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Fig. 1.

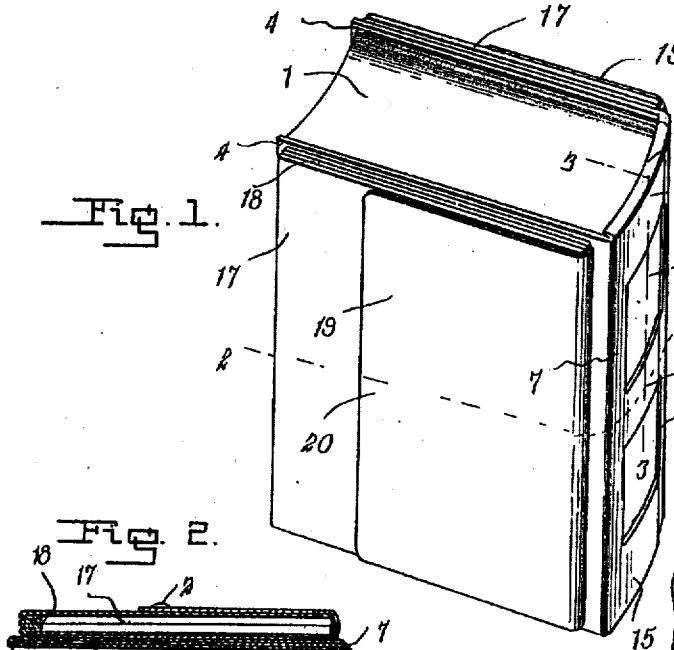


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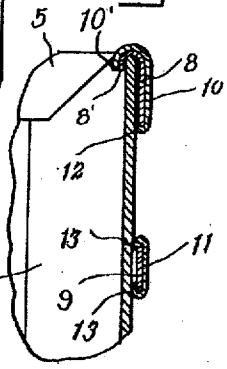


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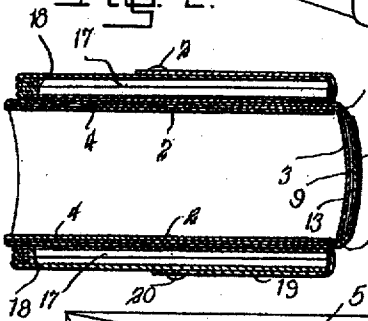
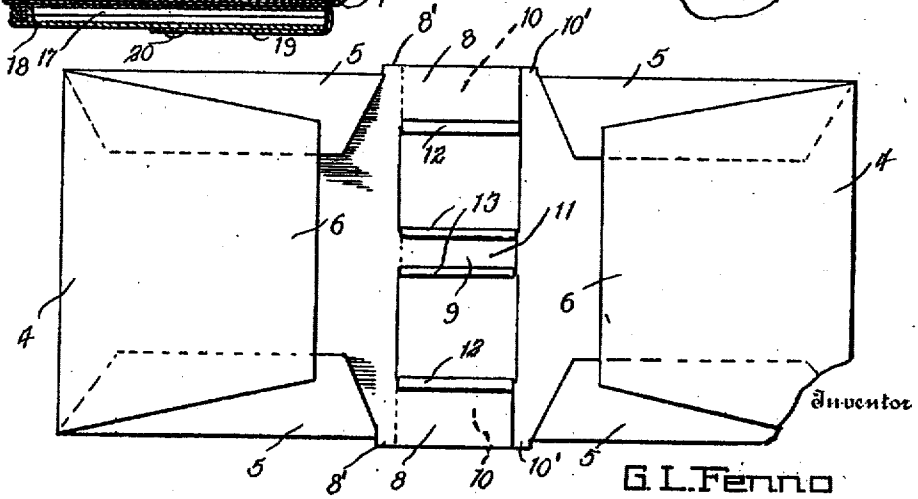


Fig 4



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This invention relates to a book cover adapted to be applied to a book in order to protect the same, and one object of the invention is to provide a book cover which may be easily applied and is so constructed that it may be adjusted to accommodate itself to the thickness of the book.

Another object of the invention is to so form the cover that the portion which covers the binding of the book will very effectively shield the outer face thereof and also protect its upper and lower edges and at the same time to so form this portion of the cover that openings will be provided through which the title and the author of the book will be exposed or at least a portion of the binding disclosed to view so that a book may be readily identified either by its title or the color of the binding.

Another object of the invention is to provide the portions of the cover which fit upon the backs of the book with pockets in which clippings or papers containing notes relating to the book may be placed where they will be readily accessible when wanted.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cover which will be cheap to produce, strong and durable and may be easily applied to a book of a standard size and adjusted to accommodate itself to the thickness of the book.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the cover applied to a book;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the book and cover taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 with the pages of the book omitted for the sake of clearness, and

Fig. 4 is a view showing the cover removed from the book and placed flat.

The cover constituting the subject-matter of this invention has been shown applied to a book 1 which is of a standard size and provided with the usual backs 2 applied to the pages of the book in the usual manner and connected by the usual binding 3. The cover consists of companion sections 4, each of which is preferably formed of stiff paper, although any suitable material may be employed, and blanks from which the cover sections are formed are provided with wings 5 which are folded inwardly, as shown in Fig. 4, and end portions 6 folded inwardly and secured upon the wings 5. It will, therefore, be seen that each cover section is of an envelope-like formation and may be very easily slid into place upon the backs of the book.

