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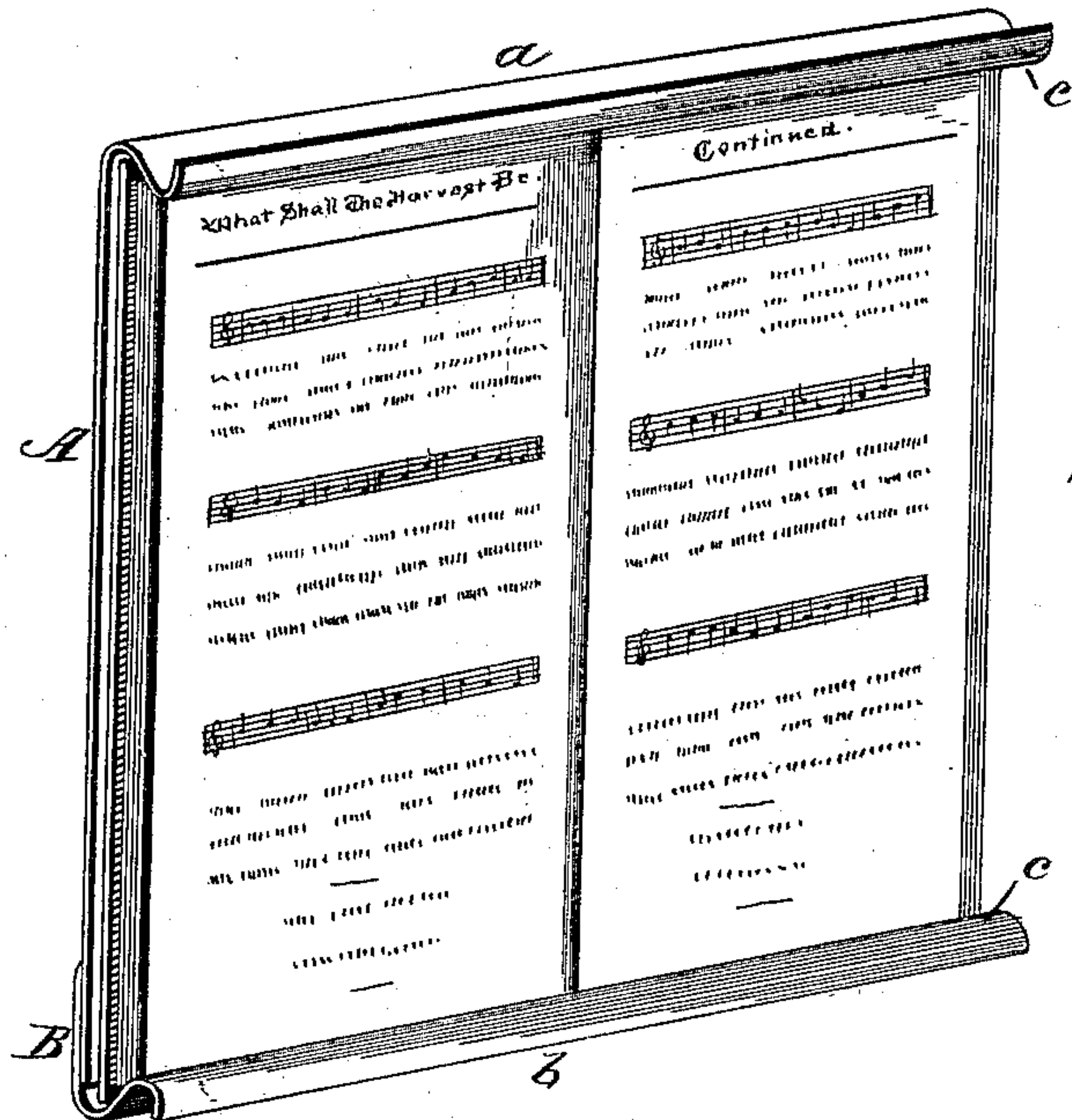


