

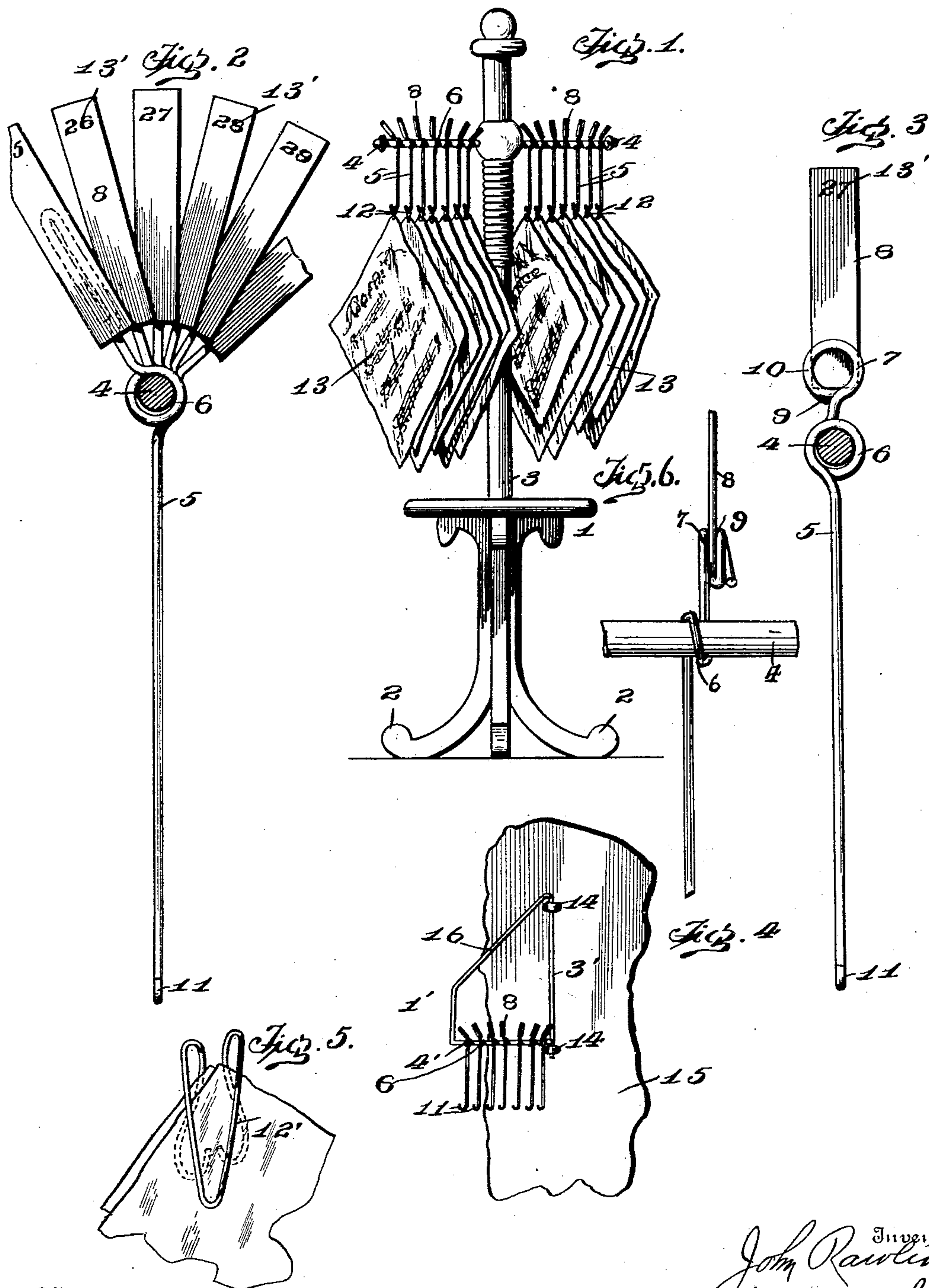
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## SHEET-MUSIC RETAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN RAWLINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sheet-Music Retainers; 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 relates to supports for sheet-music and means for indicating the particular sheets supported, and more particularly to a system of arranging suitable supports provided with indicating-tabs in such manner as to facilitate the ascertaining of any particular sheet.

It consists of a suitable support or bracket provided with a horizontal arm and rods or wires provided with eyes near one end adapted to encircle said arm and carrying indicating-tabs extending at varying angles from said arm, and the opposite ends of the said wires or rods being provided with article-carrying means.

It also consists of certain other novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a support embodying the features of my improved system. Fig. 2 represents a view in side elevation of the supporting rods or wires carrying indicating-tabs, the horizontal arm supporting said rods being shown in section. Fig. 3 represents a similar view showing a single wire and tab. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of a slightly-modified form of support. Fig. 5 represents an enlarged detail perspective view of a form of clip adapted to serve as the supporting-eye to the article suspended, and Fig. 6 represents an edge view of the parts shown in Fig. 3.

