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Fig. 1.

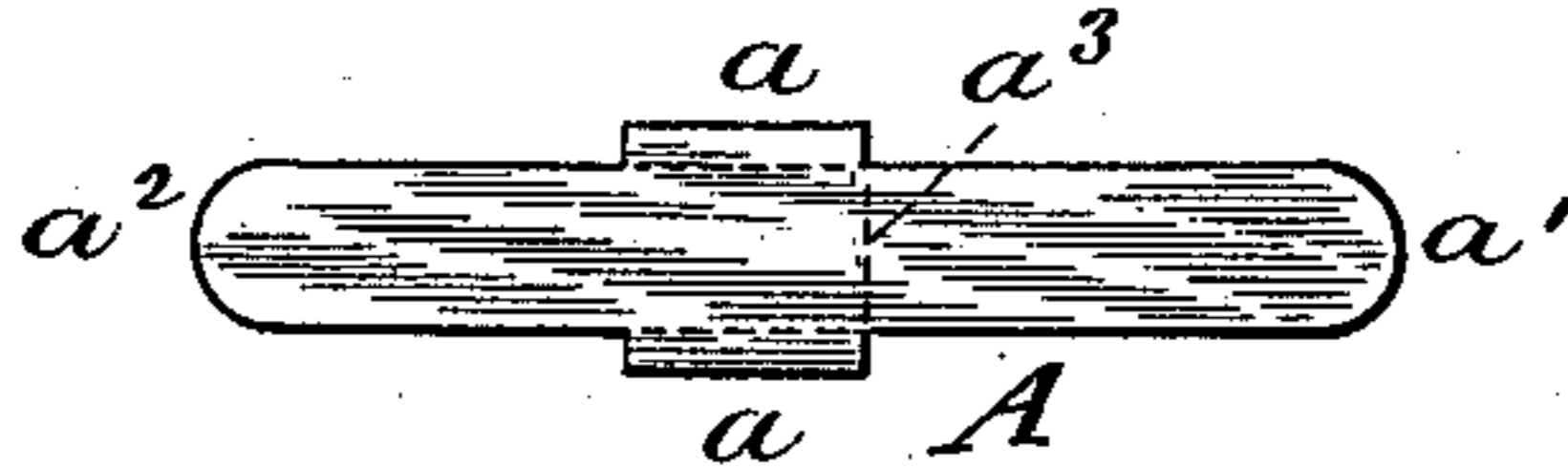


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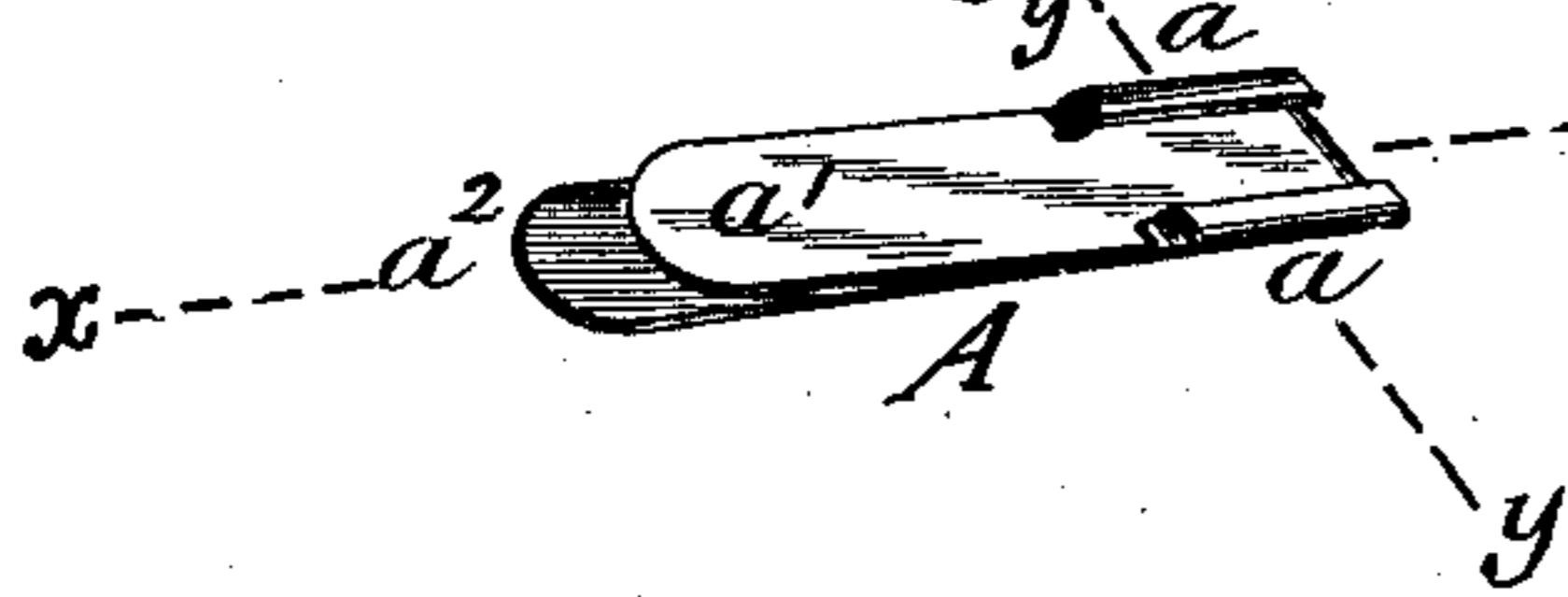


