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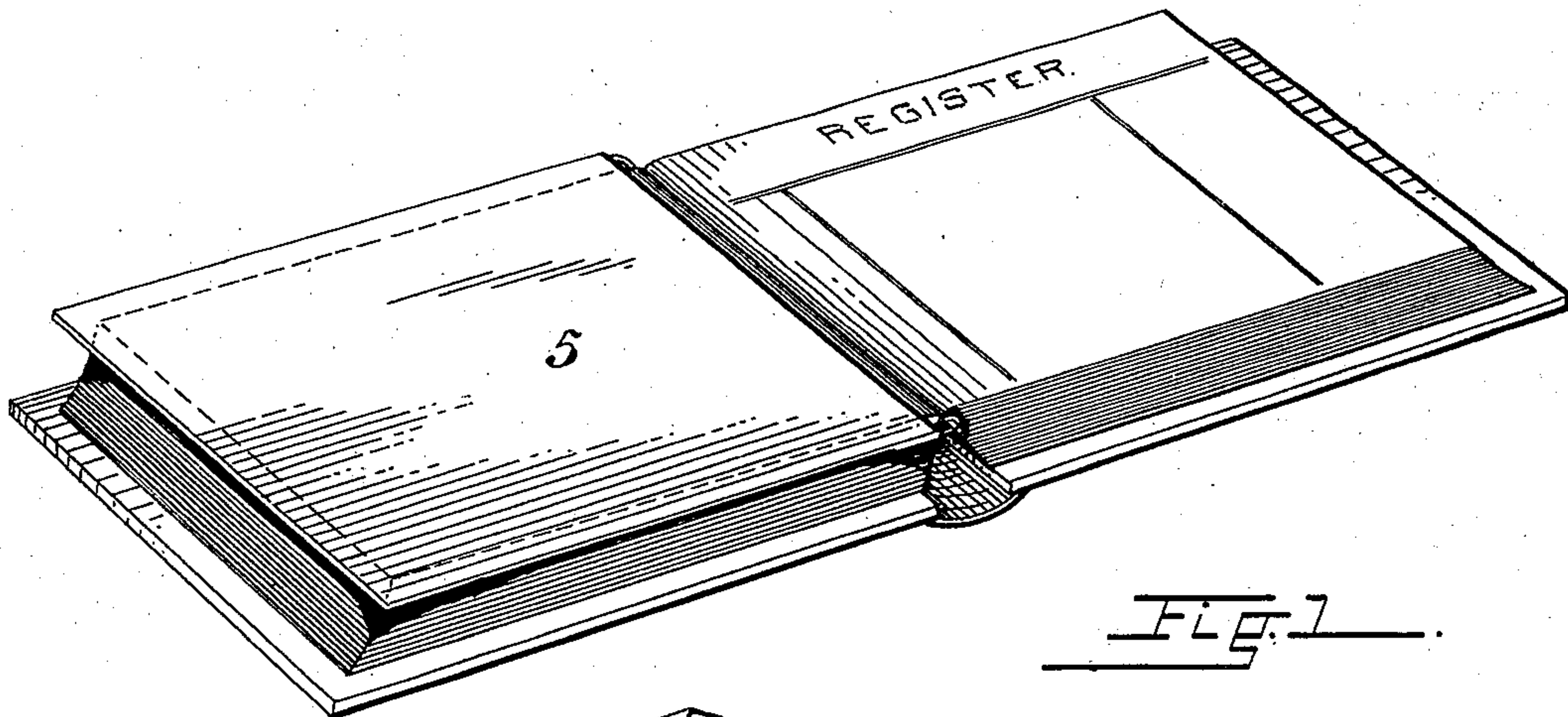


FIG. 1.

