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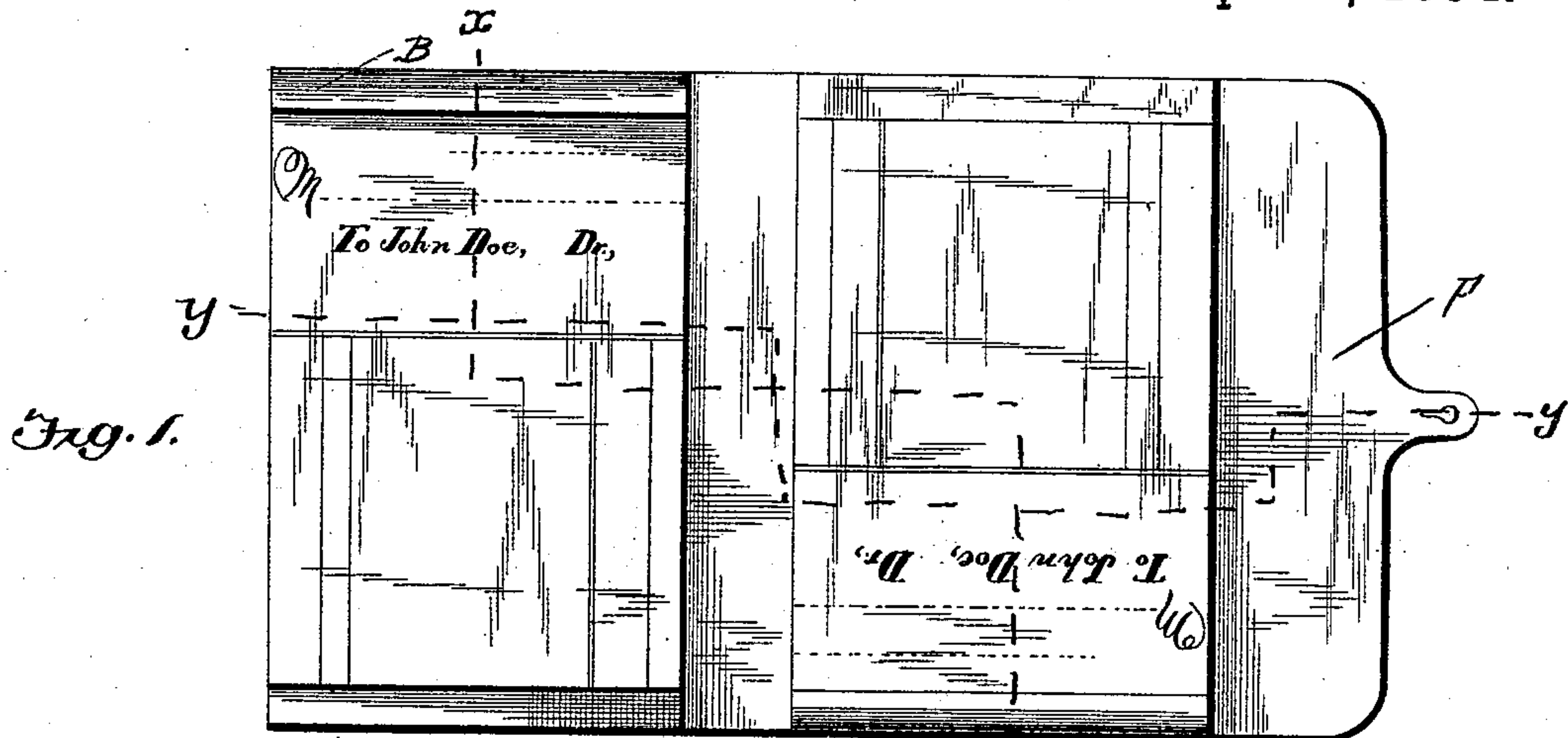


Fig. 2.

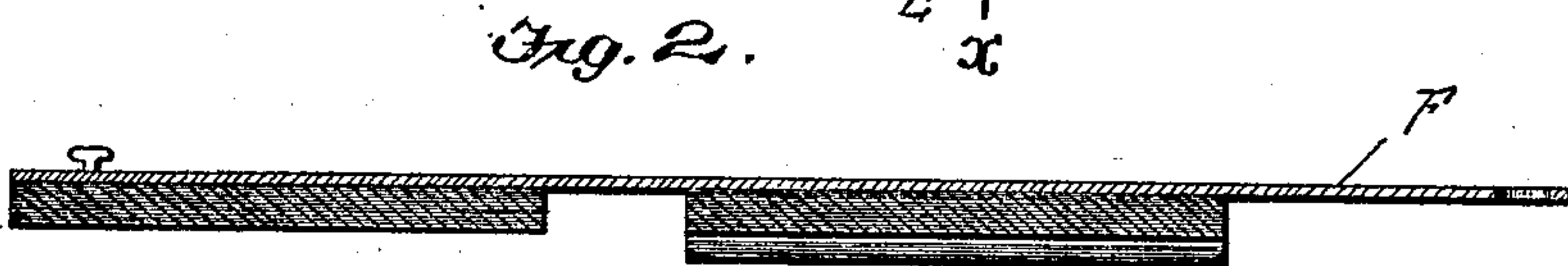


Fig. 3.