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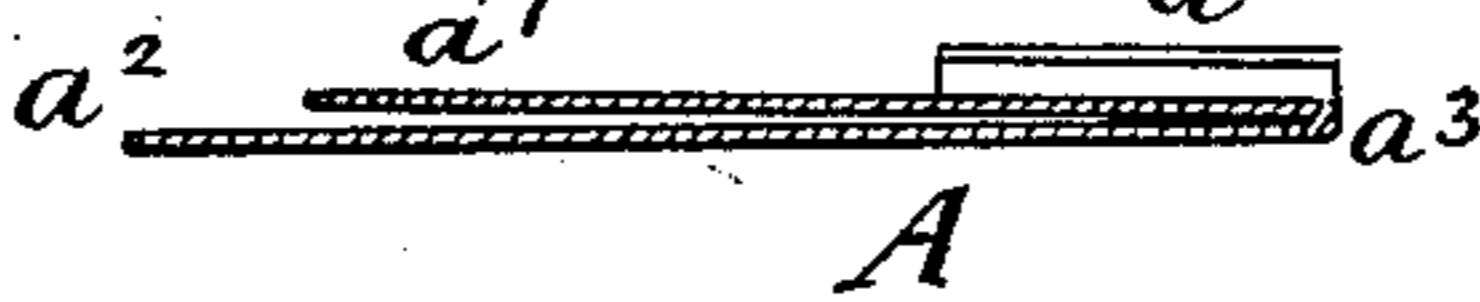


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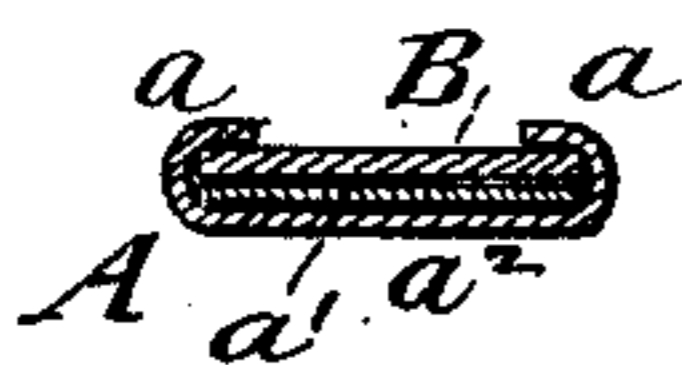