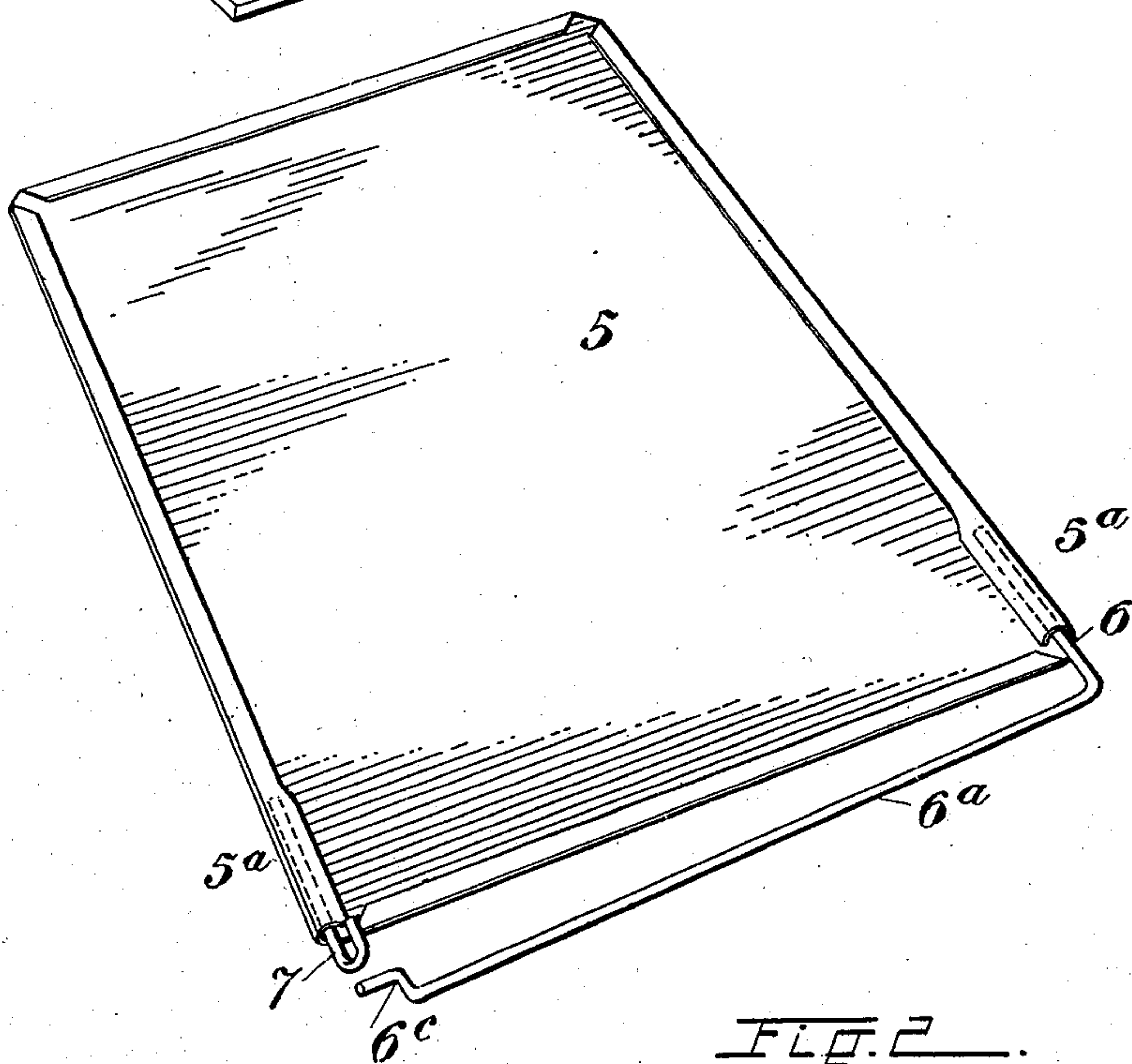


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BYRON NORTON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Protectors; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in book-protectors, being more especially intended for use in connection with hotel-registers, railroad-train registers, and other large books which are generally subjected to rough usage.

The device will now be described in detail, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book provided with my improved device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device shown in detail.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in both views.

Let the numeral 5 designate the body of the device, consisting of a plate adapted to cover a page of the book and project beyond the edges of the latter in order to protect them from wear. To the side of this plate, near the extremity adjacent the back of the book, is attached a spring-wire 6, which is bent at right angles at the corner of the protecting-plate and extends transversely of the plate, as shown at 6^a, its extremity 6^b remote from the end 6 being adapted to engage a hook 7, attached to the side of the plate opposite that where the part 6 is attached. The parts 6 and 7 are fastened to the plate by bending a flange of the latter over them, as shown at 5^a, and fastening the parts by soldering or in any other suitable manner.

The use of the device is thoroughly illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. In applying the device the transverse part 6^a of the wire holder is passed through the opening between the back of the book and the back of the cover, its free extremity being connected with the hook 7, as aforesaid. When

it is desired to change the position in the book of the protector, the part 6^b of the spring-holder is disconnected from the hook 7, after which the device may be removed from the book by drawing it to one side until the spring-holder escapes from the opening between the back of the book and the back of cover. Another leaf of the register or other book may then be turned and the device reapplied, as heretofore stated. The size of the plate is preferably about the same in area as that of each lid of the book. The book-lids usually project a short distance beyond the leaves, and if the plate is made of the same size as each of these lids it will perform the required function.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A book-protector comprising a plate, a spring-holder permanently secured to the plate, extending along one end thereof in the plane of or approximately in the plane of the plate and adapted to pass through the opening between the back of the book and the back of the cover in spring-back books, a hook attached to the plate and with which the free extremity of the spring-holder is adapted to cooperate whereby the device is held in place.

2. A book-protector comprising a plate having a hook upon one side thereof, and a spring-holder permanently secured to the plate, extending transversely of the inner extremity thereof in the plane of or approximately in the plane of the plate, the free extremity of the said holder being connected with the hook whereby it may be readily detached.

3. A book-protector comprising a plate, and suitable means for connecting the plate with the book whereby it may be readily detached, said means comprising a spring-holder permanently secured to the plate, extending transversely of the inner extremity of the plate and in the plane of or approximately in the plane of the latter, and a part attached to the plate and arranged to cooperate with the spring-holder to hold the plate in place.

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

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