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PROTECTIVE COVER FOR BOOK JACKETS

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FIG. 1.

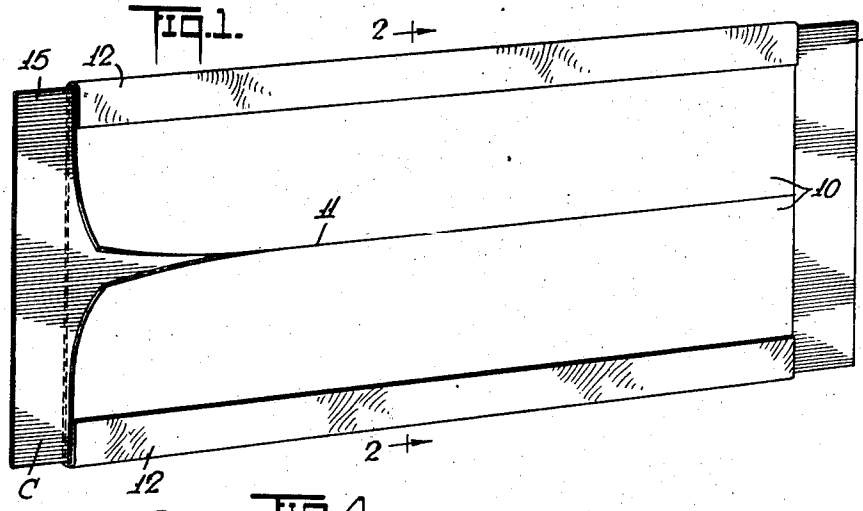


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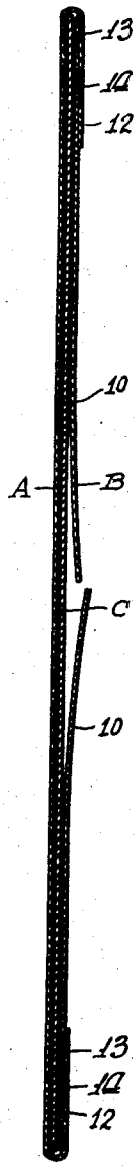


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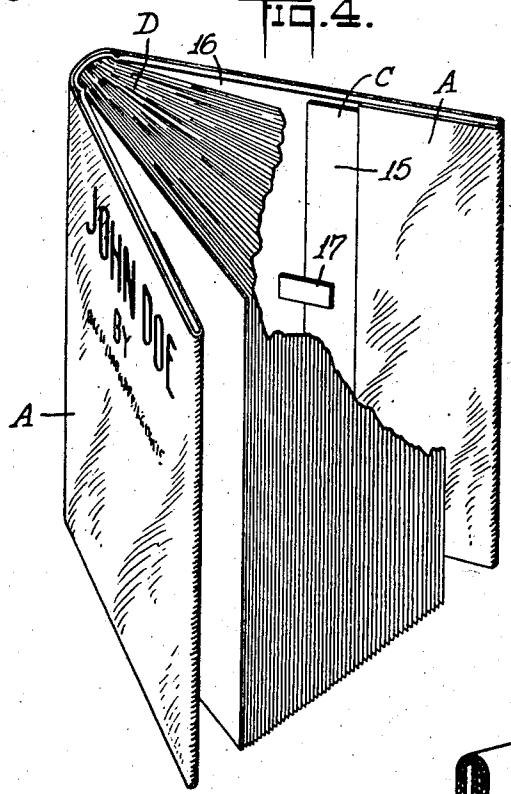


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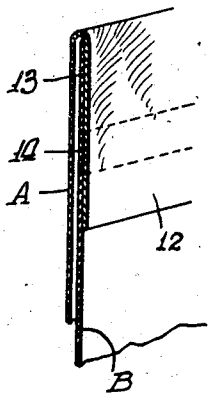
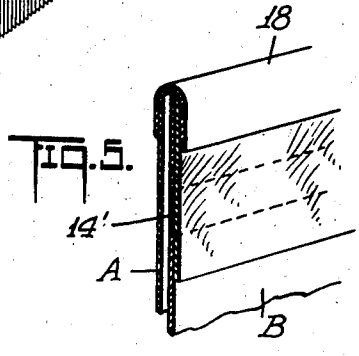


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My present invention relates generally to protective enclosures, and has particular reference to an improved protective cover for an embellished book jacket.

Books are customarily placed on sale with a paper jacket extending around the book covers and serving not only to protect the latter but also to enhance the appearance of the book and thereby attract readers and purchasers. The outer surface of the jacket bears printed matter and ornamentation relating to the contents of the book, and it is desirable that this colorful embellishment remain in association with the book as long as possible, especially during the period of its use in a rental library.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a protective device which is readily applicable to such a book jacket to form an assembly which may be secured to the book, usually by adhesive means, and which includes a transparent facing which protectively overlies the embellished surface of the book jacket and yet allows the latter to be visibly exposed in the contemplated manner.

A more particular object lies in providing a protective device which is self-sustaining and capable of manufacture as an item wholly independent of the book jacket, and with which the book jacket may be separably associated, whereby the protective device may be used and re-used over a relatively long period of time.

