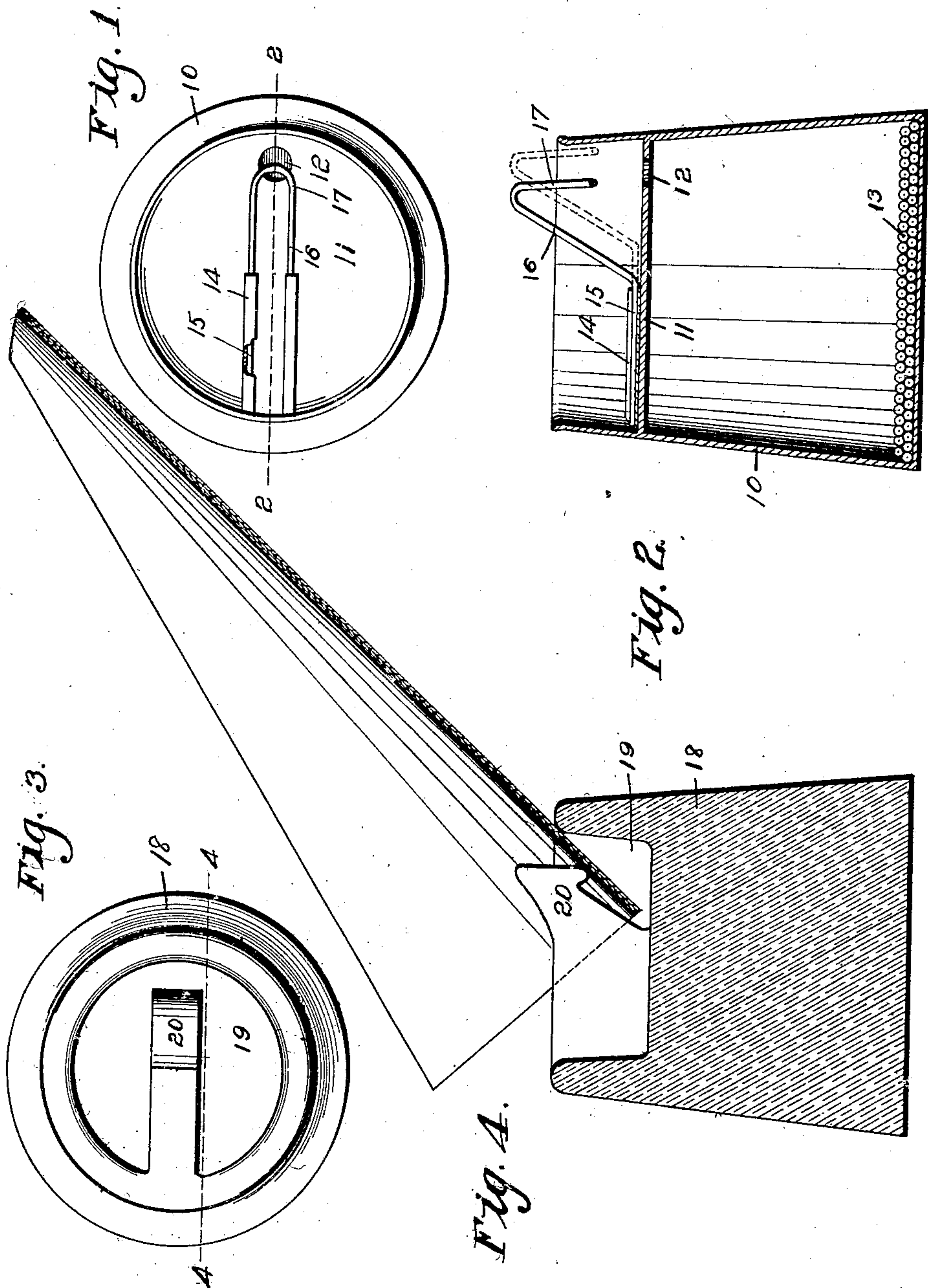


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER A. OLIVE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianola, in the county of Warren and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Copy-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a copy-holder of simple, durable and inexpensive construction designed to be placed upon a table or other horizontal support and to hold a sheet of paper, or a number of sheets of paper, at any desired angle, so that the user may readily read the notes upon the sheet of paper and so that the paper will be held firmly in position and will not be affected by ordinary drafts of wind.

A further object is to provide a device of this kind that is also adapted for use as a paper weight.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a top or plan view of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows a sectional view of same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows a top or plan view of a modified form of the invention, and—Fig. 4 shows a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. In this figure a sheet of paper is shown supported in position for use.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the frame of the device in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, comprises a sheet-metal cylinder 10, tapered toward its upper end and having a horizontal partition 11 spaced apart from the upper end. This partition is provided with an opening 12 through which shot 13, or any other suitable weight, may be inserted into the lower part of the cylinder as required to give the device the necessary stability and weight. Mounted upon the top of the partition 11, is a guide 14 and in this guide I have slidably mounted the ends 15 of a wire paper holder. The central portion 16 of the wire paper holder extends upwardly and at an obtuse

angle relative to the ends 15 and then downwardly at 17, the said downwardly inclined part being spaced apart slightly from the adjacent side of the cylinder 10.

In the modified form shown in Figs. 3 and 4, I have shown the frame of the machine formed complete of a single piece of material such as glass, the body portion being indicated by the numeral 18. At its upper portion is a substantially cylindrical recess 19 and in this recess is a paper holding arm 20, of substantially the same outline as the wire paper holder herein described. The arm 20 is formed integral with the body portion 18 and is not adjustable.

In practical use with either form of the invention and assuming that it is desired to hold a single sheet of paper, then the operator bends the paper along a longitudinally central line and places the lower central portion of the sheet of paper between the paper holding arm and the adjacent side of the body portion as clearly shown in Fig. 4. I have found that when a sheet of paper is thus bent along a central line and placed in said position, the sides of the body portion will engage the paper in such a manner as to hold its lower portion in position with the lower edges of the paper bent upwardly and when in said position an ordinary sheet of writing paper will be firmly supported.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the paper holding arm may be moved in the slide 14 to and from the adjacent side of the body portion 10, hence, by this arrangement the device may be adapted for holding a single sheet of paper at any desired angle, and it may also be adapted for holding a book or a large number of sheets of paper.

I claim as my invention.—

1. An improved copy holder, comprising a body portion having a recess in its top, and an arm in said recess extending upwardly and toward one side of the recess.

2. An improved copy holder, comprising a body portion having a recess in its top, and an arm in said recess extending upwardly and toward one side of the recess, said arm being slidably supported.

3. An improved copy holder, comprising a sheet metal body portion, with its walls tapered toward its upper end, a horizontal

partition therein spaced apart from the top and having an opening therein, a guide on said partition, and a single piece of wire doubled at its central portion and having
5 its ends slidingly mounted in said guide, said wire being extended upwardly from the partition and toward one side of the body and then downwardly to a point below the top

of the body, substantially as and for the purposes stated.

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