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Fig. 1.

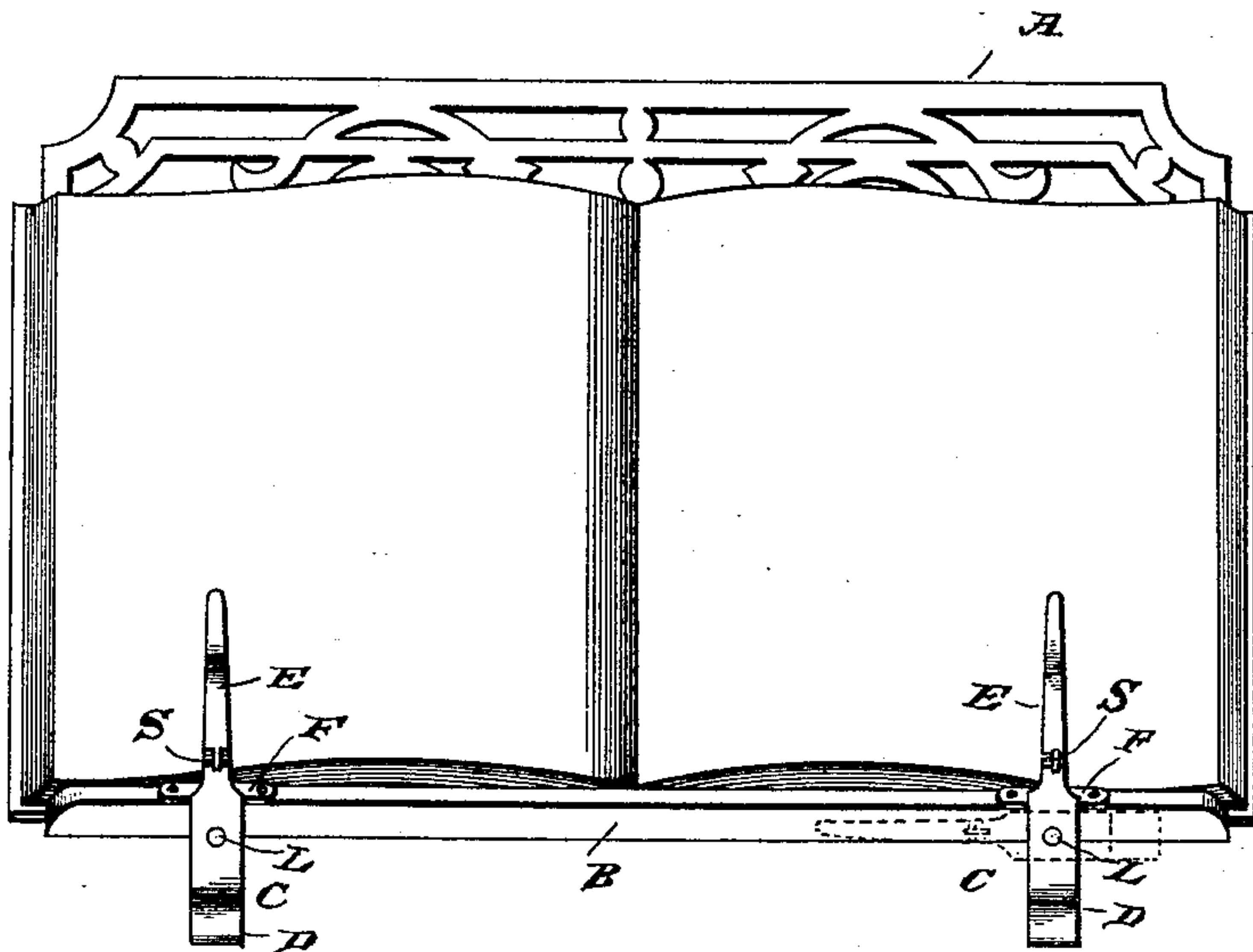


Fig. 2.