Fig. 1

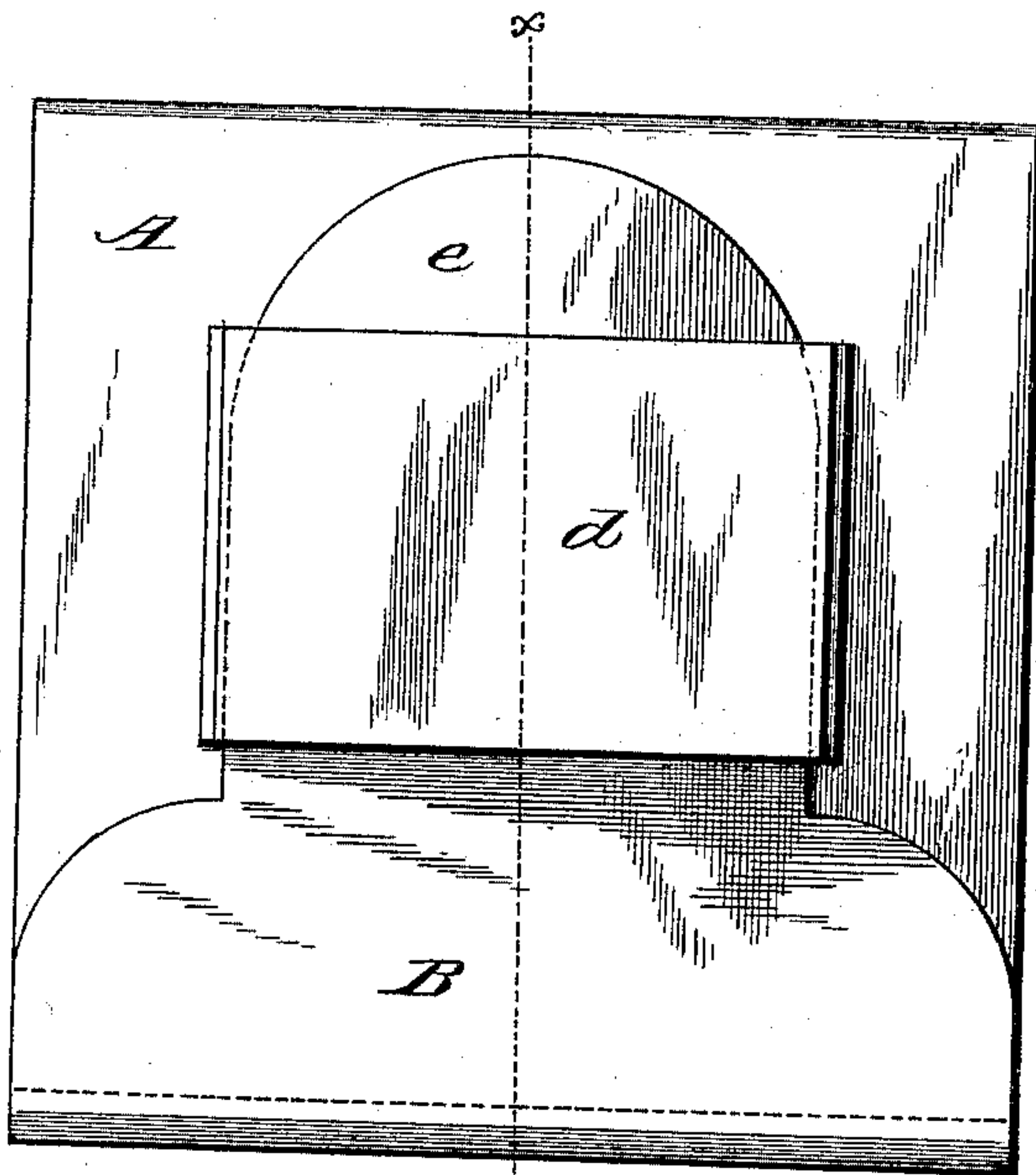


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. NEWMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Patoka, in the county of Marion and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Music-Book Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my improved holder for music and other books; Fig. 2, a rear plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 a central vertical section taken on line $x x$ of Fig. 2.

The present invention has for its object to provide a holder for music and other books that will be simple in its construction, and one which can be manufactured and placed on the market at a greatly-reduced price compared with those now in ordinary use.

The invention consists in a holder constructed substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A B represent the two sections constituting the holder, which are formed of sheet metal, and at their outer edges are formed with S-shaped flanges $a b$, respectively, such form being especially effective in embracing the upper and lower edges of the book when in position, as shown in Fig. 1, the rounded curve of the flanges preventing tearing of the leaves when they are turned, said leaves easily gliding over the rounded surface of the flanges without rumpling their edges.

It is preferable in the construction of the holder to use sheet metal that possesses sufficient spring or elasticity in order that the flanges will yield to books of different thickness and at all times press with sufficient force against the book to hold the leaves in position, the flanges therefore being properly

termed "spring-flanges," as their automatic action depends upon the spring or elasticity of the metal from which they are constructed, as previously described. The special form of the flanges is also of material importance, as they present to the leaf when being turned a rounded curve c , which prevents injury thereto.

The section A upon its back has a metal band-loop d to receive a tongue e on the section B, thereby holding the two sections together and preventing any lateral displacement thereof.

The above means of holding the two sections together enables them to be adjusted vertically to adapt the holder to books of varying heights, while by raising the section A sufficiently the book can be readily removed. The weight of the section itself is sufficient to keep the flange a pressed snugly against the upper edge of the book without the employment of additional means.

As will be seen, my invention has provided a very simple contrivance for holding music and other books, and one that can be manufactured at a very small cost.

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

A holder for music or other books, consisting of two sections A B, having backs for support of the backs of the book and adjustably connected together, and having curved flanges $a b$, respectively, said sections forming supports for the entire book when in use, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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