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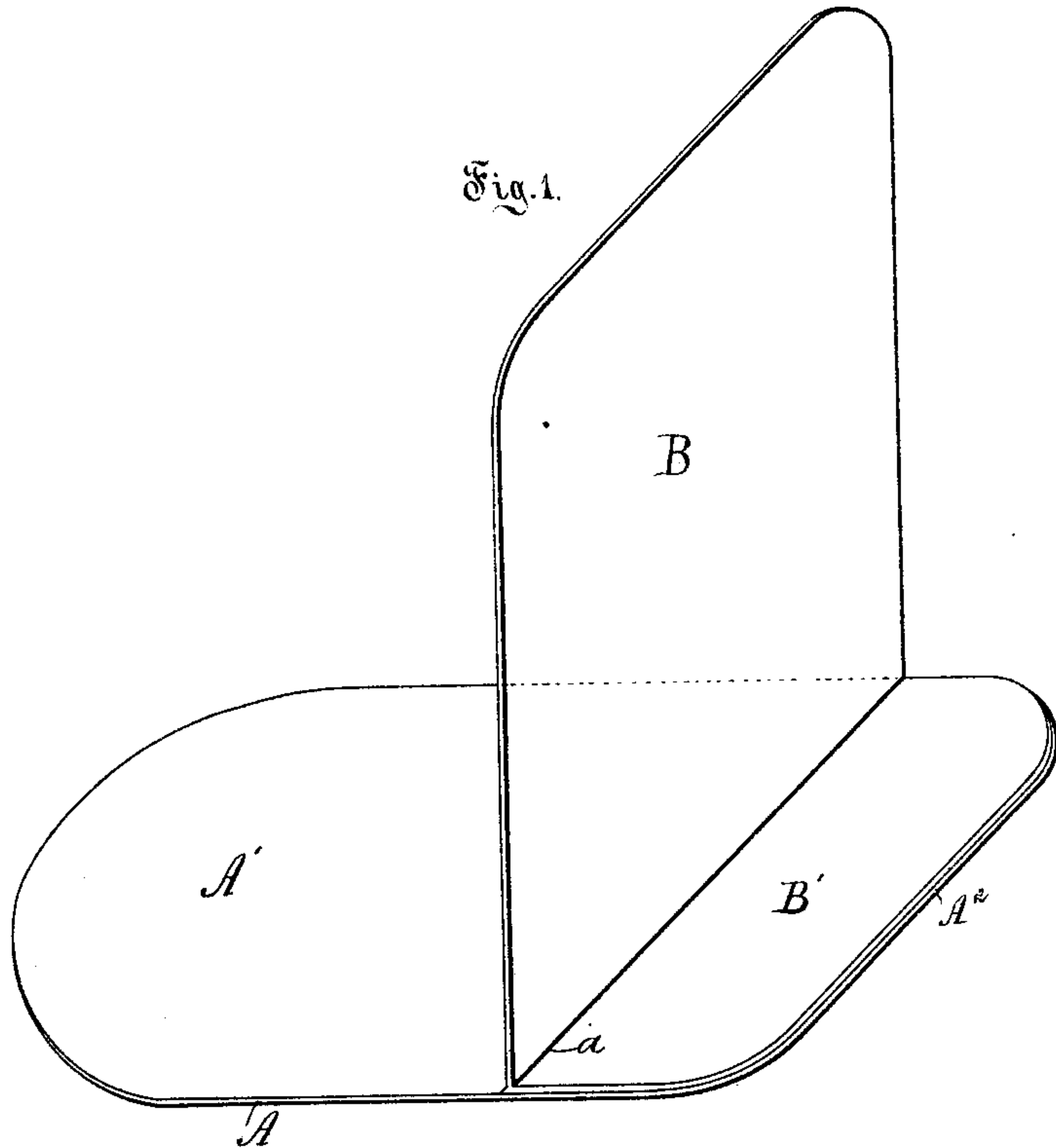
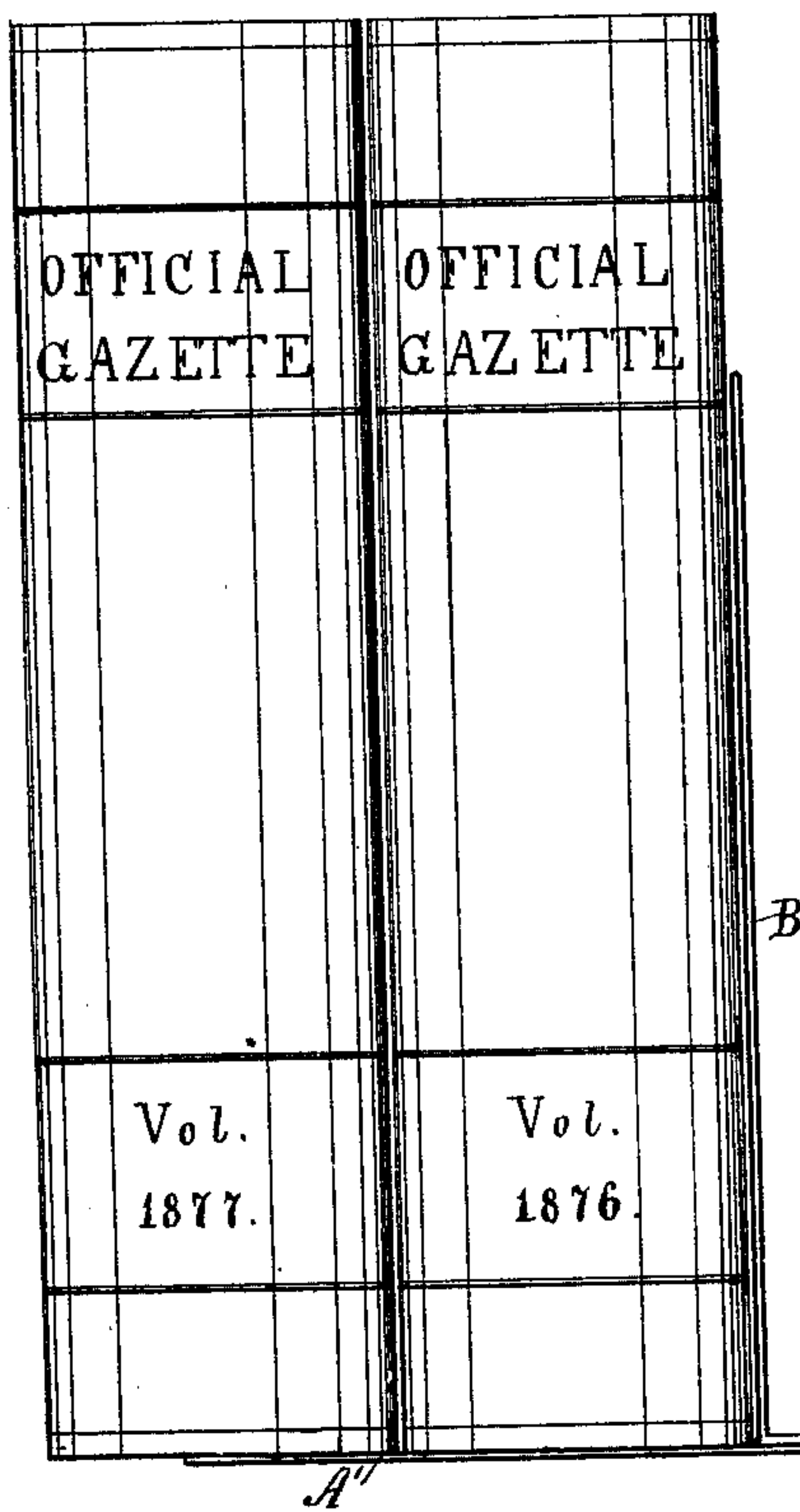


