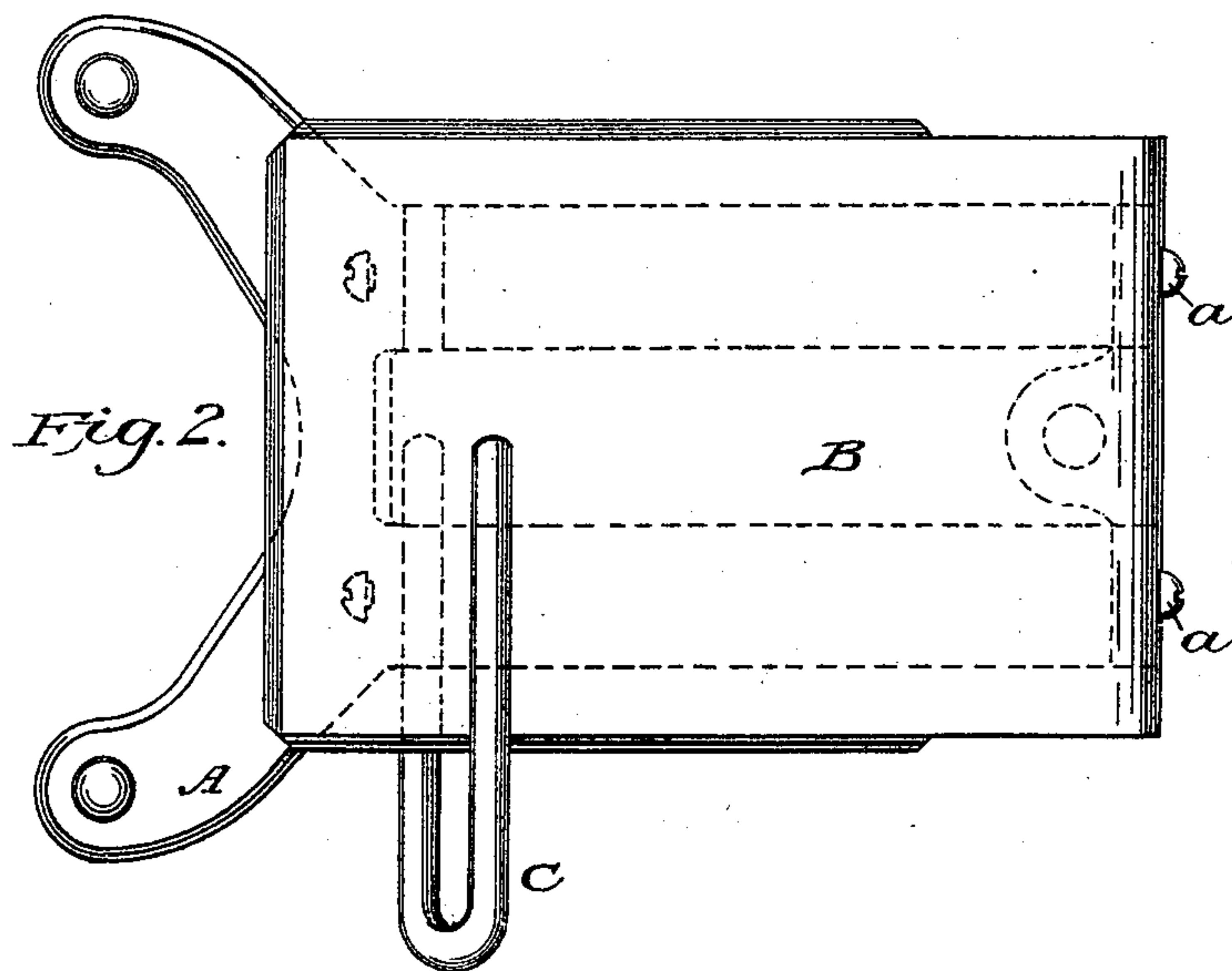
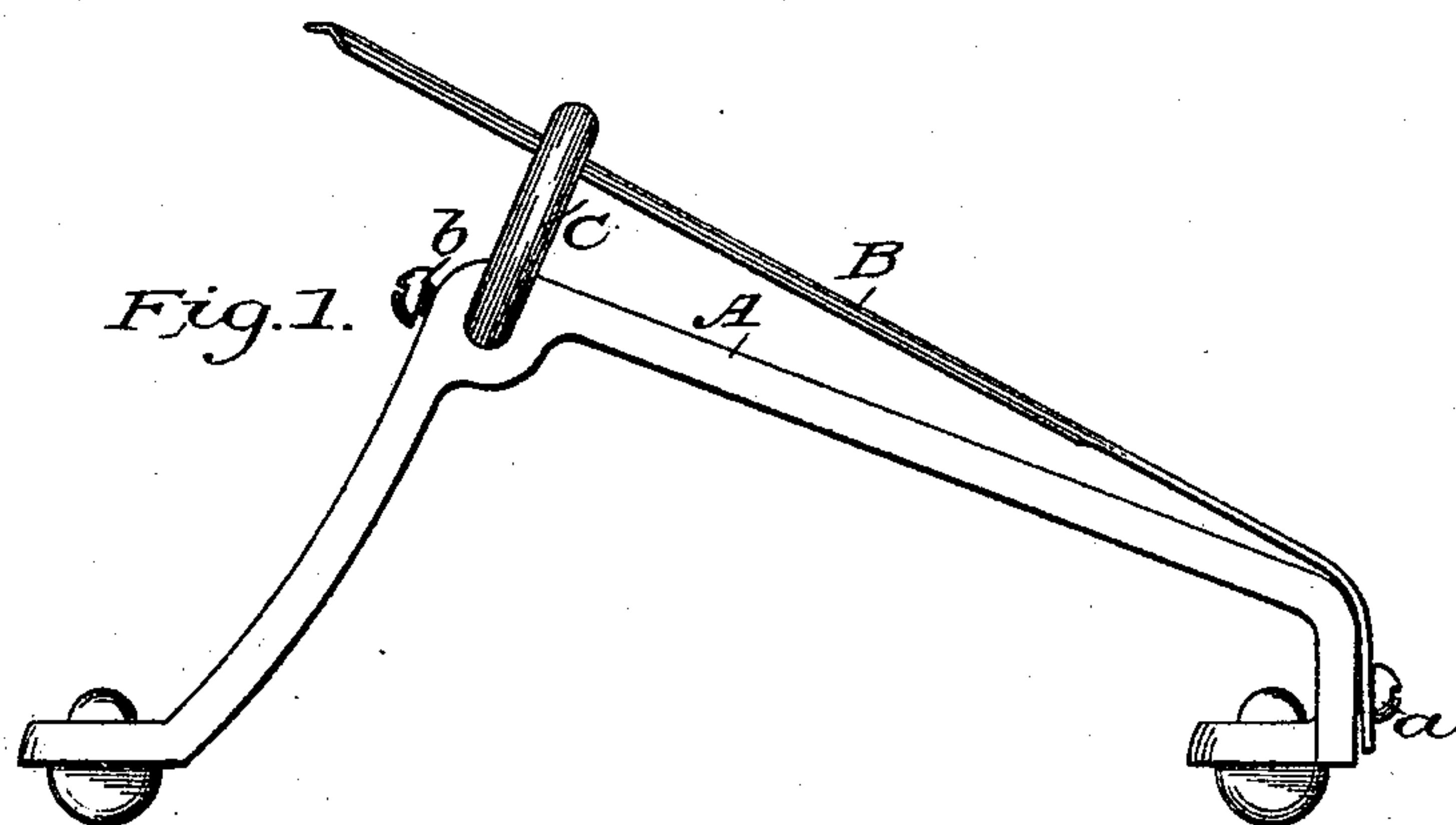