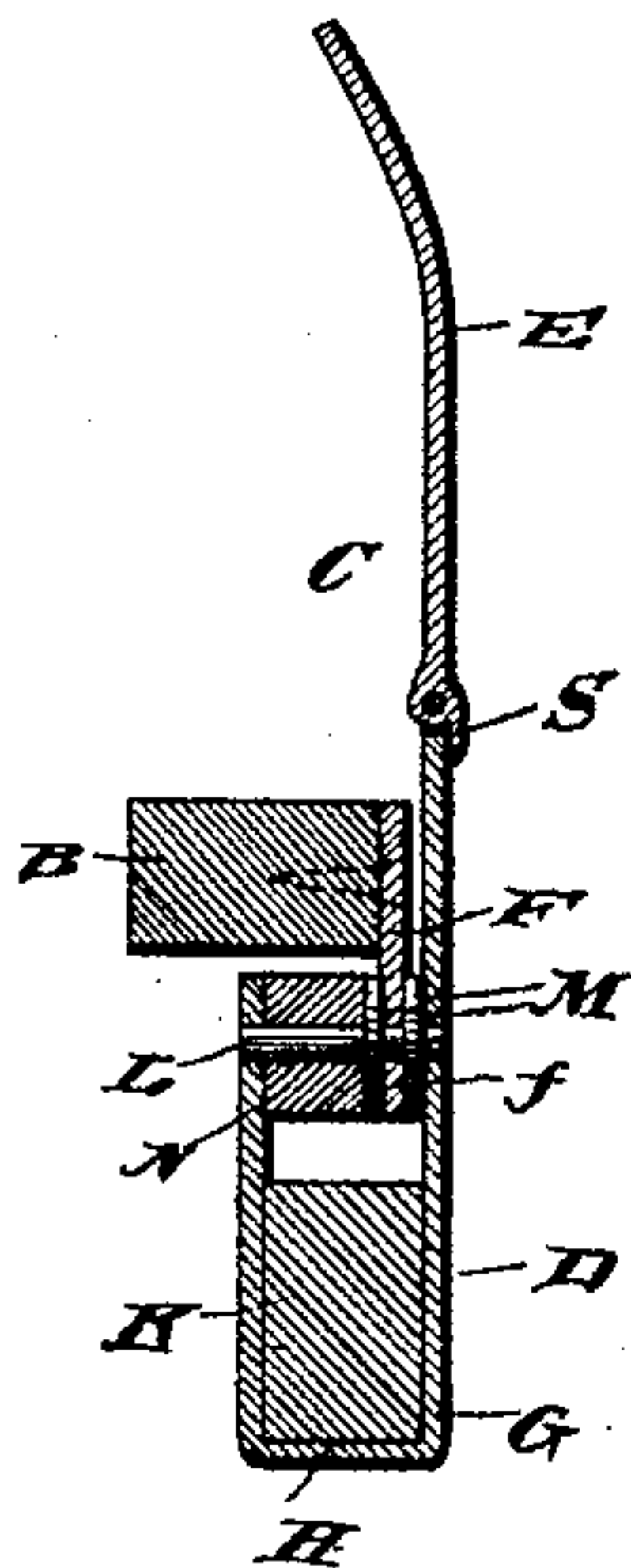
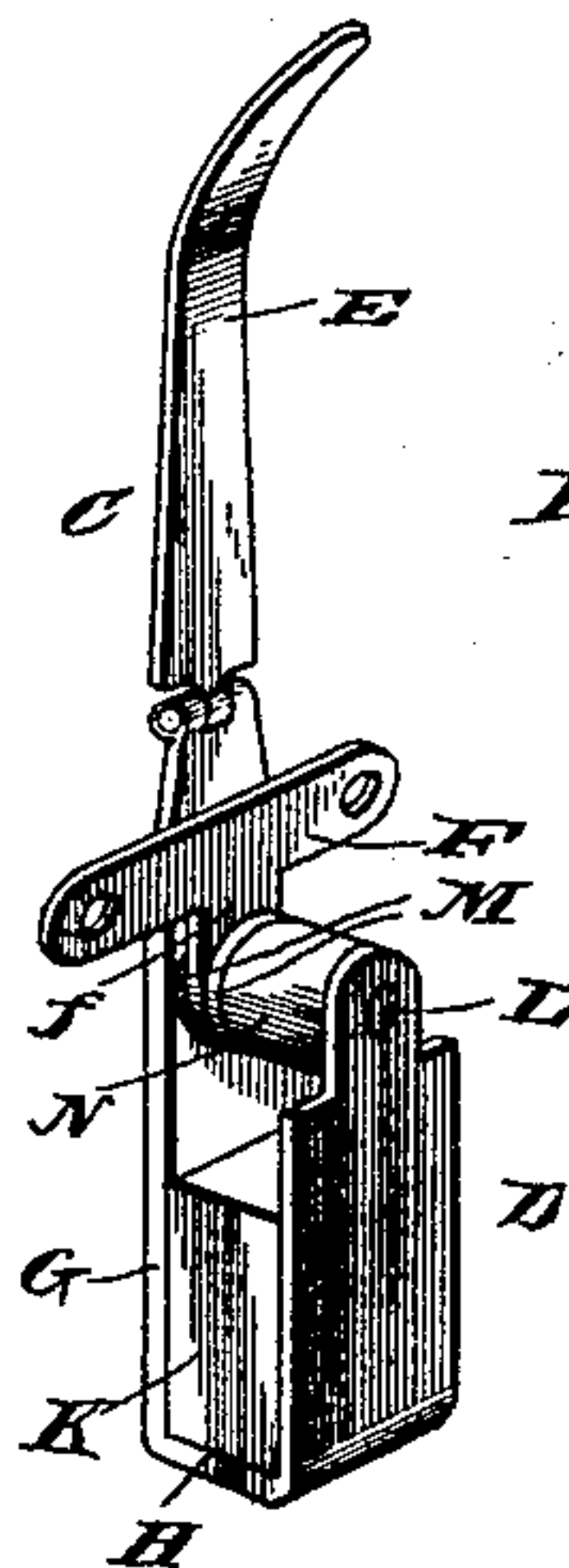


Fig. 3.