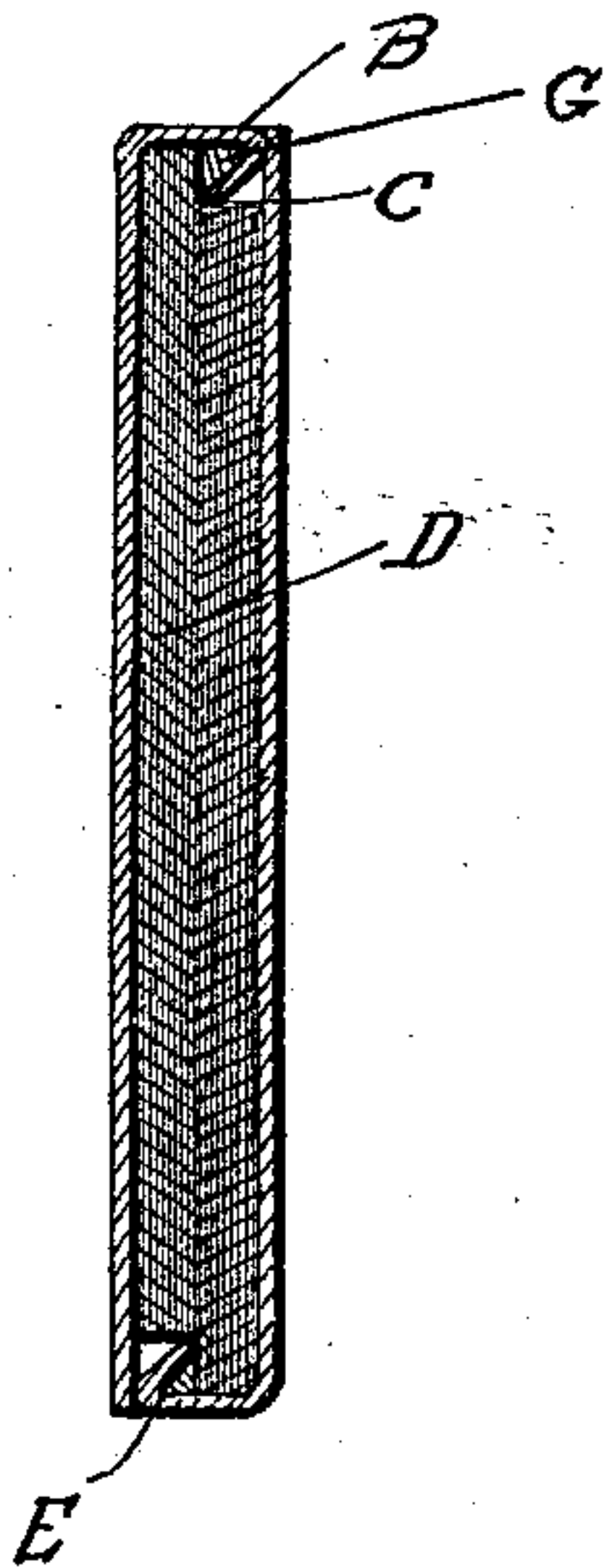
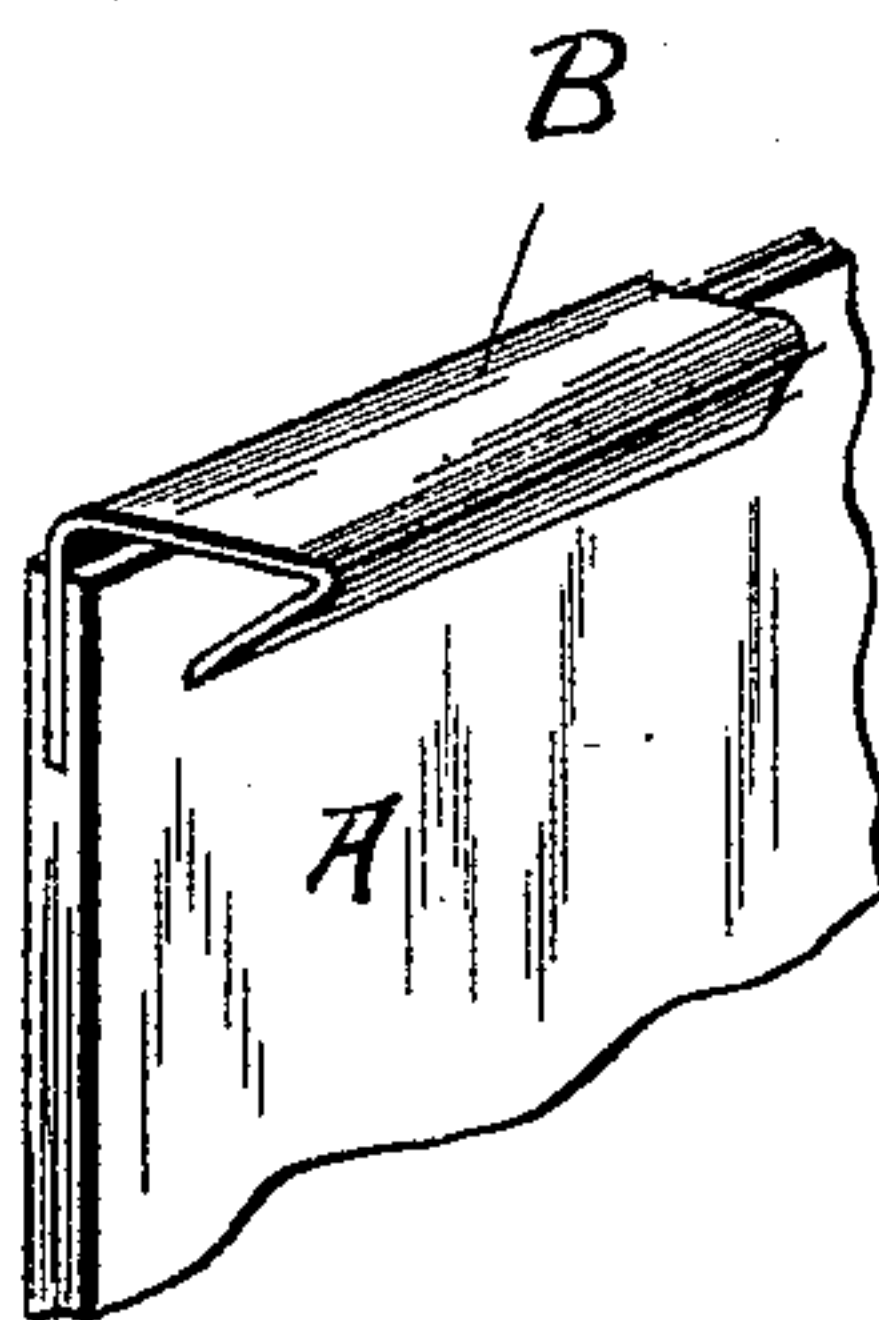


