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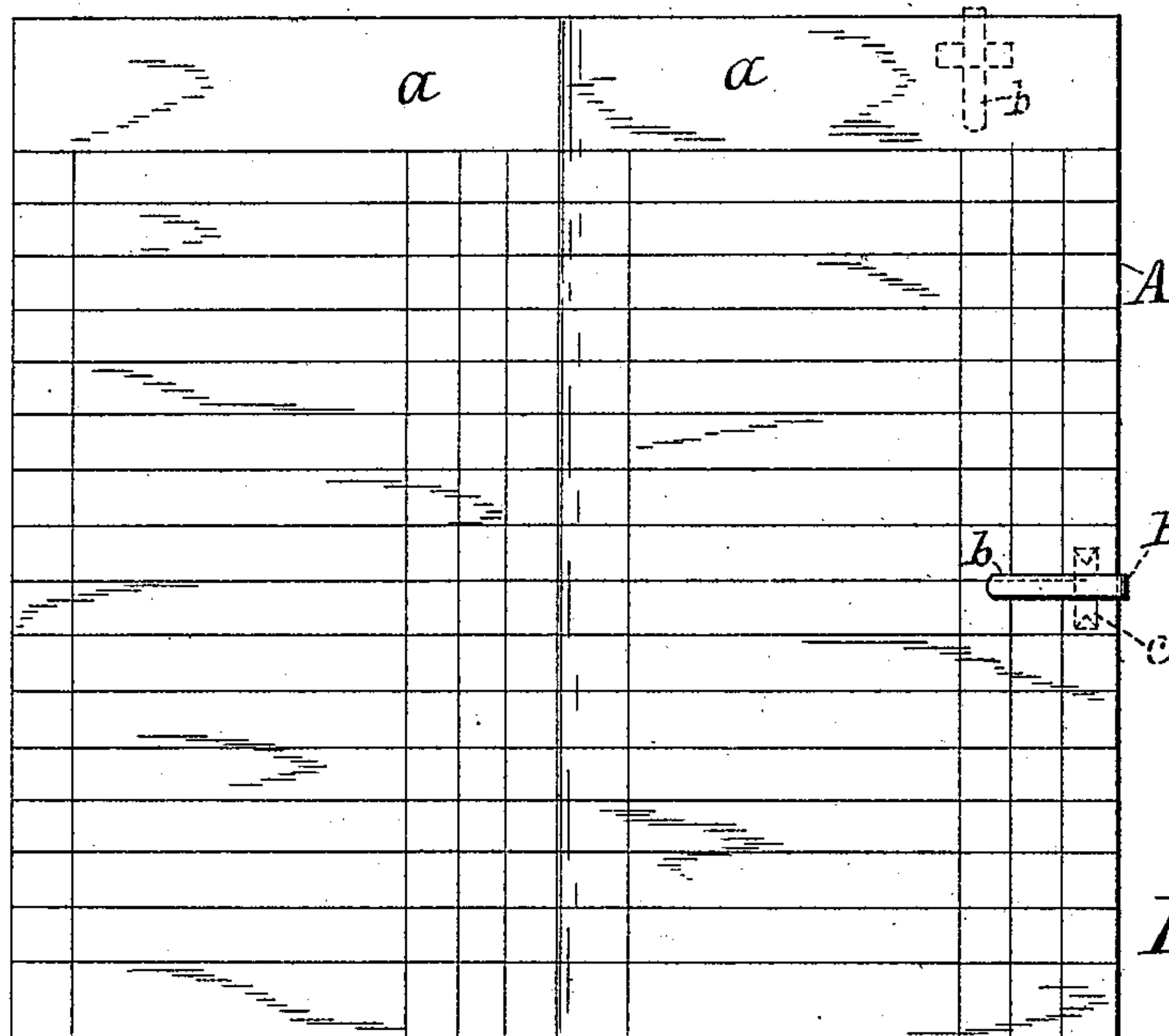


Fig. 1.



