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Fig. 1.

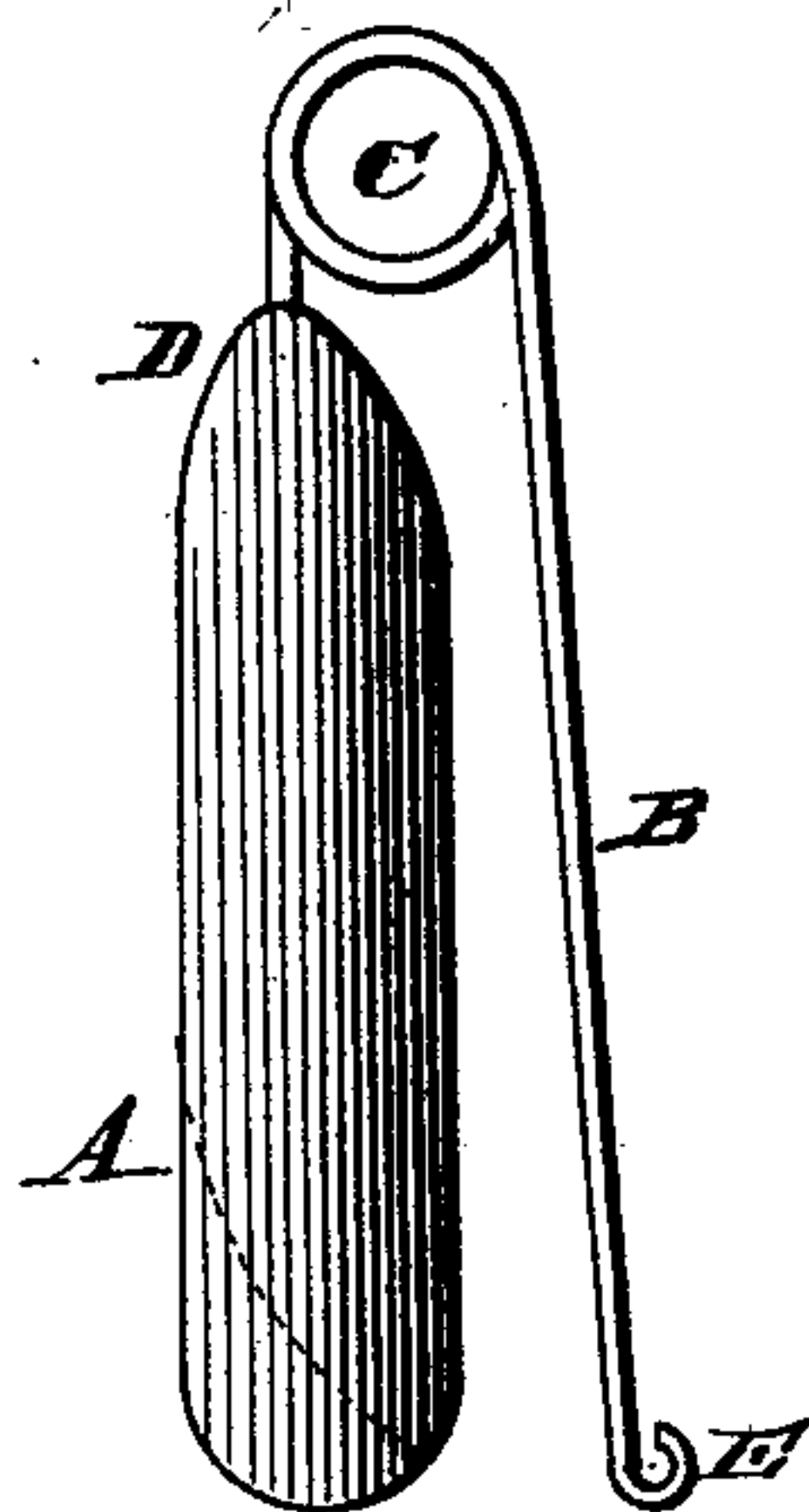


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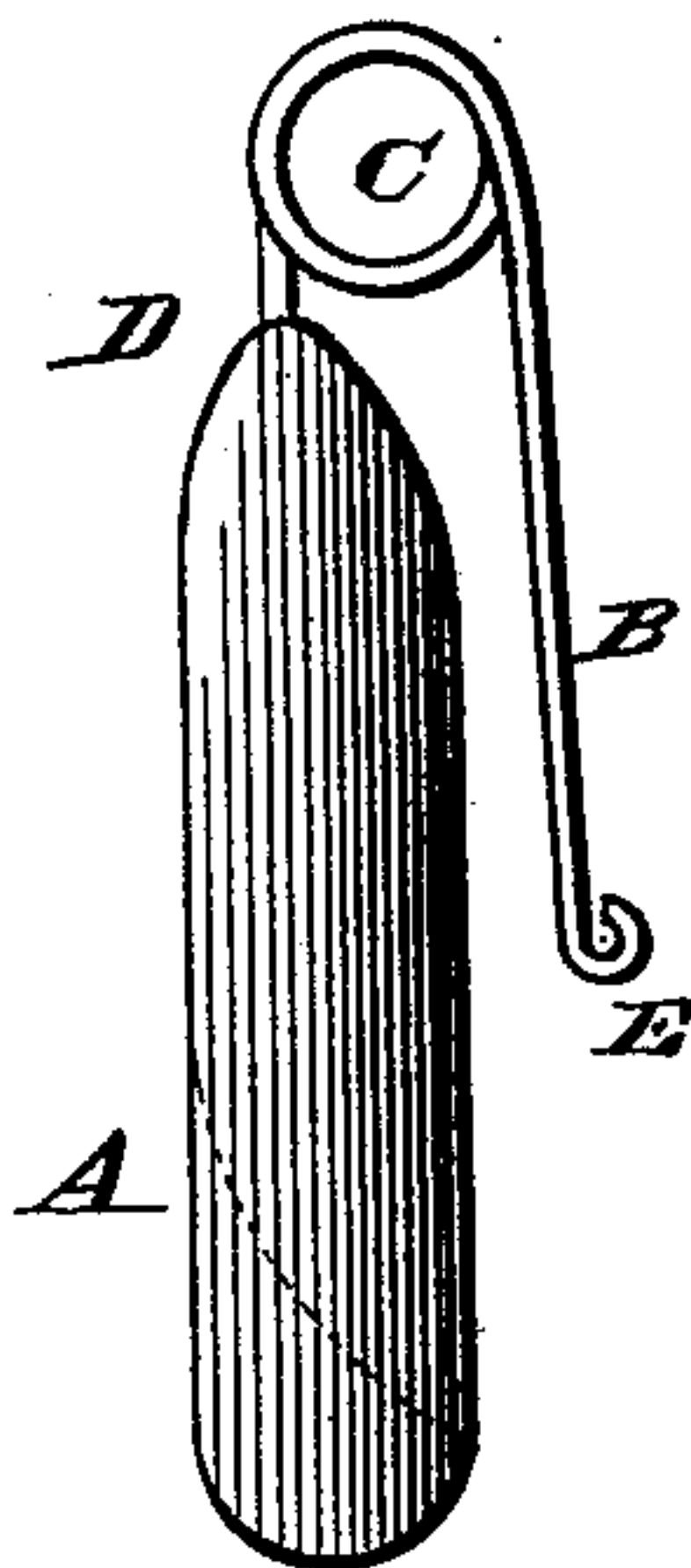


