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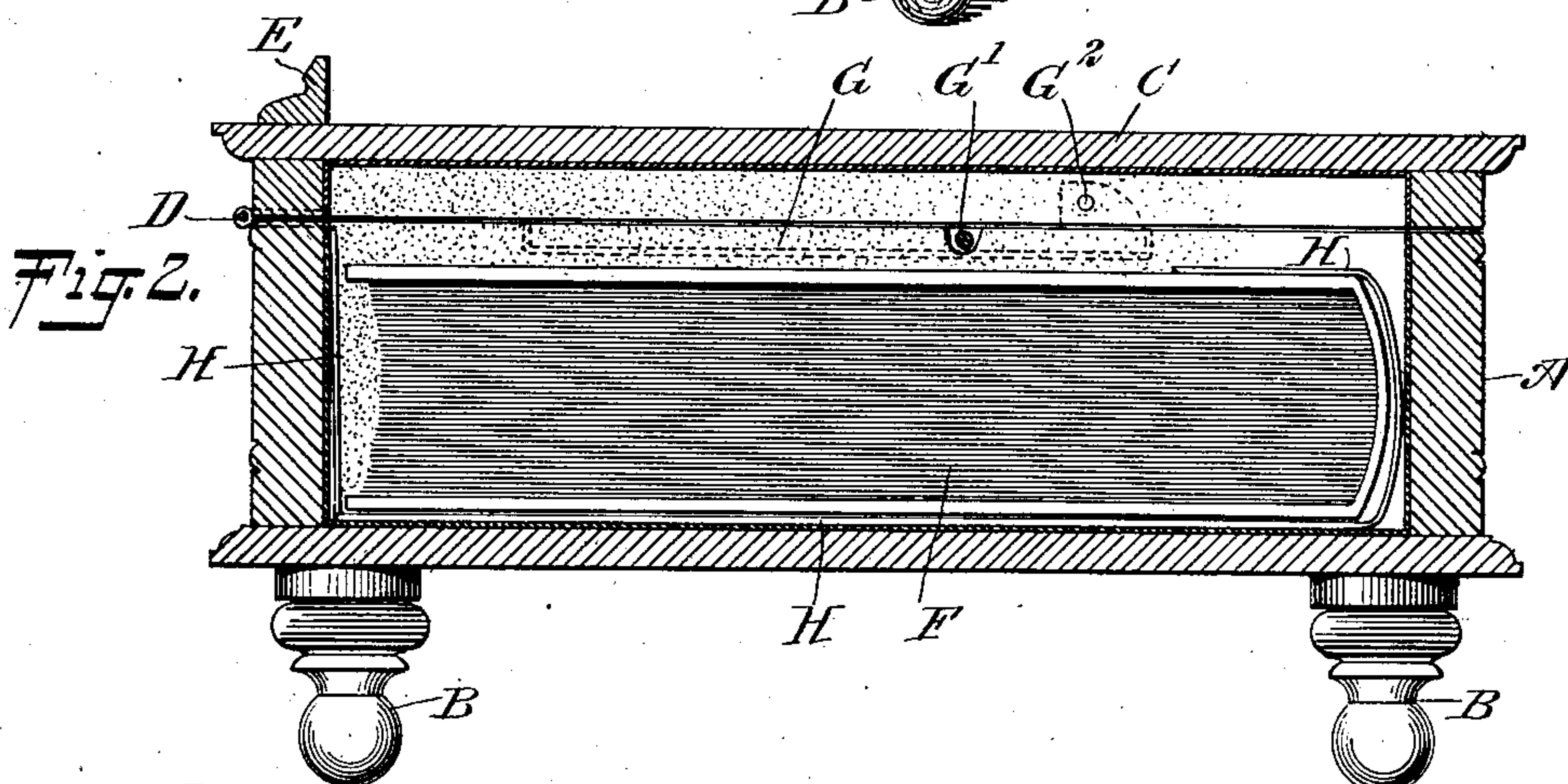
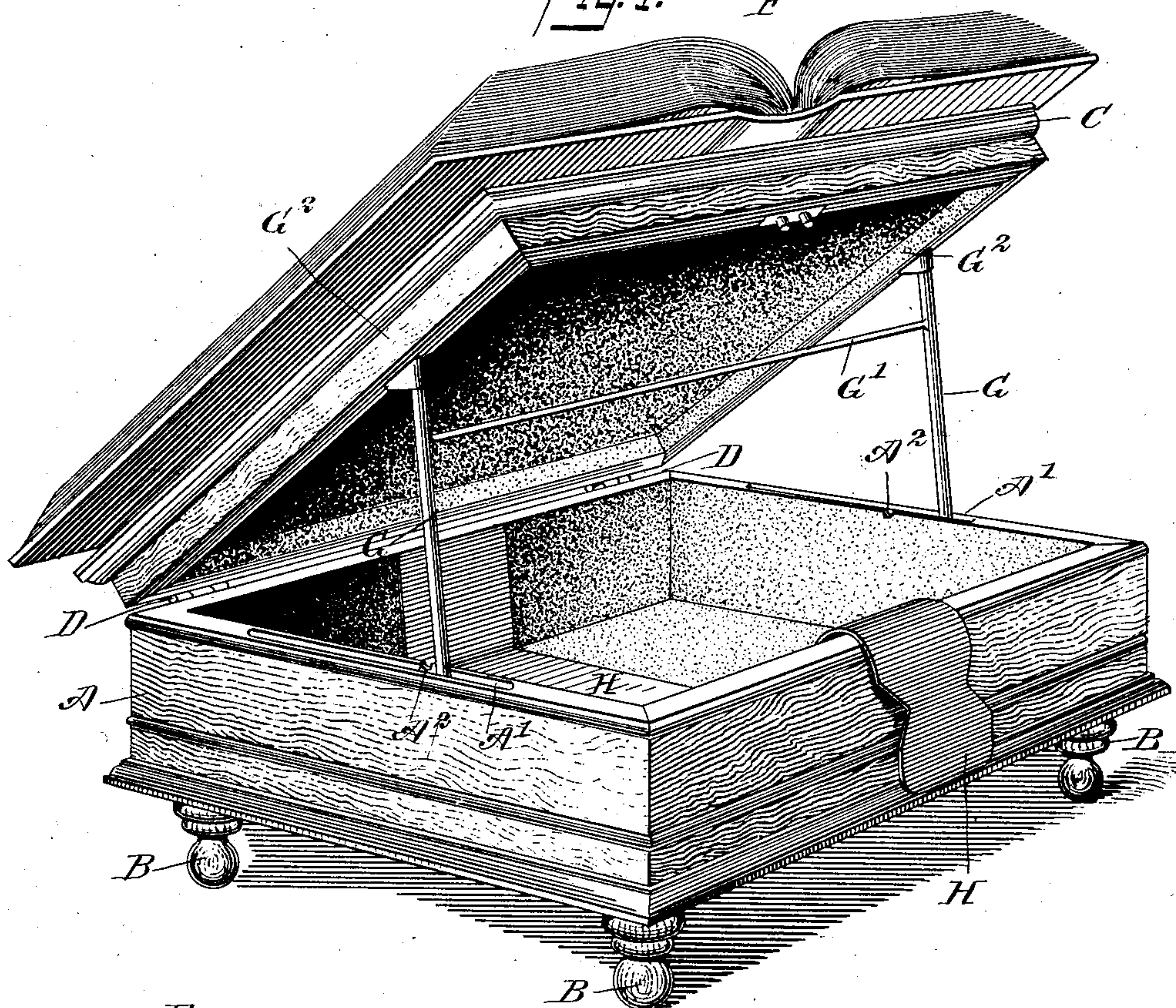
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Fig. 1. F



