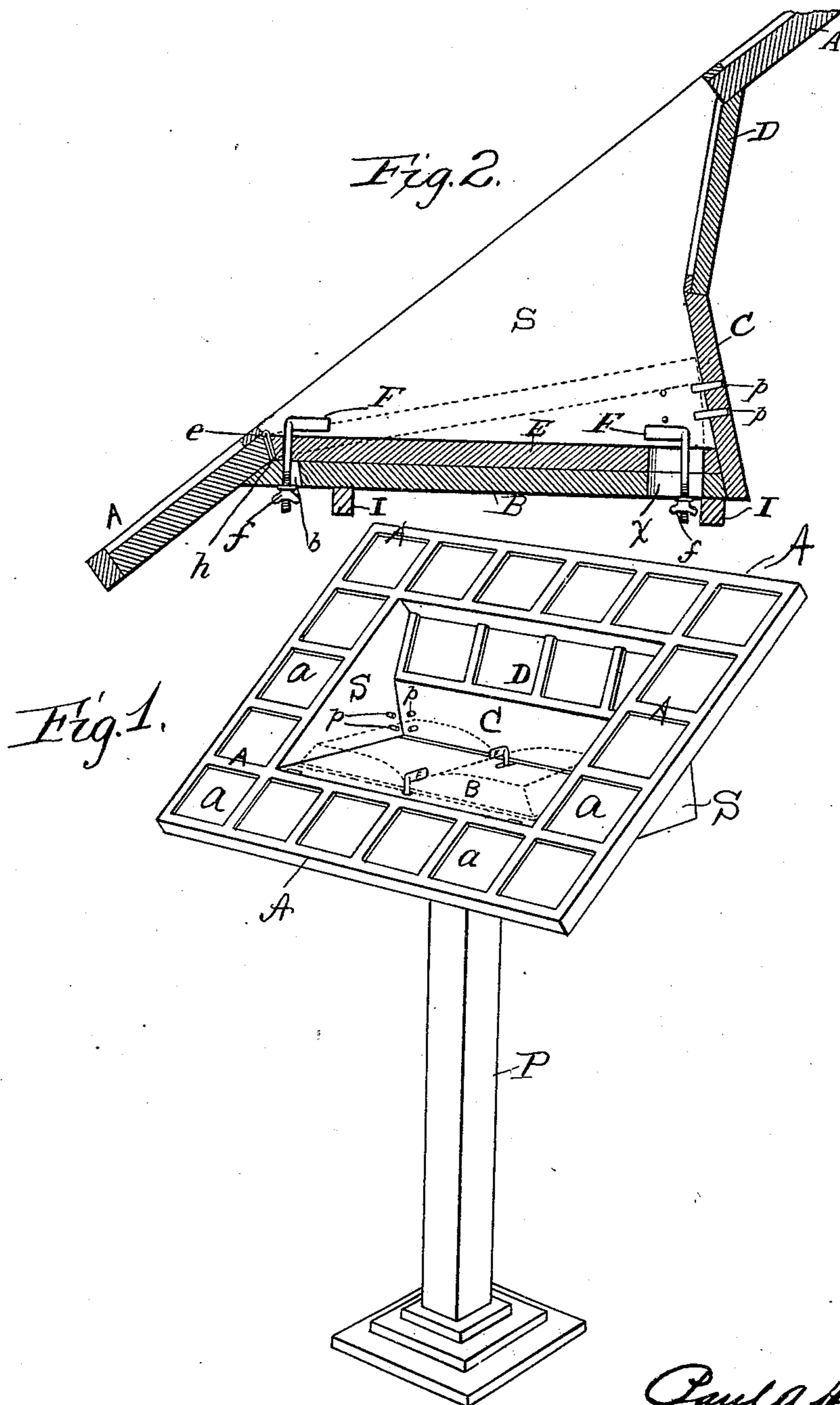


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL A. HAZARD, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Book-Stand, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my book-stand, a book being shown thereon in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of my book-holder without a pedestal, adapted to be placed upon a counter.

The object of my invention is to produce a book-stand or holder adapted to support a city directory or other similar book in convenient position for ready reference thereto.

Referring to Fig. 1, A represents an inclined rectangular frame, the marginal portions of which are subdivided into a number of small rectangular spaces *a* designed to receive advertising cards. In the center of frame A is a rectangular opening, closed by side walls S, bottom B, back C, and an auxiliary card frame D. This opening or well is designed to receive the book. Normally the book will lie in a horizontal plane; but when it is desired to give it an inclination, that may be readily done by means of an adjustable plate E, resting on the bottom B and hinged at its front edge to frame A, as at *e*. Pins *p* removably fixed in back C and sides S serve to hold plate E in adjusted position. Plate E has a hole *h* through its front end; and bottom B is slotted at *b* in register with said hole. Through said hole and slot is passed the screw-threaded shank of a clamp F, said clamp being of L-shape, and adapted to engage the lower portion of

a book on plate E, it being held in place by means of a wing-nut *f*, and adapted to slightly incline forward on elevation of plate E. Both plate E and bottom B are slotted at the rear end, as at *x*, through which slot passes a book-clamp F, the same in all respects as the clamp above described. By reason of the slot this clamp is adjustably mounted, and can be made applicable to books of different lengths. It is understood that the rear clamp F may move up and down with part E or may be made of sufficient length to permit of its use when the part E is in the position shown by the dotted lines, Fig. 2.

The book-holder is preferably mounted on a pedestal P; but it may be placed upon a counter, in which case provision must be made for preventing the counter being marred by the projecting shanks of the book-clamps. For this purpose I preferably employ cleats I, attached to bottom B, and projecting below the lower ends of the clamp shanks.

The operation of the device will be apparent and description thereof is deemed unnecessary.

What I claim is:

In a book-holder, an inclined frame, a well beneath the central portion of the frame, a book-supporting leaf hinged at its front end to said frame and located within the well, means for securing the leaf in adjusted position, and book clamps carried by the leaf and adapted to secure a book upon said leaf.

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