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS W. PEARSON, of Boston, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Book-Supporter, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my book-rest; and Fig. 2 is a side or edge view of the same, showing the manner in which it supports books.

My invention relates to a support for books when standing on their ends or their front edges, and consists of a base from which rises, at a point intermediate its ends, an upright, at or near right angles to the base, the whole being made of sheet-iron, or some other suitable material a thin sheet of which has sufficient rigidity to furnish the required support.

A is the base, and B the upright support. Both are preferably formed of sheet-iron. The preferable way to form the said upright is to extend the sheet of which it is formed down onto the base by bending said sheet, at *a*, at right angles, and then securing the bent portion B' to the base by riveting or soldering, or in any other preferred manner.

The portion A¹ of the base is to extend preferably far enough from the upright to receive more than one book, and the portion A² of the base on the opposite side of the upright is to be long enough to furnish a brace that will prevent the whole, when a book is set down on A¹, from tipping over in the direction of said brace. The upright B should be long enough to reach somewhat above the middle of the books for the support of which it is intended to be used. The width should be about that of the books.

The end book or books of a row standing in a book-case or on a table is apt to fall over

upon its side, causing no little annoyance and inconvenience. The simple instrument here described and shown, which may be kept conveniently on hand, will obviate this annoyance. When a number of books are taken from a row of books on a shelf, the falling down of those that remain may be prevented by this support, by slipping the base A¹ under the last one of the row, and bringing the upright B against the side of the last one. So a row of books standing on a table, or elsewhere where there are no permanent end supports, may be very perfectly supported by the use of two of these supporters, one at either end of the row.

It is essential to the convenient use of this supporter that the base A¹ at least shall be made of a thin sheet of the material used. Iron is therefore the most suitable material.

I do not claim a book-rest formed of a sheet of metal or its equivalent, merely bent at right angles, but I limit my claim to the form described and shown, comprising a base and an upright portion rising from the base intermediate its ends.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A book-supporter consisting of the base A, formed of a thin sheet, and the upright B, rising at a right angle, or nearly right angle, from said base, intermediate the ends of the said base, the whole being made of suitable size and proportions, as described, for the purpose specified.

Witness my hand this 5th day of November,
A. D. 1877.

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