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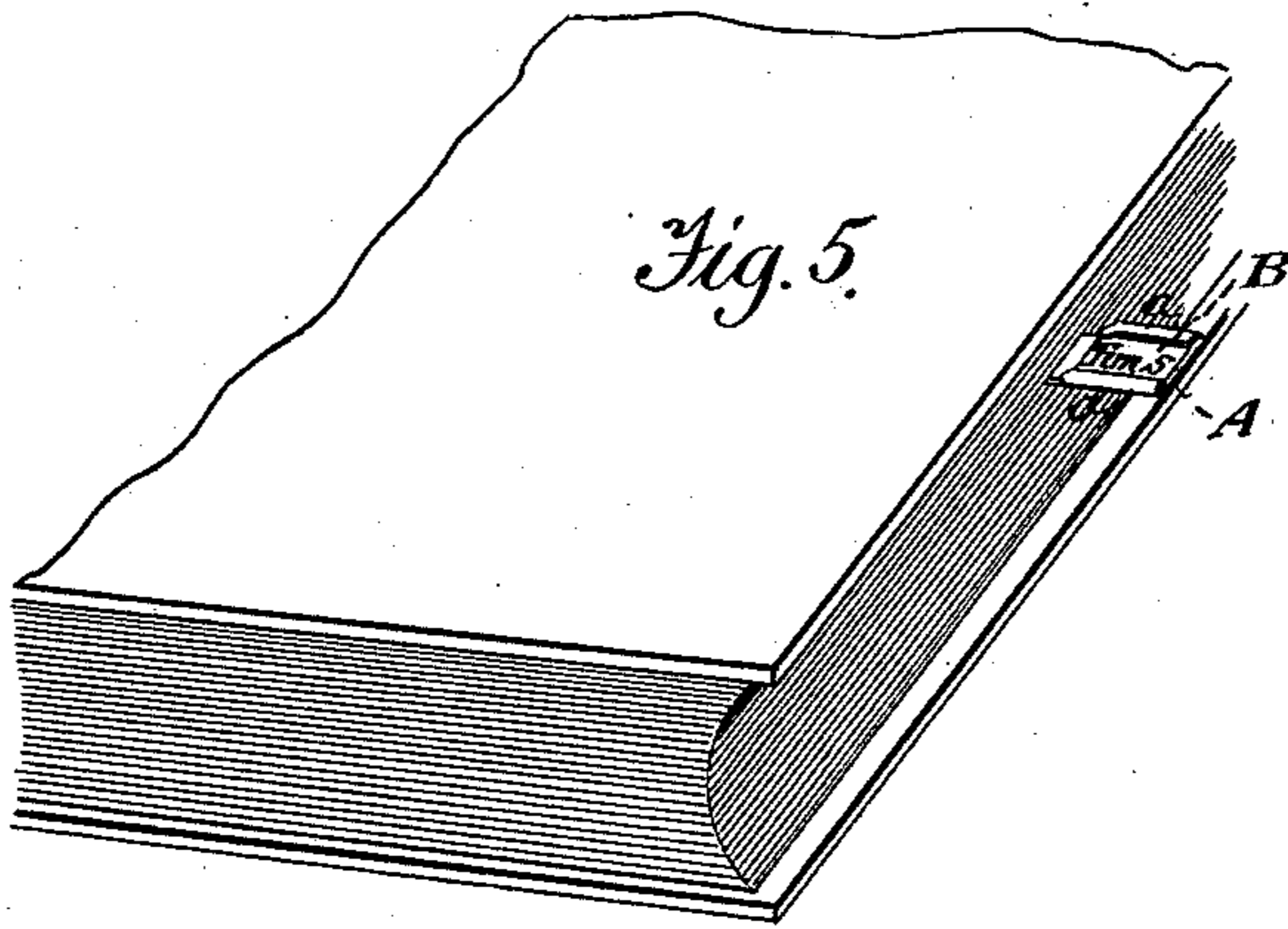
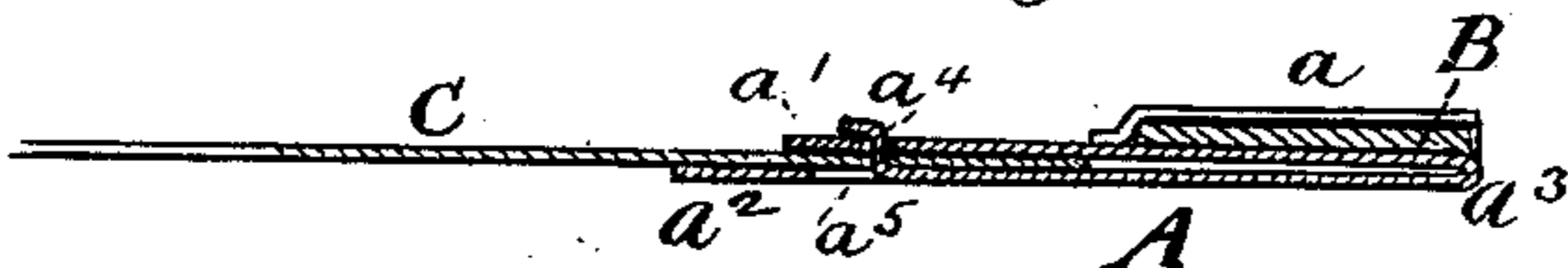


Fig. 6.



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## REFERENCE BOOK-MARK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HOWARD H. RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oberlin, in the county of Lorain and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reference Book-Marks; and I do 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to make an improved book-mark adapted to clasp a leaf and hold the memorandum of a text, subject, or reference, so that a person can readily turn to it, and thus save the time required to look for it.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of the metallic plate or strip shaped as required; Fig. 2, a detail perspective view of the metallic clasp; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section on line  $xx$  of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a cross-section on line  $yy$  of Fig. 2; Fig. 5, a plan view of the invention applied to a book, and Fig. 6 a longitudinal section showing a tongue which locks the clasp to the leaf.

In the drawings, A represents a plate or strip of metal, made elastic, preferably rounded at the ends, and provided with the lateral flanges  $a$   $a$ . The strip end  $a'$  is folded over

the end  $a^2$  on a cross-line,  $a^3$ , at one end of the flanges  $a$   $a$ . The latter are then turned over toward each other over the two parts,  $a'$   $a^2$ , and their front ends closed down upon the upper short portion,  $a'$ , so as not only to keep it and the flanges firmly in place, but also to form a stop against which the card or ticket is pushed up in the grooves formed by the flanges  $a$   $a$ .

In Fig. 6 of the drawings the part  $a^2$  is shown with an integral tongue,  $a^4$ , passing up through a leaf, C, and the slot  $a^5$  of the part  $a'$ , so as to lock the clasp to the leaf.

My invention may be made at little expense, and yet will greatly lessen the labor of clergymen, Sunday-school teachers, and many others.

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

1. A book-mark having the flanges  $a$   $a$  closed down at the front end to hold the spring parts  $a'$   $a^2$  together, as described.

2. A book-mark formed of a spring-plate having side flanges,  $a$   $a$ , parts  $a'$   $a^2$ , formed by folding on a cross-line,  $a^3$ , the tongue  $a^4$ , and the slot  $a^5$ , as shown and described.

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

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