The invention aims further to provide an improved construction which is simple and economical to manufacture in quantities and of selected sizes; which affords enhanced protection and reinforcement to the book jacket with which it is used; and which may be associated with and separated from a book jacket expeditiously and with a minimum of effort.

The improved construction consists, briefly, of a relatively thin transparent facing adapted to overlie the book jacket to be protected, and a longitudinally-split backing which underlies the jacket, the facing being wider than the backing and having its longitudinal margins turned over the outer edges of the backing and adhesively secured to the latter. The backing is composed of relatively stiff but flexible reinforcing material, preferably paper, and its split character permits the book jacket to be removably inserted, from the rear, into sandwiched relationship between the facing and the backing. This produces a readily separable but staunch assembly which is applicable as a unit to the book to protect the latter against undue wear, and which retains the embellished book jacket in the desired well-protected but completely visible condition.

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I achieve the foregoing general objects, and such other objects as may hereinafter appear or be pointed out, in the manner illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of the assembled protective cover and book jacket, showing the split backing partly turned away from the book jacket at one end thereof, the assembly being ready for attachment to a book;

Figure 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-sectional view, in perspective, of the edge of the protector itself, showing the attachment of the transparent facing to the backing;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a book, showing the assembly of book jacket and protective cover attached to the book; and

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 3, showing the optional possibility of providing a wear-resistant tape on the edge of the device to reinforce it against frictional wear.

In the figures are shown the front transparent facing A, which may be composed of a sheet of regenerated cellulose (for example, Cellophane) or of cellulose actate or the like; a rear relatively stiff but flexible backing B composed preferably of paper, such as kraft paper; and an intermediate protected book jacket C; the entire assembly being applicable as a unit to a book D, as shown in Figure 4.

The rear relatively stiff backing B is caused to have a width substantially equal to that of the book jacket C which is to be protected. The facing A has a width appreciably greater than this, but its exact width is immaterial. Thus, with a supply of facing material of adequate width, devices of selected different sizes may be readily manufactured.

In the preferred mode of construction, a supply of the backing B, of selected width, is continuously brought into superposed relation to a corresponding supply of the facing A, and the margins 12 of the latter are folded over the edges 13 of the backing and adhesively secured thereto as indicated at 14 (Figures 2 and 3). If the same supply of facing material A is associated in similar fashion with backing material of greater or less width, the turned-back margins 12 will be correspondingly narrower or wider, but the resultant structure will be the same in nature and mode of functioning.

The backing B may be split either before or after its attachment to the facing A and I prefer to form the backing of an initially single sheet which is medially slit (as at 11) just prior to its application and attachment to the facing A. This creates two backing sections 10, arranged side by side.

In associating the book jacket C with the protective device, the sections 10 are lifted, as indicated in Figure 1, and this permits the jacket C to be inserted, from the rear of the device, into the sandwiched protected relationship between the facing A and the backing B, as indicated in Figures 1, 2 and 4. The embellished surface of the book jacket is of course laid against the transparent facing A. The insertion of the book jacket through the split backing is an expeditious procedure, entailing a minimum amount of time and labor. The removal of the book jacket C from the protective enclosure is accomplished in the same quick way.

While the protective device may be permanently retained in association with a book jacket, it is primarily intended for use with the jackets of books used in rental libraries. Such books, in the course of time, are sold as used or second-hand items, and at that time it may be desired to remove the protective enclosure and to re-use it in association with another book jacket. With this possibility in view, the protective cover is in each case preferably caused to have a length slightly shorter than the book jacket C, whereby the latter has ends 15 which lie completely exposed. This permits the assembly to be attached to the book covers 16 by pieces of adhesive tape 17 (see Figure 4) which engage only with the book jacket C. In case the protective device is ultimately to be salvaged, the tapes 17 are disconnected, and the protective enclosure may be withdrawn in unmarred condition from the book jacket C which is then either discarded or replaced in original unprotected condition onto the book D.

In Figure 5 I have shown how a wear-resistant tape 18 may be applied to one or both edges of the protective device, if desired, to guard them against undue wear. The use of such a tape is, however, optional, and it forms no essential part of the structure, the facing A and the backing B being permanently secured in desired relationship by the band of adhesive 14'.

Having thus described my invention and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A protective cover for an embellished book jacket, comprising a thin transparent facing, and a longitudinally-split relatively stiff but flexible backing, the facing being wider than the backing and having its opposite longitudinal margins folded over the outer edges of said backing and adhesively secured to the latter, whereby the book jacket is removably insertable from the rear into protected sandwiched position between said facing and backing.

2. A protective cover for an embellished book jacket, comprising a thin transparent facing, and a longitudinally-split relatively stiff but flexible backing, the facing being wider than the backing and having its opposite longitudinal margins folded over the outer edges of said backing and adhesively secured to the latter, whereby the book jacket is removably insertable from the rear into protected sandwiched position between said facing and backing, said backing being composed of an initially single element of paper medially slit into two adjacent parts.

3. A book jacket assembly for application to a book, comprising a book jacket having an embellished outer surface, a transparent facing protectively overlying said surface, and a longitudinally-split relatively stiff but flexible backing underlying said book jacket, said backing having a width substantially equal to that of the book jacket, said facing having its opposite longitudinal margins folded over the outer edges of said backing and adhesively secured to the latter, said book jacket being replaceable through said split backing.

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