To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELVAY J. MUFFLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Visible-Front Magazine-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to holders such as are used for holding magazines in the reading rooms of libraries and under like circumstances, and particularly to holders of that character comprising front and back boards between which a magazine is placed, and means temporarily binding the magazine between said boards.

The general object of this invention is to provide a magazine holder of this character so constructed that the cover of the magazine may be displayed, thus displaying the name of the magazine, the date, and by displaying the cover design of the magazine, making it more attractive to readers and making more obvious the character of the magazine immediately a person takes it up.

A further object is to provide a construction of this character wherein the front board or cover of the holder is formed with a pocket within which the front page of the cover of the magazine may be disposed, this pocket having a transparent cover extending across it through which the design, name and other data on the outside surface of the front sheet may be observed, this transparent material protecting the cover of the magazine from injury.

Still another object is to provide a holder of this character wherein the front of the holder is formed by a sheet of relatively heavy pasteboard, an exterior layer of textile fabric forming a pocket within which the front cover sheet of the magazine may be exposed, and provided with a transparent sheet through which the front cover sheet may be displayed.

Other objects will appear in the course of the following description.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

- Figure 1 is a perspective view of a magazine holder constructed in accordance with my invention;
- Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the front cover thereof; and
- Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view thereof.

Referring to the drawing, it will be seen that the magazine holder comprises what I will term a back board 2 which is made of heavy pasteboard, a front board 3 which is also made of heavy pasteboard, and longitudinally extending strips 4 and 5 of heavy pasteboard, wood, or other suitable material formed with perforations at intervals through which a fastening lace 6 may be passed, this fastening lace being designed to pass through perforations in the magazine, though the fastening lace might also extend longitudinally of the magazine between the leaves thereof.

The back board 2 is preferably exteriorly covered by a cover of textile fabric 7, which is pasted to the back board and extends over the strip 5 and adjacent thereto so as to form a hinge between the strip 5 and the board 2. The front board 3, however, is differently constructed. There is an exterior covering of textile fabric, designated 8, which extends over the outer surface of the board 3 and over the edges of the strip 4 and is folded inward at its margins and pasted or otherwise caused to adhere to the board 3. The central portion of the fabric 8, however, is not pasted or otherwise attached to the board 3, and the inner margin 9 of the cloth is left unattached to the board 3. Thus, a pocket 10 is formed having an area practically the same as the board 3, this pocket having an opening between the rear edge of the board 3 and the strip 4.

The central portion of the cover 8 is cut away, as at 11, preferably to provide an upper opening and a lower opening divided by a cross web 12, the upper opening being adapted to display the title, the date, etc., of the magazine, while the lower opening will display the cover design of the magazine. Disposed against the inner face of the fabric 8 is a sheet 13 of transparent celluloid or like material which, at its margins, is stitched to the margin of the opening 11 by stitches 14, these stitches also extending across the web 12.

In the use of this holder, the front cover
page of the magazine is inserted into the pocket 10 through the opening between the boards 3 and 4, the body of the magazine being connected to the cover in the manner previously stated, and thus the cover design of the magazine, together with the name, date, etc., is observable through the cellulosoid sheet, while being entirely protected thereby.

This holder protects the cover of a magazine or periodical from wear, from dirt, and from being torn, yet at the same time it exposes the title of the magazine, the date of the magazine, and the cover design of the magazine and thereby makes the periodical or magazine more attractive when placed in racks or on tables, and aids in locating the magazines in the racks or on tables when they are required. Furthermore, the back and front boards support flexible magazines or periodicals so that they will stand up in the magazine racks found in libraries, hotels and reading rooms, and makes them more easily held while reading, while, of course, acting to prevent the magazine from being crumpled, dog-eared, folded, or torn.

I am aware that it has been heretofore proposed to provide holders for magazines in which pockets are formed for the front and rear cover sheets or pages of the magazine, this being the means whereby the magazine is held in place between the covers. This construction, however, does not provide for any transparent sheet through which the cover design, title, and date of publication may be read. In other words, in the proposed construction, the pockets are formed on the inside of the back and front boards, whereas in my construction, a pocket having a transparent wall is formed upon the outside of the front board. Again it has been proposed to provide a holder for magazines, periodicals, etc., in which the front board of the cover is formed with an opening through which the title may be read, but in order to do this, the front cover board must be cut away to a large extent, and this weakens the pasteboard, of which the front cover board is made and renders it impractical and liable to become bent, broken, and creased. The board is so weakened that it is not stiff enough to stand rough usage for any length of time. It is to be noted also that the cellulosoid sheet is stitched to the textile fabric at the margin of the display opening and thus is very strongly held to this textile fabric without any chance of its becoming detached therefrom, which would not be the case were adhesive used for attaching these materials to each other.

I claim:

1. A holder for magazines, etc., having a back board and a front board, flexibly connected to each other, the front board having attached to its margins a piece of textile fabric formed with a display opening, a sheet of thin, transparent material attached to the fabric around the margins of the display opening, the fabric being disposed upon the exterior face of the cover board, and a pocket being formed between the fabric and the cover board, the pocket opening on the inside face of the cover board.

2. A holder for magazines and the like comprising back and front cover boards and coacting, longitudinally extending strips, textile fabric connecting one of said strips to the back board, textile fabric attached at its margins to the front board and extending over the outer face thereof and beyond the inner edge of the front board and attached to the other of said strips, means detachably connecting the strips to each other, the fabric on the exterior of the front board being cut away to form a relatively large display opening, and a sheet of transparent material extending over said display opening and attached to the fabric around the margin of the opening, the fabric and the transparent sheet together forming the outer wall of a pocket of which the front board forms the back, said pocket opening upon the inside face of the front board at the joint between the front board and its coacting strip.

3. A holder for magazines, etc., having a front formed to provide a pocket to receive the front page of the cover of a magazine, said pocket having a transparent front wall through which the cover may be observed.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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