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BOOK MARK.

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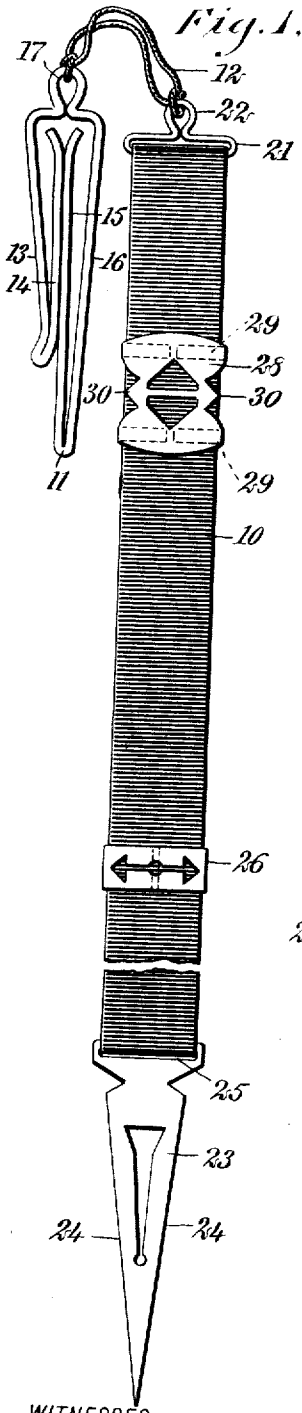


Fig. 1.

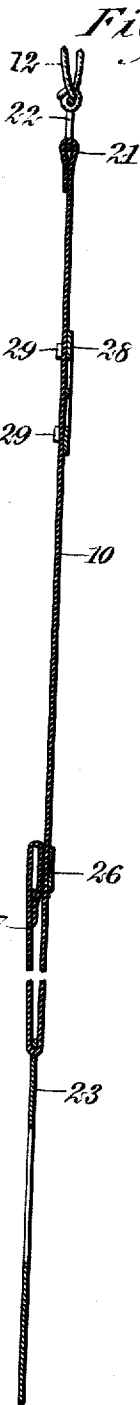


Fig. 2.

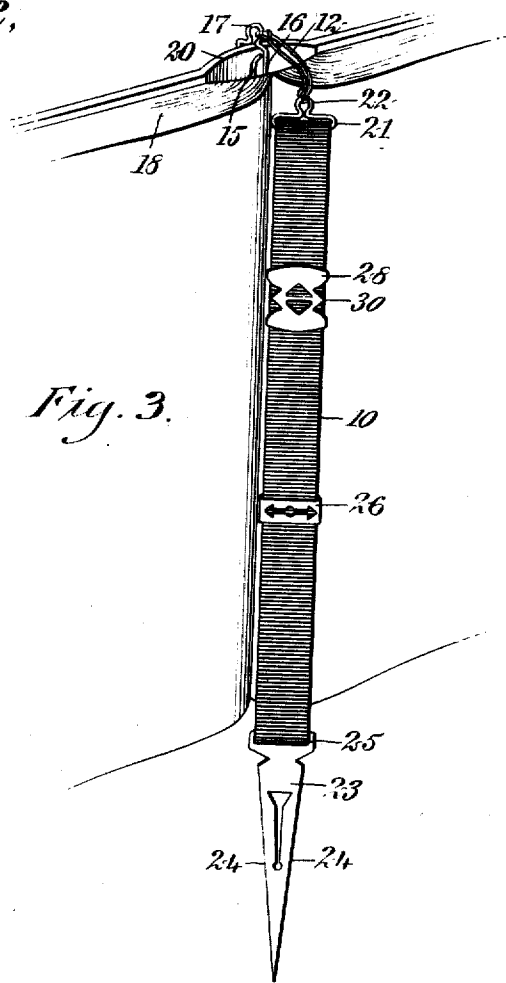


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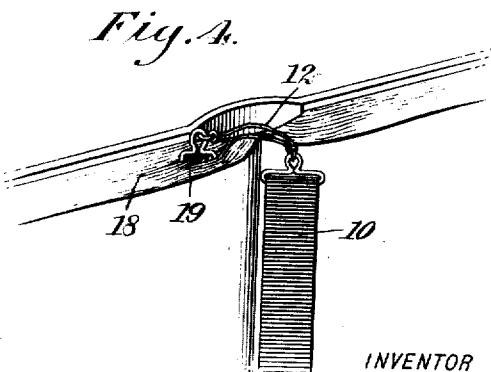


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST EBERLE, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of the city of New York, Sheepshead Bay, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Book-Mark, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in book-marks, and more particularly to that type of book-mark in which a ribbon is employed, one end of said ribbon being adapted to be attached to the book while the opposite end of the ribbon hangs free between the pages.

One object of my invention is to provide a combined book-mark and page-cutter in which the cutter may serve either as a clamp for fastening the end of the ribbon to the book, or as an anchor for holding the lower end of the ribbon in position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a book-mark of variable length so as to adapt it for different sized books, and in which the means for varying the length also serves as means for indicating the particular line at which it is desired to begin reading.

Other objects and advantages of my particular construction will be set forth more fully hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a book-mark constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved mark in position in a book, illustrating one manner in which the clamp may operate; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view similar to a portion of Fig. 3, but showing a different manner of applying the clamp.