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## LEAF-HOLDER FOR MUSIC.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOSEPH WOOD and WALTER WILKINSON, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Leaf-Holder for Music, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to leaf holders for music, and is designed to be attached to the music racks of pianos and organs, and to other stands and desks, the object of our improvement being to provide a holder which may be easily turned aside as the leaf is thrown over, and which will quickly and automatically readjust itself after such displacement, to engage the last turned leaf.

Further objects of our invention will appear hereinafter in the description, and the novelty of the improvement will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of two of our holders, applied in the operative position to a music stand or rack. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of one of the holders, and the edge of said stand or rack, to show the manner of attachment. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the holders, detached.

A represents the stand or rack and B the horizontal strip, or edge, to which the holders, C C, are attached. The body-portion, D, is weighted, below its pivotal point, L, and projects slightly above the plane of the horizontal strip of the desk or stand, and the rearward curved, retaining finger, E, is hinged to the upper, projecting end of said body-portion, and is adapted to incline rearward against the page of the book or music which is supported by the stand and is held from forward inclination by a stop ear S. The pivot-plate, F, is permanently secured to the edge of the horizontal strip and is provided with a depending portion, *f*, to which the body-portion is pivoted. Said body-portion comprises, essentially, a flat arm, G, which is bent upon itself at its lower end to form a pocket, H, in which is arranged the weight, K, the bent-up portion of the arm, or the rear side of said pocket being extended vertically, above the

weight to carry the rear end of the pivot-pin, L, which is secured at its front end in the front side of the body-portion. Washers, or wear-plates, M M, are arranged upon the pivot pin, upon opposite sides of the depending portion of the pivot-plate, one of said washers being between said depending portion of the pivot plate and the flat arm G, so as to separate the rear surface of the latter from the front edge of the horizontal strip. The space between the rear washer and the rear side of the pocket is filled by a filling block, N, as shown in the sectional view, Fig. 2. The position of one of the holders, when pushed laterally to allow a leaf to be turned, is indicated in Fig. 1. The pivot pin being arranged below the plane of the horizontal strip enables the holder to be tipped laterally a considerable distance, thus bringing the holder almost parallel with the edge of the strip, and this construction in combination with the tapered form of the retaining finger enables the latter to be brought below the plane of the upper surface of the strip, as shown in the above-mentioned figure.

In operation, when it is desired to turn a leaf, the hand grasps the free or outer edge of said leaf and while holding and raising the latter, is passed along the edge of the stand, or desk, until it encounters the first holder, or that one which has previously retained the leaf which is now being turned. This holder readily yields to the lateral pressure exerted by the hand and when the retaining finger, at a point near its hinged connection or base, comes in contact with the edge of the strip, it is swung forwardly or outwardly at its free end, thus completely freeing the leaf and enabling the holder to assume the dotted position shown in Fig. 1. Moving the hand still farther along the edge of the strip it encounters and depresses the second holder, in the same manner as above, and thus allows the turned leaf to be folded to its place, whereupon the last named holder re-assumes its vertical position, automatically, and engages the last turned leaf. Meanwhile, the first named holder has engaged the leaf beyond the one which has been turned. All this is accomplished in a single sweep of the



hand. The operator merely grasps the free edge of the leaf to be turned, and slides the hand rapidly along the edge of the strip, thus clearing the way for the release of the said  
5 leaf and removing the holder which would obstruct the way and prevent the same from folding into its proper place.

The device is simple, cheap, and may be readily applied to any ordinary music stand,  
10 desk, or rack.

The only modification of construction necessary in attaching to different forms of stands or desks, will be in the pivot plate, which, obviously, must be adapted to the particular  
15 conformation and material of the article to which the holder is applied.

We are aware that a pivoted or swinging holder having a weighted lower end to normally hold it in an upright position is not  
20 new, and we do not desire to claim this broadly, but in our improved holder we employ a hinged finger in connection with the weighted body-portion, for the reasons above given.

Having thus described our invention, what  
25 we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a music-rack or support, and the rest or ledge at the lower edge thereof and extending at a right angle there-  
30 to, of the herein described improved leaf-holding devices, each consisting of a T-shaped

plate whose upper horizontal portion is perforated and secured to the outer edge of the ledge or rest, and whose lower portion is perforated and depressed below the same, the  
35 metal strap G bent into U-shape to form a pocket and having an inner short and an outer long terminal, bearings formed in the short terminal and transversely opposite in the long terminal, a shaft passed through the  
40 bearings and through the perforation in the lower end of the T-shaped plate, washers at opposite sides of said plate and upon the shaft, a space-block between the inner washer and the inner terminal of the strap, a weight lo-  
45 cated in the pocket formed by the bending of the strap and below the shaft, and a curved spring arm E pivoted to the upper end of the long terminal and extending inwardly and upon its lower end and at its outer side pro-  
50 vided with a depending offset finger forming a stop and adapted to limit the outward swing of the arm, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures  
55 in the presence of two witnesses.

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