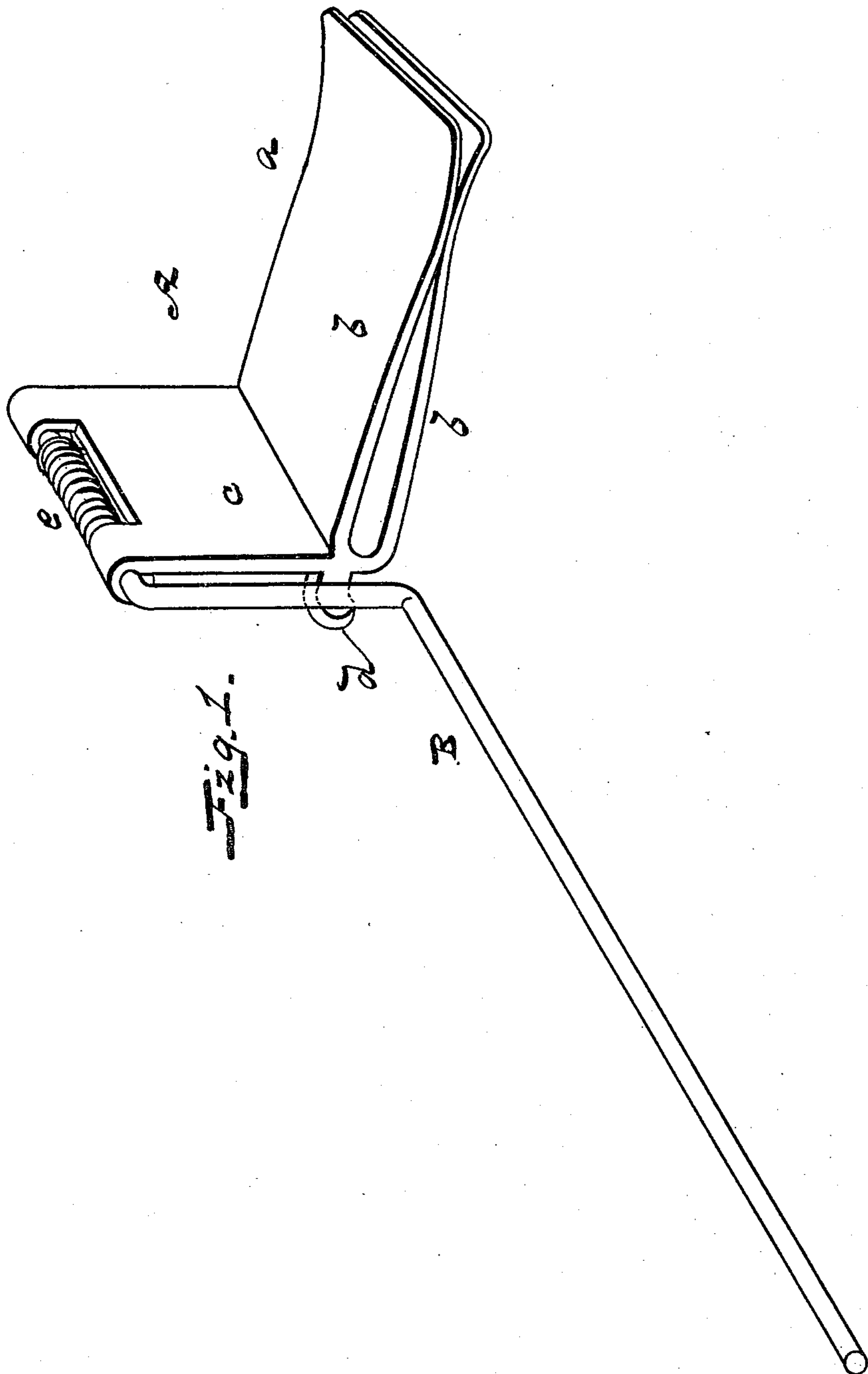


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY CLAY JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Leaf Holders; 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.

This invention has relation to improvements in devices for holding the leaves of a book in an open position; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, whereby the entire book, as well as its pages, is held in an open position, all as will be hereinafter fully explained.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, illustrates my invention, in which the figure represents a perspective view of my device.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawing, A designates the holder, consisting

of the angular or L-shaped plate and the bent or angular rod. The horizontal portion *a* of the angular plate A presents two gripping-fingers *b b*, which are preferably twin plates, having their outer ends slightly turned outwardly, providing a mouth thereto or an easy passage for the cover when attaching the device to a book. Extending vertically from this horizontal plate forming the gripping-fingers is a plate *c*, provided with a stop-piece *d*, and at the upper portion of said vertical

plate is pivoted a spring-actuated angular arm or rod B. This rod is provided with a coil-spring *e*, which serves to press the rod upon the leaves of a book.

It will be observed that in applying my device to a book the fingers grasp the cover at its upper edge and the rod lies and presses down upon the leaves, thus not only holding the pages, but also holding the entire book, open, and it is simple in construction and operation, can be easily and quickly applied to a book, is ornamental, durable, and at the same time cheap to manufacture.

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

1. A device for holding leaves of a book open, comprising an angular plate having attaching fingers composed of spring-plates, and an angular spring-actuated rod connected to said plate, substantially as described.

2. A device for holding open the leaves of a book, consisting of a horizontal portion form-

ing spring gripping-arms, and a vertical portion having attached thereto a spring-actuated angular rod to press upon the leaves when the device is attached to a book, substantially as described.

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

HENRY CLAY JOHNSON.

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