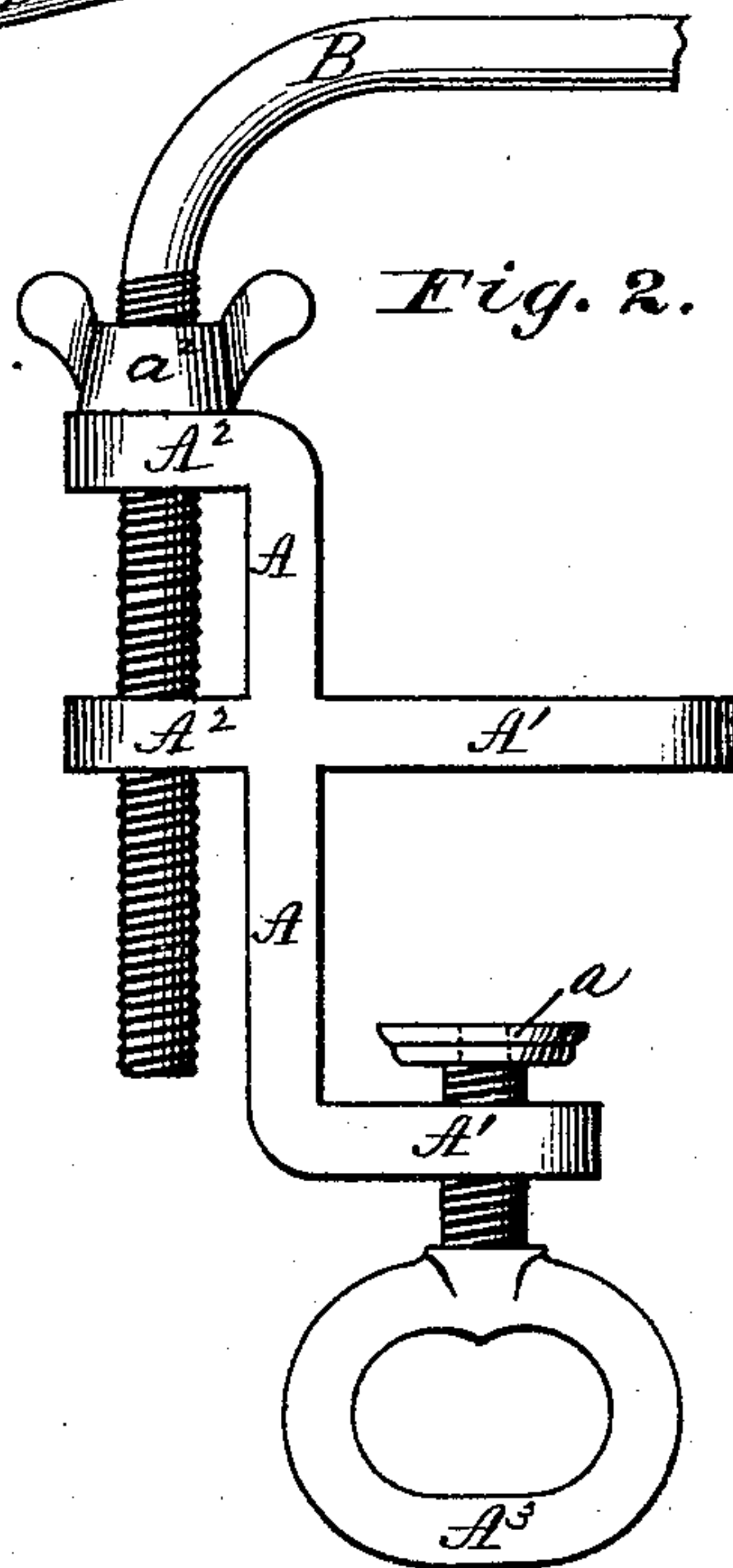


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. WILSON, of Broadway, Warren county, New Jersey, have invented an Improved Book-Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my book-stand, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the clamps.

The object of my invention is to provide a book-rest for students and others which, when secured to the arm of a chair or to a table, may be adjusted in any direction and secured in any convenient position to accommodate the reader, copyist, or scholar.

My invention consists in combining a clamp, an adjustable pivoted screw-arm, and a jam-nut, also a book-rack and an adjustable copy-guide, all of which is hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A represents a clamp, having lugs $A^1 A^1$, which clasp the arm of an ordinary chair or the top of a table, and are secured thereto by means of the thumb-screw A^3 , having a swivel-head, a . $A^2 A^2$ are lugs projecting in an opposite direction from lugs $A^1 A^1$, and support the arm B by said arm passing through both lugs. Upon the end of the arm B is cut a screw-thread, and a female screw-thread in the lugs $A^2 A^2$ enables the arm to turn as on a pivot, and at the same time be adjusted in a vertical direction. A thumb jam-nut, a^2 , secures the arm B in any desired position it may assume. Upon the outer end of the arm B is placed, in suitable position, a book-rack, R, having the flange S for a support for the book. Upon the lower edge of the book-rack R is an eye, O, and near the top and upon the back side of said book-rack

R is a similar eye, which are used as guides for the cord K. Sliding freely upon the arm B, and yet allowing it to be secured by means of a thumb-screw, e , is the collar m , having a lug upon its side, to which is secured the cord K. The opposite end of the cord K is attached to a bar or copy-guide, V, resting upon the book upon the rack R.

The operation of my device is as follows: The clamp A having been made secure in some convenient place, and the arm B having been adjusted to a suitable height and position, the jam-nut a^2 is screwed home, and a book placed upon the book-rack R. The copy-guide V is then placed upon the book at the place where it is to be kept open, and adjusted as to height upon the page by means of the cord K, collar m , and thumb-screw e ; and while the student is reading, or the copyist is copying, the copy-guide may be continually adjusted, so as to keep the line and place.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the book-rack R, supported upon the arm B, with the adjustable copy-guide V, cord K, guiding-collar m , and set-screw e , substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the adjustable swinging arm B, threaded on the lower end, jam-nut a^2 , and clamp A A^1 , substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed at Washington, New Jersey, this 3d day of October, A. D. 1874.

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