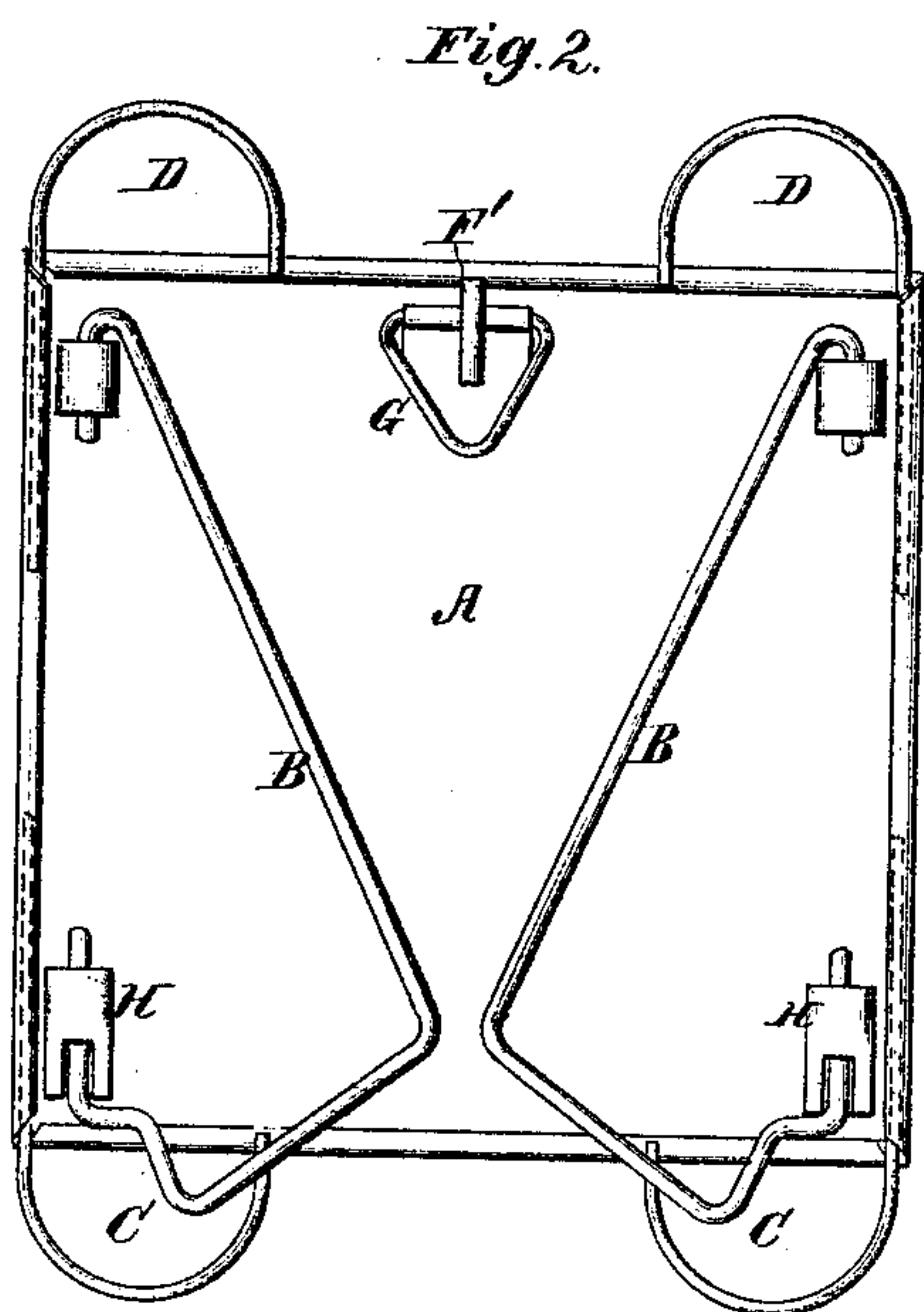
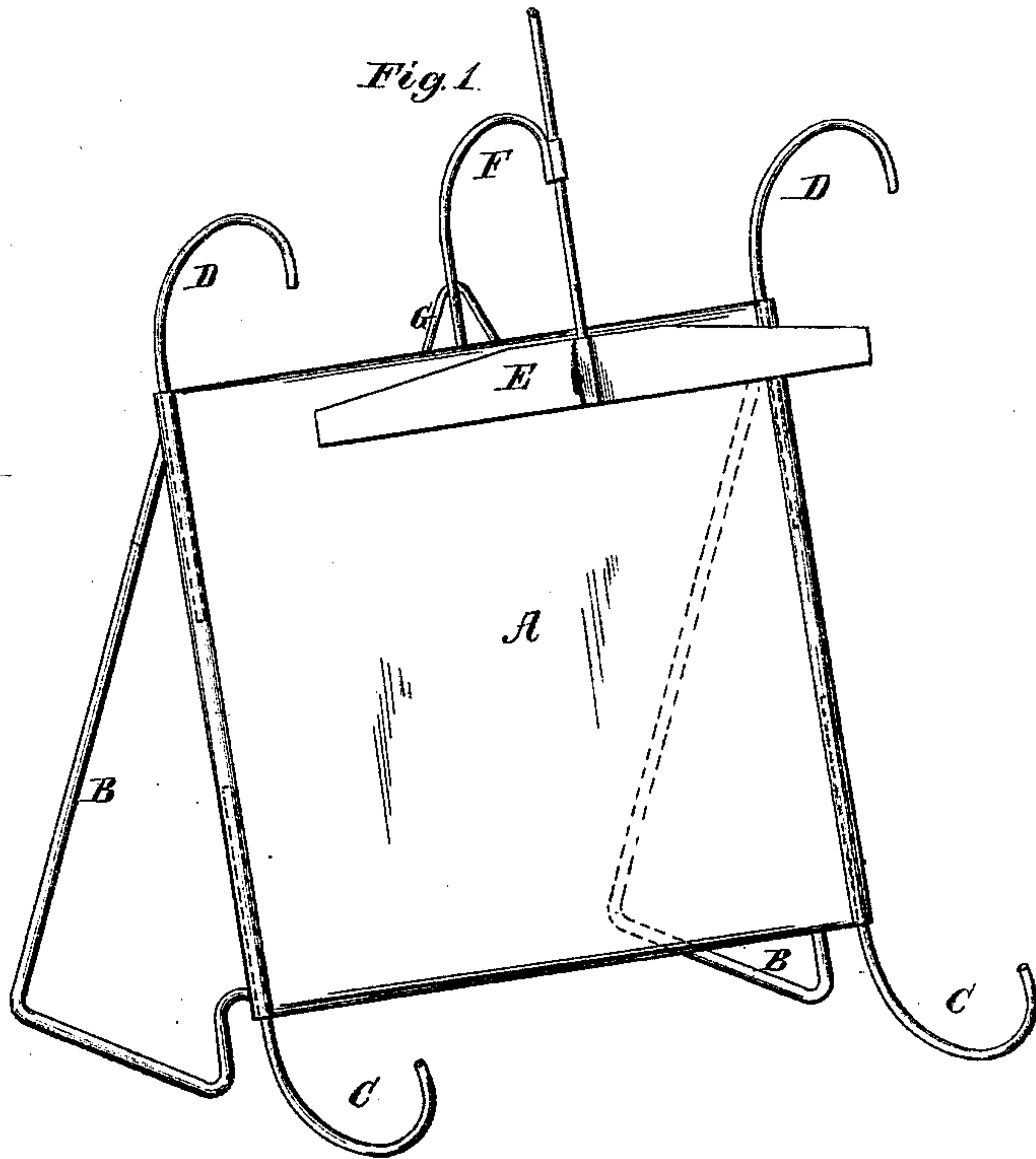


