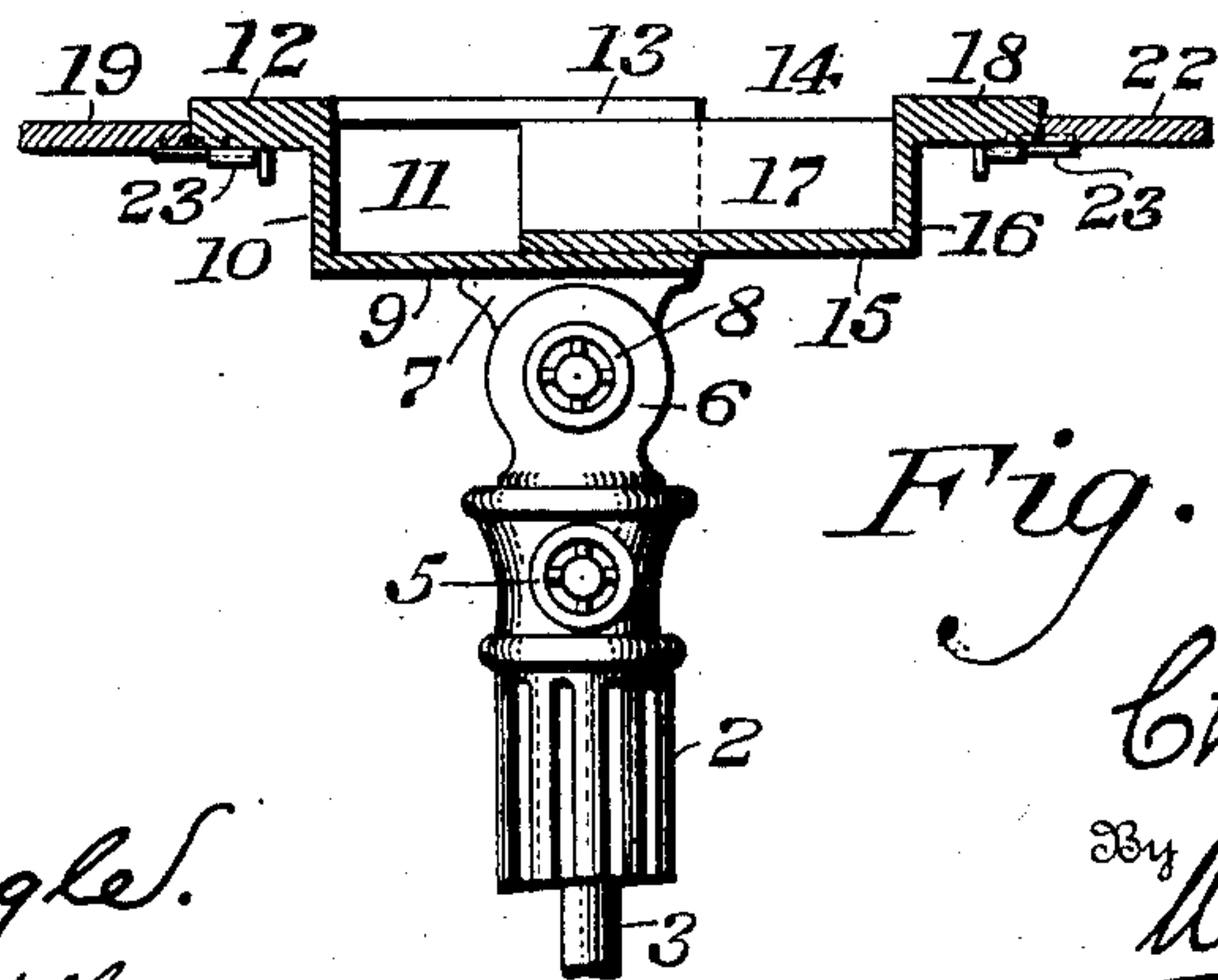
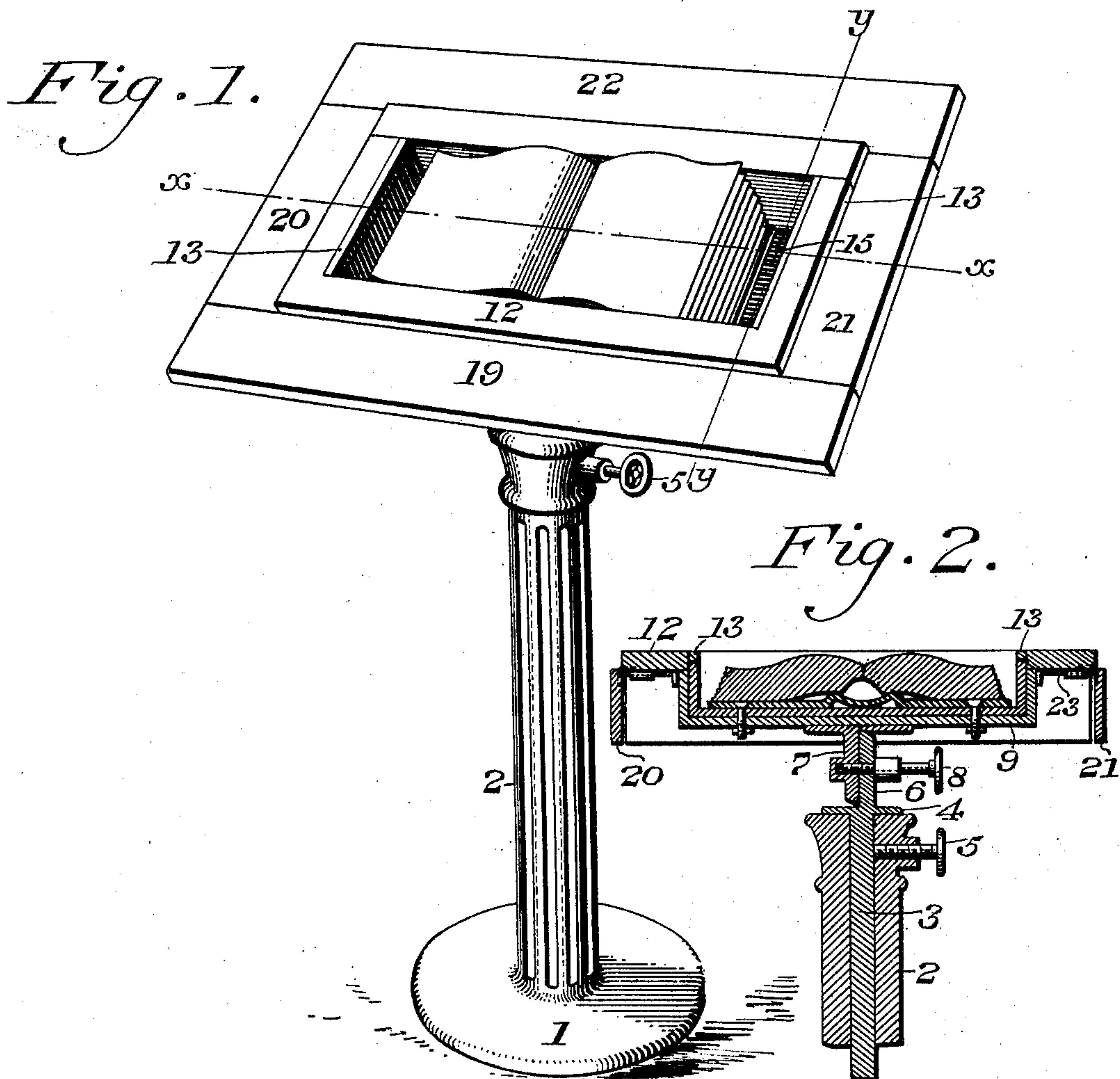