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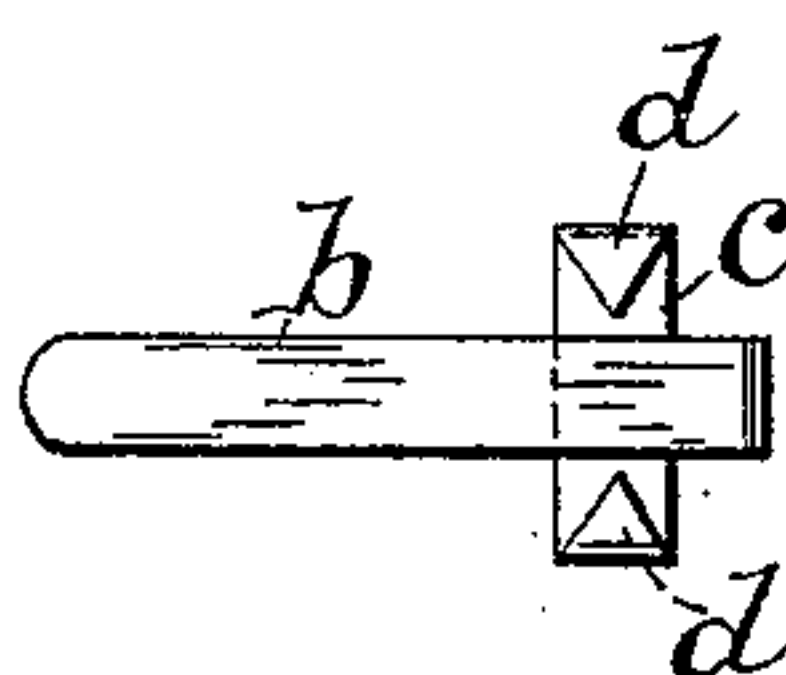


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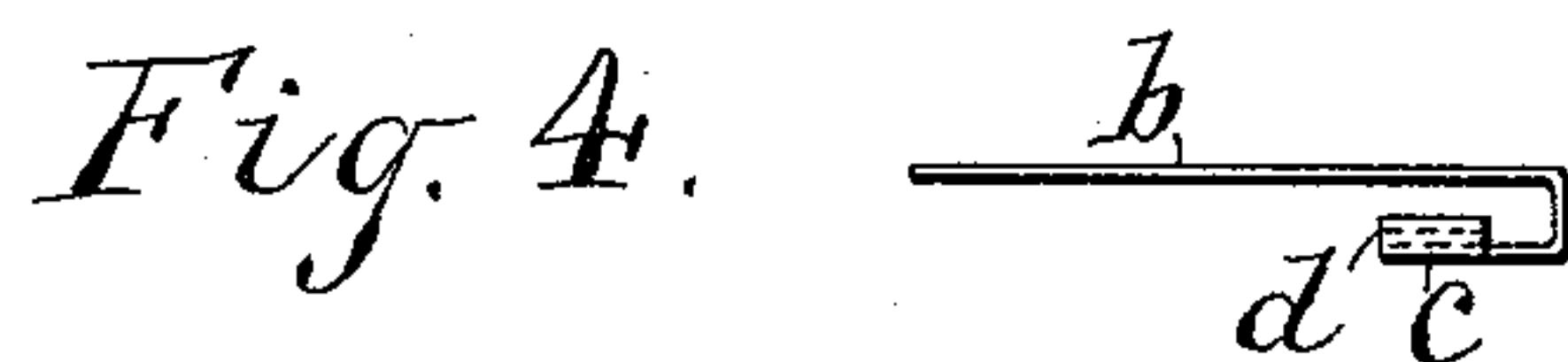


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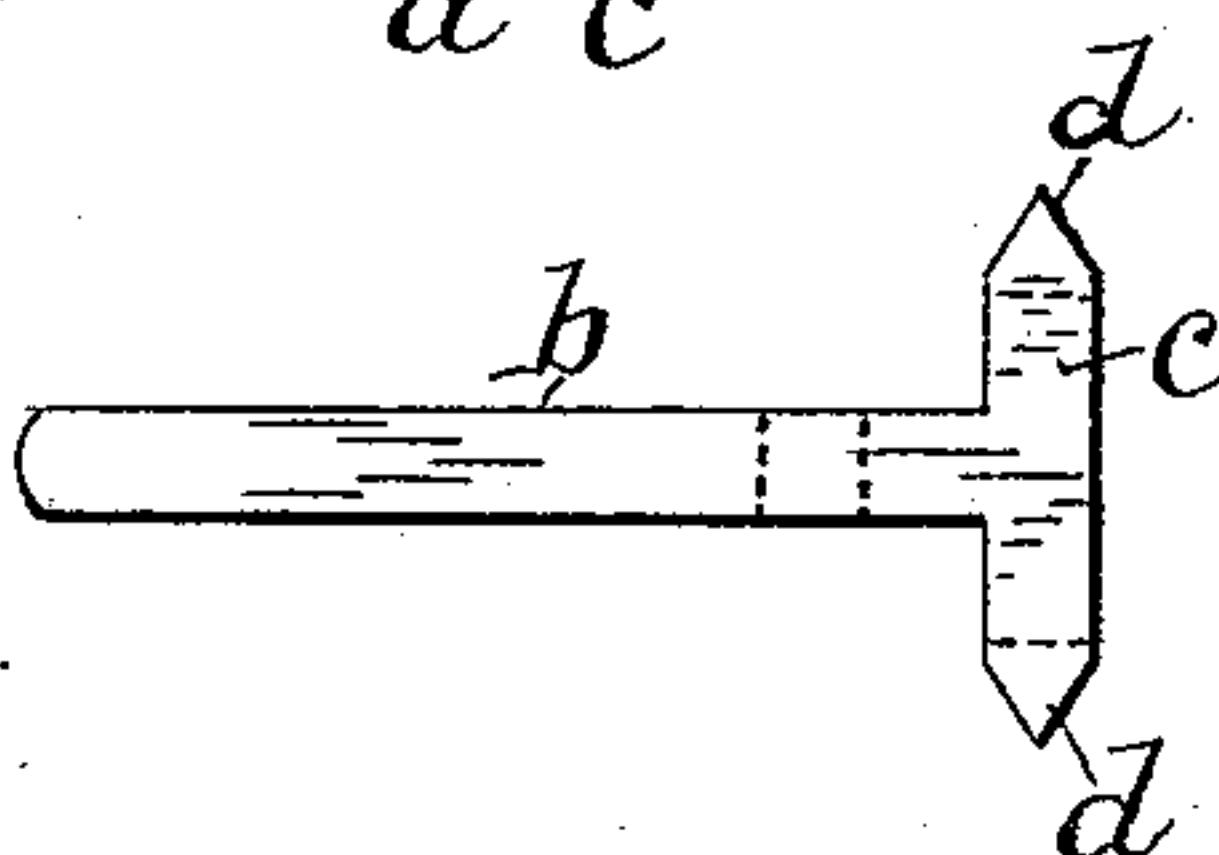