The present invention contemplates means for supporting sheet-music or other articles in such relation to each other as to be readily accessible, each sheet or article being provided with an indicating-tab so held as to be readily seen, whereby one particular sheet or article may be removed from the support without deranging the others, and in perfect-

ing this invention, as seen in the accompanying drawings, I preferably provide a suitable rack, as 1, formed with supporting-feet 2 and carrying a vertical standard, as 3, which standard is provided with any suitable number of transversely-arranged horizontal arms, as 4 4. Each arm 4 is adapted to support a plurality of supporting-rods, as 5 5, each formed with an eye, as 6, near the upper end thereof, adapted to surround said arm, and a second eye, as 7, above eye 6 for carrying a suitable tab, as 8. The eye 7 is preferably formed by forming a complete loop, as 9, of the material forming rod 5 and a second approximately complete loop 10, whereby a clamp is formed, between which the lower end of tab 8 is passed for being supported. The lower end of each of rods 5 is formed with a hook, as 11, or other suitable means for engaging any preferred form of eye, as 12, carried by the sheet-music or other articles 13, for supporting the same.

It will be seen by reference to Fig. 2 that I prefer to form the eye 7 of the various rods 5 at varying angles to arm 4, whereby all of the tabs will be exposed and suitable indications, as 13' 13', formed thereon will be seen, thereby facilitating the removal of the desired sheet or article supported by a particular rod bearing a tab having a given indication. The indications 13' are preferably numerals, but of course may be of any desired character, and a catalogue may be kept of the same in order to aid immediate reference to the particular sheet or article desired.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated a slightly-modified form of support, as 1', which comprises a vertical standard, as 3', pivotally supported by any preferred form of eyes, as 14, secured to a suitable upright, as 15, a horizontally-arranged arm, as 4', and a bent rod, as 16, connecting the upper end of standard 3' with the outer end of arm 4'. The standard 3', rod 16, and arm 4' are preferably formed of a single piece of material, and the inner end of arm 4' may be removably secured to the lower portion of standard 3' for facilitating applying rods 5 and removing the same, or the said inner end of arm 4' may be permanently secured to said standard after a given number of rods 5 have been applied, the same to remain on said arm as long as the support



is used, or a greater or less number of rods 5 may be placed upon the permanently-fixed arm 4' by employing a straight piece of material and bending the same about said arm 5 for forming eye 6. It will be apparent that the pivotal support of standard 3' admits of arm 4' being swung to either side against upright 15.

Of course hook 11 preferably removably engages eye 12, whereby any or all of sheets or articles 13 may be readily removed when desired without removing rods 5 from arm 4.

Although I have set forth a particular form of my improved support, yet I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact arrangement specified, but shall feel at liberty to deviate therefrom with reference to all details of construction within the spirit and scope of the present invention.

As best seen in Fig. 2, the tabs 8 may be in the form of bags inverted to inclose the eyes 7, which eyes in such instance are preferably elongated.

The eye secured to article 13 may be in the form of a spring-clip, as 12', as seen in Fig. 5, which is preferably employed when it is desired to clasp two or more sheets of music together to be suspended upon a single rod 5.

It will of course be understood that I do not limit myself to any particular article to be suspended, but, on the contrary, find the support particularly adapted for retaining the common form of disk-metal sheet-music, the periphery of said disks being usually perforated, whereby they may the more readily engage hook 11 and be supported thereby.

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

1. In an article-supporting device, the combination with a pivotally-supported horizontal arm, of article-supporting means carried by said arm, and indicating means extending at different angles to the arm and carried by said supporting means relative to each particular article, all of said indicating means being visible from a single point of observation, substantially as described.

2. In an article-supporting device, the combination of a plurality of supporting-rods, means pivotally supporting the same, means at one end of each of said rods for receiving the article to be supported, and means carried by said rods for indicating the particular article supported by the respective rod, said indicating means extending at varying angles

relative to said rods, substantially as described.

3. In a sheet-music support, the combination with a horizontally-arranged arm, of supporting-rods carried thereby, tab-carrying means at the upper ends of said rods, and a tab carried by each of said rods provided with means for indicating the particular sheet carried by its respective rod, the said tab-carrying means of the various rods extending at varying angles from said arm, whereby all of said tabs are simultaneously exposed, substantially as described.

4. In a support for sheet-music and other articles, the combination with a suitable upright, of a vertical standard pivoted thereto, a horizontally-arranged arm secured to said standard, means carried by said arm for supporting a plurality of said sheets or other articles, and means above each of said sheets for indicating the same, the said indicating means being so arranged that all of the same will be visible at the same time, substantially as described.

5. In an article-supporting device, the combination with a suitable upright, of a vertical standard pivoted thereto, means carried thereby for supporting a plurality of articles, and means carried by the supporting means for indicating the respective articles, all of the indications being simultaneously visible, substantially as described.

6. In an article-supporting device, the combination with a suitable upright, of a vertical standard supported thereby, a horizontally-arranged arm carried by said standard, means connecting the outer end of said arm with said standard, rods supported by said arm, means at one end of each of said rods for supporting an article, and a tab carried at the opposite end of each of said rods for indicating its respective article supported, the said connecting means between the outer end of the arm and the standard being spaced a sufficient distance above said arm, except at the point of contact, to permit said tabs to extend from said arm in the direction of the said connecting means, substantially as described.

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

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