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HERBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Book Stands or Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a book support or stand; and it consists of means for holding a book so that any page thereof may be exposed to view, and at the same time it may be protected from being strained or misused.

It further consists of an adjustable device for protecting books of different sizes.

It further consists of means for displaying additional matter.

It further consists of other novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents an elevation of my device. Figs. 2 and 3 are sections through the lines *x x y y*, respectively, Fig. 1, but showing the device in a somewhat different position.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a base, from which rises a pedestal 2, in which is mounted a spindle 3, carrying a top plate 4 and maintained in position in the pedestal 2 by an adjusting-screw 5. On the spindle 3 above the top plate 4 is a vertical plate or ear 6, against which bears a similar plate 7, the two being connected by a set-screw 8. On the plate 7 is supported a well consisting of a bottom 9, front wall 10, side walls 11, flange 12, and guides 13. Extensibly supported in this well is a second support 14, consisting of bottom 15, rear wall 16, side walls 17, and flange 18. A frame consisting of a front leaf 19 and side leaves 20 and 21 is hinged to the flange 12, and a similar leaf 22 is hinged to the flange 18. These are held in place by bolts 23, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

The operation is as follows: The walls 16 and 17, together with the guide-strip 13, are of sufficient height to inclose a book to be retained within the well. This book is secured, as by bolts or screws through its covers, to

the bottom walls 15 and 9 in the frame portion 14, so that it cannot be readily removed therefrom. By first sliding the frame portion so as to confine the covers of the book closely between the walls 10 and 16, as shown in Fig. 1, any racking or straining of the back of the book is prevented. By means of the plates 6 and 7 and set-screw 8 the entire top of the device may be supported in any desired inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1, or in a level position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. In the same way the frame portions or leaves 19, 20, 21, and 22, which are intended to contain suitable printed or pictorial information, may be displayed either in the extended position (shown in Figs. 1 and 3) or in the drop position (shown in Fig. 2,) the matter being suitably arranged to be read in either position. If the book placed in the well be a city-directory, the additional information may refer to the city in the nature of a guide or the like. The advantages of my device are that the book, while not liable to be stolen, may be removed from its position, if desired, and that it cannot be twisted or bent so as to break the binding, nor will anything be ordinarily set on its open pages to disfigure or injure them.

It is evident that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

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

1. A book-support comprising a suitably-supported well consisting of a flat bottom and rectangular sides, the opposite sides of said well being adjustably spaced apart.

2. A book-support comprising a suitably-supported well in two parts each having a bottom and three sides and means for maintaining such parts in adjustable relation to each other.

3. A book-support comprising a suitably-supported well consisting of a flat bottom and expansible sides, the opposite sides of said well being adjustably spaced, in combination with

means for adjusting the angle of inclination of said well either in its contracted or expanded position.

4. A book-support comprising a pedestal, a
5 suitably-supported well consisting of a flat bottom and expansible sides, the opposite sides of said well being adjustably spaced, in combination with means for adjusting the height of said well above said pedestal in either its
10 contracted or expanded position.

5. A book-support comprising a suitably-

supported well, having substantially rectangular sides, and leaves each having hinged connection with one of said sides, a plurality of said leaves being of greater length than the
15 sides to which they are respectively attached, whereby said leaves are adapted when raised to form a continuous frame around said well.

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