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## COPY-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EVERETT P. RICHARDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lawrence, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Copy-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement relates to copy holders for the use of type writers, type setters, or others, and the object is to provide one which will allow the copy, whether book or manuscript, to be readily inserted, and afterward moved forward quickly and with slight effort.

My improvement consists in devices for supporting and holding the copy and a spring plate, supporting and clamping it against a fixed overhanging finger or bar, which also serves as a marker, or line indicator.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation, and Fig. 2 a plan.

A frame A, suited to the particular use for which the holder is intended has attached to its front end (or it may be at one side) at any convenient angle a yielding spring plate B. It is preferably a single piece of sheet steel, attached by the screws *a, a*, and by which the amount of stress is adjusted. Fixed also to the frame A and extending over the plate B, is a retaining finger or bar C, of any desirable length held by the set screw *b*.

The finger can be changed from one side to the other, making the holder right or left handed as desired.

In use, the paper or book is laid upon the plate, near the finger or bar and then sufficiently depressed to slide under the same.

It can then be advanced from time to time as desired, by a slight pressure and forward movement of the hand.

The holder as here shown is designed to rest on a desk or table and is provided with rubber feet to prevent its being thrust forward as the paper is moved. By slight changes in the supporting frame it can be attached to type-writers, printers' cases, &c.

I claim—

1. In a copy holder, a yielding supporting plate, and a fixed retaining and line indicating bar, both attached to a common base or frame, the yielding plate being attached thereto at one of its ends, preferably in the adjustable manner shown, and the bar, against which the plate presses the copy, being attached rigidly to the side of said base, extending outwardly, upwardly, and returning to, and overlying the plate at a point between its ends, leaving a space for the passage of copy, wider than the plate, substantially as shown.

2. In a copy holder, a yielding supporting plate and a fixed retaining bar, both attached to a common base or frame, the yielding plate being attached thereto at one of its edges, and the bar against which the plate presses the copy being attached rigidly to the base and extending upon the plate from its side to overlie it at a point between its ends, substantially as shown.

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