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-SUPPORTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GILBERT S. BAILEY, of West Pittston, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Book-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to hold a book or paper open and in proper position to be read on a table or desk, or suspended on the wall, relieving the reader entirely from the labor of holding the book or paper, and also to keep the place while the reader or copyist turns his eye from the page.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 represents the book-holder standing on a table. Fig. 2 represents the back of the book-holder when folded up.

A represents the body of the holder, about six by seven inches, made of tin or other material, against which the book leans, while the bottom of the book rests in the hooks C C. The hooks C C hold the bottom of the book, and prevent the leaves from turning. They are movable in sockets on the back of plate A, so that they can be pulled out or turned sidewise against the plate A, to hold closely the leaves of a thin book, or even a sheet of paper. The hooks D D at the top of the holder are similar to the hooks C C, and slide in sockets, so as to be readily adjusted to the length of the book. When the holder is laid down upon the back to hold the book at a different angle of inclination, the hooks D D become the bottom hooks, and C C the top hooks. E is the marker, to keep the place while the eye of the reader or copyist is turned from the page. The marker E slides in a socket on hook F, which also slides in a socket on the back of the holder, thus adjusting it to the lines of the page, and permitting it to be removed when not used. B B are the triangular supports of the holder, giving the book two different angles of inclination as it stands upright on the short sides of B B or

rests on the long sides of B B. The triangles B B also keep the holder in proper position when it is suspended upon the wall by the ring G, which is folded down in Fig. 2, but is to be raised up when you would suspend the holder upon the wall so as to stand up and read. The supports B B are fastened by sockets to the back of A in such a manner as readily to fold against the back of A. When unfolded they slide the crank-like part of B B into the slots in the sockets H H, so as to keep the supports B B firmly in place while holding the book. F', in Fig. 2, represents the socket which holds the hook F in Fig. 1.

What I claim as new in this invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The hooks C C and D D, the former being adjustable independently of the latter for holding the book and preventing the leaves from turning, in the manner described.
2. The triangular supports B B, sustaining the holder, and operating for the purpose and in the manner described.
3. The combination of the hooks, the supports, and the ring G, for the purpose of holding the book while the holder is suspended, in the manner described.
4. A book-holder having the triangular supports B B, adapted to hook into perforated ears upon the surface of the supporting-frame, and to be held in position when unfolded by the slots in the lower ears H H, as and for the purpose set forth.
5. The marker E, in combination with the hook F, operating in the manner and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 16th day of October, 1876.

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