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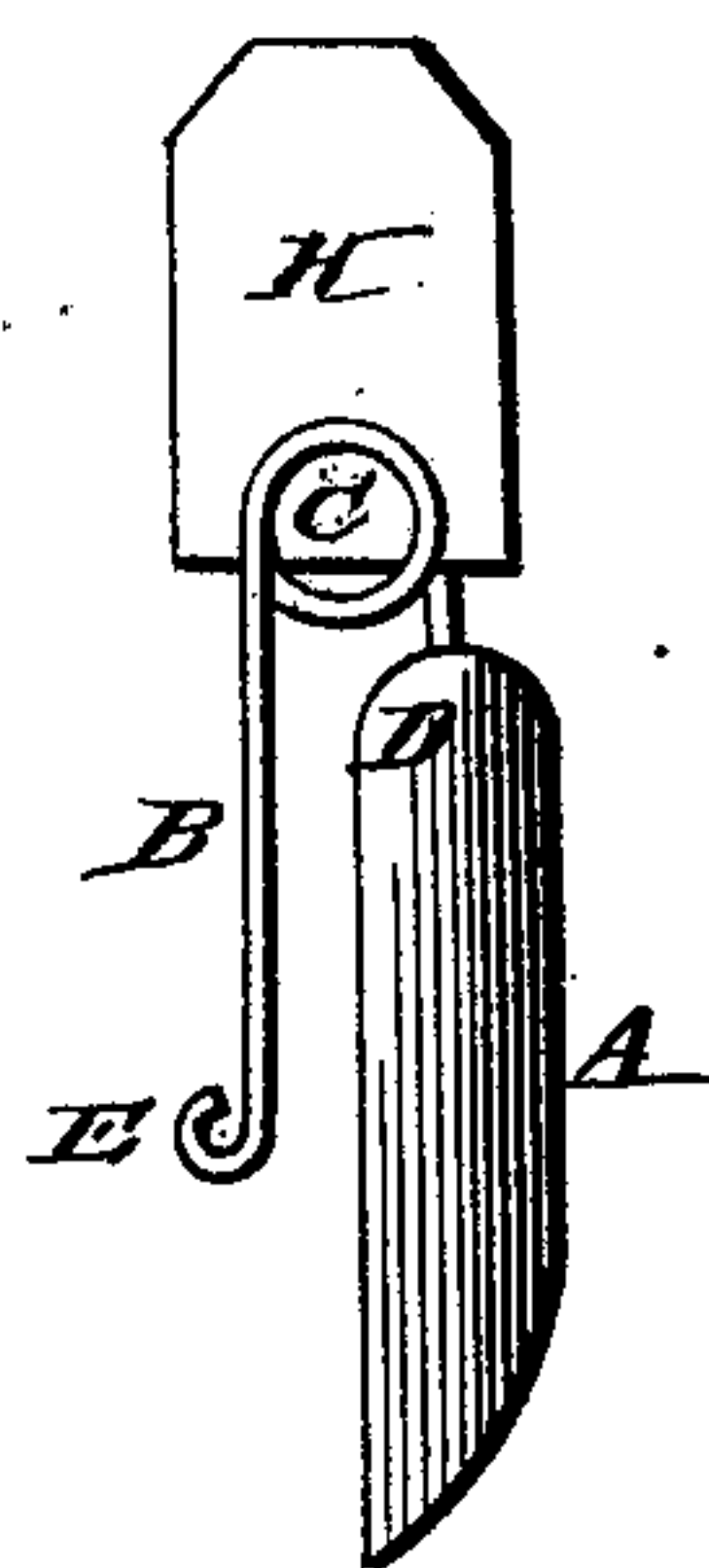
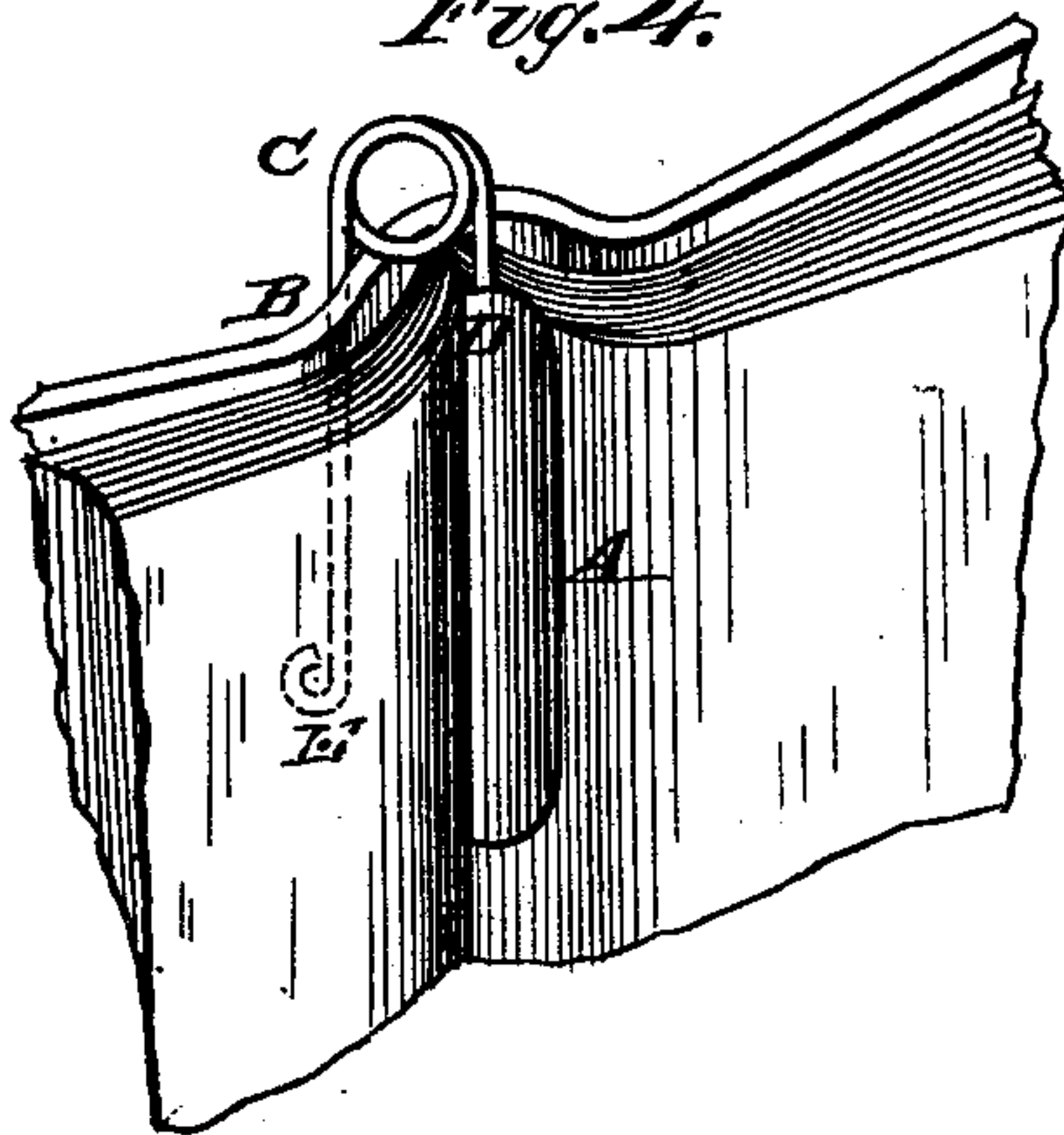