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. RIDDER, of Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill or Account 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.

My invention is an improvement in bill and account holders, designed for greater simplicity, cheapness, compactness and durability of construction and certainty and efficiency of operation.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, in which I have set forth fully the details of construction and the essential features thereof, and illustrated them in the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is a vertical elevation of my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a section through the line *xx* Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section through the line *yy* Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a modification.

Reference being had to the above figures A represents the main portion of the holder, which is constructed of paste-board, wood, metal, celluloid or other suitable material, and in order to add to the beauty of the article, it is my intention to cover the holder with leather, cloth or enamel.

In the accompanying drawings I have represented my improved holder in a two leaf book form, but I do not desire to confine myself to any particular number of leaves composing the holder, as a single leaf may be deemed sufficient for some purposes.

Secured to the end of the portion A is the upwardly projecting V shaped clasp B which is made of metal, celluloid or other suitable material, the lower edge C of which is intended to press firmly against the pad, book or tablet D, thereby holding it in the required position.

In Fig. 4, I have shown a method of securing the clasp B to the holder A, which consists of cutting a groove in the end of the base

A and inserting the metal clasp as shown, or the clasp may be a continuation of the base A as desired.

In the drawings, I have represented the pad D in bill form, but either receipt, account, blank, slips or blotting pad may be substituted.

In order to utilize space I have constructed a clasp on the cover E similar to B and adapted to hold a second pad. The two leaves of the book being secured together, when folding by means of the flap F.

In case the projection C of the clasp does not press with sufficient force against the pad, I have supplied the prism shaped strip G which is intended to be inserted in the V shaped recess formed by the clasp, between the clasp and the pad.

The construction and arrangement of the several parts of my holder being thus made known, the operation and advantages of the same will, it is thought, be readily understood.

I am aware that changes in the form and proportion of parts of the device herein shown and described as an embodiment of my invention can be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

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

1. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of one or more leaves or holders, a clasp for securing said leaf or leaves, having a V-shaped free end projecting over the said leaves, and a prism-shaped strip adapted to slide between said clasp in the space formed by the V-shaped free end of the same and inserted from one side, substantially as described.

2. In an article of the class described, the combination of a cover, a pair of holders arranged on said cover apart from each other, a series of leaves arranged on said holders and extending lengthwise partially of the width of each holder to form a space at the

lower end of said leaves, a V-shaped spring
clasp applied over the upper ends of said
leaves and when folded adapted to have their
projecting portions fit in the spaces at the
5 bottom of the said leaves, substantially as de-
scribed.

In testimony whereof I have signed this

specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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