The specific book-mark illustrated in the accompanying drawings includes a body portion 10 in the form of a ribbon or tape, and at the upper end of the ribbon is disposed means for securing the ribbon to a portion of the book. This means includes a combined clamp and page cutter 11, connected by a string or cord 12 to the upper end of the ribbon. The combined clamp and page cutter is formed of a single piece of flattened wire having four longitudinally-extending mem-

bers 13, 14, 15 and 16. These all lie in the same plane, and the two outermost members 13 and 16 are integral with a connecting loop 17 at the head of the clamp and to which the cord 12 is secured. The two inner members 14 and 15 are integral with the outer members 13 and 16, respectively, and extend toward the loop from the opposite end of the clamp. The two inner members 14 and 15 lie parallel and in engagement with each other, and between these two members the portion of the book to be held is inserted. To facilitate the insertion, the two members 13 and 14 at their outer ends are bent outwardly to lie at an angle to the members 15 and 16 forming the other portion of the clamp. The member 16 is of greater length than any of the other members and presents a straight thin cutting edge, by means of which the pages of the book, magazine, or the like, may be readily cut. The clamp is substantially flat and may be inserted between the leaves 18 of the book, so as to grip a small portion of the leaves 19 in between the clamp members, and to lie substantially parallel to the leaves, as illustrated in Fig. 4, or the clamp may be secured directly to the back binding 20 of the book, to lie at substantially right angles to the plane of said back, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The cord may be attached to the upper end of the ribbon in any suitable manner, as, for instance, by the use of a wire band, to form one loop 21 through which the ribbon extends and a second loop 22 through which the cord extends. The ribbon may be secured to the loop 21 in any suitable manner, as, for instance by folding said ribbon back upon itself and sewing the folded portion to the body of the ribbon.

At the opposite end of the ribbon I provide an anchor 23, which serves to hold the ribbon straight when the book is in an inclined position and which may be readily inserted between the pages at the lower edge of the book should it be desired to secure the ribbon to the book at both ends. This anchor may also serve as a cutter and be used for cutting apart pages when it is not desired to remove the clamp from the upper portion of the book. The specific anchor shown is formed of an elongated pointed piece of sheet metal having oppositely-disposed cutting edges 24, and having a slot or opening 25 therethrough adjacent the upper end, and of a length substantially equal to the width of

the ribbon, to facilitate the attachment of the anchor to the ribbon. If it is desired to form the book-mark of substantially constant length, the anchor may be secured directly to the lower end of the ribbon, but preferably the book-mark is of variable length and the anchor serves not only as a page-cutter, but also serves as means for facilitating the elongation of the book-mark.

For elongating the book-mark, I provide a slide 26 formed of a piece of sheet metal embracing the ribbon and movable longitudinally thereof. The ends of the sheet metal come adjacent the back surface of the ribbon, and to these ends is secured the end portion 27 of the ribbon after the latter has been extended through the slot 25 of the anchor and folded back upon itself. By moving the slide 26 toward the upper end of the ribbon, the ribbon is caused to slide through the slot in the anchor and the total effective length of the book-mark is reduced. By pulling downwardly on the anchor 23, the slide is caused to move downwardly and the total effective length of the book-mark is increased. The slide 26 serves not only for shortening the book-mark, but also serves as a line indicator in the book. The slide is preferably provided with an aperture therein which may be of any ornamental form, but, as illustrated, terminates in oppositely-disposed arrows pointing toward the sides of the slide. When the reader has finished or is interrupted in his reading, he may move the slide 26 to a point opposite to the line at which he ceased reading and the arrow on the slide will point to the line at which he is to begin when he resumes reading.

In combination with the slide 26, I preferably employ a second slide 28, freely movable along the ribbon intermediate the upper end and the slide 26. This slide 28 may be moved independently of any variation in the length of the book-mark and may be of any ornamental form. As illustrated, it is formed of a piece of sheet metal having flanges 29 for engaging with the rear side of the ribbon and having oppositely-disposed pointed projections 30 for directing atten-

tion toward the particular line which it is desired to indicate. The two slides 28 and 26 may be used for indicating the beginning and end of a particular passage which it is desired to mark or call attention to.

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

1. A book-mark having a body formed of a piece of ribbon and a clamp flexibly connected to the upper end of said ribbon, said clamp being formed of a single piece of wire bent to form two substantially parallel members lying in the same plane, each of said members being formed of two substantially parallel portions of the wire connected together at their lower ends, the outer wire portion of one member being connected to the outer wire portion of the other member at the upper end of the clamp.

2. A book-mark, comprising a piece of ribbon, a clamp secured to the upper end of said ribbon, and two slides movable longitudinally of said ribbon, one of said slides operating to vary the effective length of the book-mark.

3. A book-mark, including a piece of ribbon, a clamp at the upper end of said ribbon for securing the same to a part of the book, a slide movable longitudinally of said ribbon and also constituting a line indicator, and an anchor having an opening through which said ribbon extends, the lower portion of the ribbon being folded back upon itself from said anchor and the end being attached to said slide.

4. A book-mark, including a strip of ribbon having its lower end folded back upon itself, a slide secured to the end of said ribbon and movable longitudinally of the same, and a page cutter secured to said ribbon at the bend thereof below said slide.

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

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