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. ROANTREE, of Canastota, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Book-Marks or Leaf-Holders, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to book-leaf holders or book-marks; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device which will be adapted for application to a book of any kind, but particularly a blank book having a small number of leaves—as, for instance, a bank-book or pass-book—and which will hold the leaves together in such a manner that the desired place or leaf may be easily and quickly found and that will allow the ready reception and release of the leaves when required.

My invention consists of a thin T-shaped piece of elastic material, as brass or steel or any other suitable material, having the vertical bar bent over upon itself and the ends of the horizontal bar pointed or provided with spurs to pass through the cover of the book and to be bent over on the inside of the cover to secure the latter to the device. The horizontal bar when the device is secured to the cover lies parallel with the edge of cover and in proximity to the edge. The other bar passes around the edges of the cover and leaves of the book and enters between them wherever desired.

In the drawings hereto annexed and forming a part of my specification, Figure 1 shows a top plan view of an open pass-book having my improved leaf-holder secured to one side of the cover. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the leaf-holder with the spurs bent as when secured to the cover, but removed from the cover. Fig. 4 is a side view of the same, and Fig. 5 shows the blank before the same is bent.

Referring specifically to the drawings, A indicates the pass-book usually employed by banks and associations, said book having several leaves *a* and a flexible cover *A'*. B is the book-leaf holder, which is shown secured

to the right-hand side of the cover and near the edge thereof. When secured to the side of the cover, as shown, the vertical bar *b* of the T-shaped piece lies in a horizontal position, and the other and preferably shorter bar *c* lies in a vertical position or parallel with and near the side edge of the cover. The end of the bar *b* is preferably rounded, so that it will not injure the leaves when lying between them, and the ends of the other bar *c* are pointed or provided with spurs *d d*, which pass through the cover from the outside and are bent over upon the inside to secure the device to the cover.

It will be obvious that the device may be secured in either a flexible or stiff cover that it can be attached, if desirable, to the other side of the cover or near the upper or lower edges thereof, and in Fig. 1 the device is shown at the top edge of the right-hand side of the cover (indicated by broken lines) to illustrate this. The bar *b* is elastic and forms a spring-tongue which bears upon the leaves, pressing them to the cover sufficiently to hold them against accidental displacement.

A limited number of leaves may be held by the device, and this number may be varied, the upper leaf held being pulled from beneath the bar *b* when it is filled sufficiently, the device still holding the remaining leaves on that side of the book to which it is attached.

The bar *b* may be made much shorter than shown, if desired, and the spurs may be differently shaped, or the bar *c* may be secured by rivets or similar means to the cover.

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

1. The combination of a book-cover, and a thin T-shaped piece having the horizontal bar secured to the cover near one edge and parallel with said edge, and the other bar bent over upon itself and adapted to enter the book between the leaves, as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the book-cover *A'* and a thin T-shaped metal piece, B, having its vertical bar bent over upon itself and adapted to enter between the leaves of the

book, and its horizontal bar provided with spurs, *d, d*, which pass through and secure the device to the cover, substantially as described and shown.

- 5 3. As a new article of manufacture, a book-leaf holder composed of a thin **T**-shaped piece of metal having its vertical bar bent over upon itself, and its horizontal bar provided with

spurs on its ends, as and for the purpose described. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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