Fig. 4.



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BOOK-MARK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM R. McCALMONT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Marks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices known as "book-marks;" and it consists in a blade or leaf provided with a wire or spring at one end for a clamp on the back or side of the book, while the blade acts to separate and hold apart the leaves of the book.

The object of my invention is to provide a book-mark that will not become displaced or lost when the book is opened and placed on a table or desk in its opened position with the leaves spread apart and resting on said desk or table; also, to provide a book-mark that may be inserted in a book, and said book placed on a shelf of a book-case, or otherwise laid away, without defacing the book or folding or tearing the leaves or cover.

The invention will be more fully described in the specification, and pointed out in the drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the drawings.

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of my device; Fig. 3, a perspective view, showing a tag inserted between the coils of the spring, and Fig. 4 a view showing the mark inserted between the leaves of a book.

A represents a blade or leaf, made of brass, steel, stiff paper, papier-maché, or of any suitable material, and may be of any suitable size.

A wire or spring, B, having a spring-coil, C, is secured to the blade or leaf, and serves to hold the mark in position by clamping or pressing on the back or side of the book.

The spring may be secured to the blade in any convenient way, such as riveting, soldering, &c.

In case of papier-maché or wood the end of the spring may be inserted in a hole in the top of the blade and then pressed into the blade.

I may, however, make the blade and spring of a single piece of metal by drawing out one end to form the blade.

The coil C gives a spring to the wire B and allows it to yield for different thicknesses of books, and at the same time exert a steady pressure on the back of the book, and enables the mark to be inserted and removed without bending the wire. The lower end of the wire has a bend or curve, E, to prevent scratching or cutting the back of the book.

I prefer making the lower end of the blade pointed, so that the leaf or blade may be used as a paper-cutter.

It is often necessary for students, lecturers, and especially lawyers, to mark certain pages in books of reference, for the purpose of turning at once to such page. The general custom now is to use a slip of paper; but such slip or mark is liable to drop out when the book is opened and turned down on the desk or table in its open position, so that when it is again necessary to refer to such page the mark is gone and valuable time lost in searching for the page.

My device remedies these objections.

A tag or label, H, for indicating a section or next reference-page, &c., can be inserted in the coil C and securely held therein.

Any number of the marks can be inserted in a book without injury to it, and are valuable in church service to mark the lessons in advance. As they are light they can be readily carried in the pocket or be allowed to remain in the books. They can be cheaply made and ornamented so as to make them attractive to the eye.

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

A book-mark consisting of a single blade or leaf provided with a spring-clamp, the blade separating the leaves of the book and adapted to remain in the book when closed, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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