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BOOK SUPPORT AND CONTAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JAC. EUGSTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Tiffin, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Book Support and Container, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved support and container more especially designed for use in churches, chapels, and other places and arranged to form a resting-desk for a mass-book or the like and to form a receptacle for containing the book when not in use.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement in an open position, showing the book displayed for reading purposes; and Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the improvement in a closed position and the book contained therein.

A box A, of suitable material, is provided with legs B for conveniently supporting the device on an altar or other suitable support, and the box A is adapted to be closed by a cover C, connected at one end by hinges D with the corresponding end of the box A, as plainly indicated in the drawings.

On the top of the cover C and near the hinge end thereof is arranged a resting-strip E for forming an abutment for the lower end of a book F, placed on the cover C, when the latter is in an inclined position, as indicated in Fig. 1.

In order to support the cover C in the inclined position referred to, a brace is provided, formed by rods G, rigidly connected with each other by a cross-bar G' and fulcrumed at G² on the sides of the cover C, the said bars G being adapted to rest with their lower ends in the bottom of grooves A', formed in the top of the sides of the box A. The grooves A' are also adapted to contain the rods G when the latter are swung into a hori-

zontal position and the cover C is closed, so that the said cover C fits snugly onto the top of the box A to render the latter dust-proof, and thus prevent dust and other impurities from passing into the box and onto the book F contained in the box when not in use.

Recesses A² lead from the inner faces of the sides of the box A to the longitudinal grooves A', so as to readily accommodate the ends of the cross-bar G' at the time the brace is in a folded position.

As shown in the drawings, the inside of the box A and that of the cover C is preferably lined with a suitable soft material to prevent injury to the book contained in the box.

The box is about of the size of the mass-book which it is to support on the cover, as previously explained, and in order to allow the user to readily remove the book from the box when it is desired to use the same at the time the cover C is in an inclined position a band H is provided secured at one end to the inner face of the hinge end of the box A, near the top of the said end, the band then extending across the bottom of the box and up the outer end thereof to hang to the outside of this end to be within convenient reach of the operator. Now when the book is in position in the box and rests on the band H and the user pulls the free end thereof then the book is lifted in the box and the operator can conveniently remove the same by hand as soon as one end of the book is lifted sufficiently high by the band H.

A suitable locking device may be provided for locking the cover C to the box when the book is stored therein and not in use.

The exterior surface of the device may be ornamented by symbolical figures in harmony with religious teachings.

The device is very simple and durable in construction, is ornamental in appearance, and forms a ready means for supporting the book in reading position and for containing the book when the same is not in use.

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

1. A book support and container, comprising a box having a hinged cover, a resting-strip secured on the outer face of the cover, near the hinge end thereof, and a brace hinged

on the cover and adapted to engage longitudinal grooves in the top edges of the sides of the box, as set forth.

2. A book support and container, comprising a box having a hinged cover, a resting-strip secured on the outer face of the cover, near the hinge end thereof, a brace hinged on the cover and adapted to engage longitudinal grooves in the top edges of the sides of the box, and a flexible band extending across the inside of the box and secured at one end to the inside of the hinge end of the box,

near the top edge thereof, the free end of the band being within convenient reach of the operator, to lift the book contained in the box, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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