The wings 5 terminate in slightly spaced relation to the inner ends of the cover sections and it is contemplated that the depth of the envelope from the outer end of a cover section to the inner ends of the side wings 5 will correspond to the width of the back of a book to which the cover is to be applied. Therefore, when the covers are applied to the backs of a book, the inner or rear end portions of the cover sections will extend beyond the book and may be folded to overlap the side portions of the binding, as shown at 7 in Figs. 1 and 2. Tongues 8 and 9 extend from the inner end of one cover section and companion tongues 10 and 11 project from the other cover section and are adapted to be overlapped by the tongues 8 and 9. It should be noted that the tongues 10 and 11 are of greater width than the tongues 8 and 9 thereby providing side portions 12 and 13 adapted to be folded into embracing engagement with the tongues 8 and 9, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The tongues are of suitable length to accommodate a very thick book of a standard size to receive the cover sections upon its back, but it will be evident that, if the cover is to be applied to a thin book, the tongues may be cut so that they will be of the proper length to extend across the binding. The inner surfaces of the tongues 10 and 11 are gummed, and it will be readily seen that when they are moistened and the tongues 8 and 9 applied to their moistened inner surfaces and the side portions 12 and 13 folded into embracing relation to the tongues 8 and 9, the tongues of the two cover sections will be firmly connected and also their upper and lower edge portions will be strengthened so that they will not be liable to be easily torn. The upper and lower portions 8′ and 10′ of the tongues 8 and 10 project, as shown in Fig. 4, and provide extensions 14 which may be folded over the upper and lower edges of the binding, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and protect these edge portions so that they will not be worn. It will thus be seen that when the cover sections are connected by their cooperating tongues they will be securely joined by spaced portions 15 and 16 which are of a length corresponding to the width of the binding and

spaced from each other to define openings through which the title of the book and the name of the author will be disclosed or at least a portion of the binding exposed to view so that when a number of books are provided with covers a book which it is desired to read or referred to may be easily identified. By this arrangement it is not necessary to write the title of the book upon the cover and, therefore, a cover may be transferred from one book to another of approximately the same size and thickness without confusion occurring due to the cover being marked.

Many persons who read books or use them as references desire to make notes relating to the subject-matter of the book or cut clippings referring to the book from newspapers and the like, and in order that these notes and clippings may be readily accessible, I have provided each cover section with a pocket 17. Each of these pockets is of an envelope formation and is formed with pleated walls 18 so that the pockets may be extended if the notes and clippings to be placed therein are numerous or bulky. The envelopes are slightly smaller in dimensions than the cover sections to which they are applied, as shown in Fig. 1, so that they will not project beyond the margins of the book and each is provided with a closure flap 19 which serves to temporarily close the open end of the pocket and may accommodate itself to the thickness of the pocket. A fastener 20 may be provided for each closure if so desired or they may be left free.

When a cover is to be applied to a book, the cover sections are applied to the backs of the book and if the tongues are too long they are cut to the proper length. The cover sections are then removed from the book and placed flat upon a table or other suitable support so that the tongues 10 and 11 may be moistened and the tongues 8 and 9 secured in overlying relation to them. After the tongues 8 and 9 have been secured upon the tongues 10 and 11, the side extensions 12 and 13 are folded inwardly and secured in embracing relation to the tongues 8 and 9. The tongues of the two cover sections will now be firmly secured together and will be reinforced so that they will not be liable to easily tear. The backs of the book can now be turned rearwardly so that they extend substantially horizontal to each other and the cover sections slid into place upon them. After the cover sections are in place, the backs are returned to their normal positions and the portions of the tongues 8 and 10 which project from the upper and lower edges of the binding folded into place, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. If it is desired to transfer the cover to another book, it is merely necessary to again swing the backs of the book so that they extend rearwardly from the binding and slip the cover sections from the backs. The cover can then be easily applied to another book of approximately the same size and thickness. I have, therefore, provided a cover which may accommodate itself to the thickness of a book having backs of a standard size and further provided a cover having pockets in which notes and clippings having reference to the book may be kept for ready reference.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A book cover comprising cover sections adapted to cover the backs of a book and having tongues projecting from their inner side edges to extend across the binding of the book, the tongues of one cover section overlying the tongues of the other cover section and secured thereto and marginal portions projecting from the upper and lower tongues adapted to be bent over the ends of the binding of the book to protect the same.

2. A book cover comprising cover sections adapted to fit upon the backs of a book and having tongues projecting from their inner side edges to extend across the binding of the book, the tongues of one cover section overlying the tongues of the other cover section and secured thereto and having marginal portions folded to embrace the same and secured thereto.

3. A book cover comprising sections each of an envelope formation and adapted to be fitted upon the backs of a book, the outer walls of the cover sections being extended and adapted to be folded into covering relation to side portions of the binding of a book and provided with tongue extensions to extend across the binding, the tongues of one cover section being adapted to be secured in overlapped relation to the tongues of the other cover section and having side extensions folded and secured in embracing relation thereto, certain of the tongues being extended and adapted to be folded over the ends of the binding to protect the edges thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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