

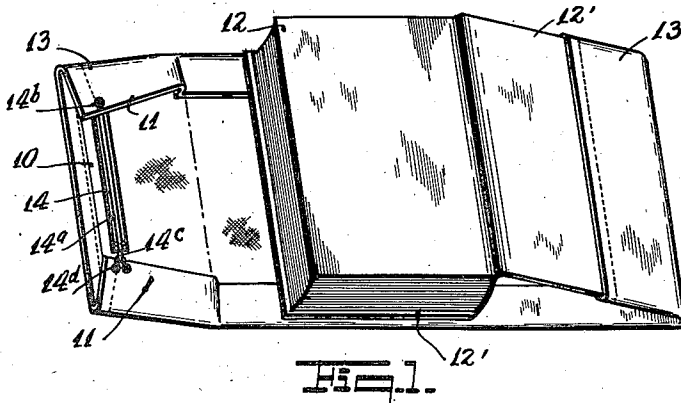
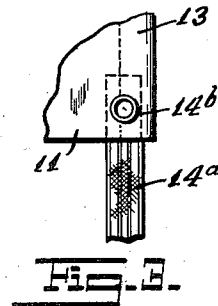
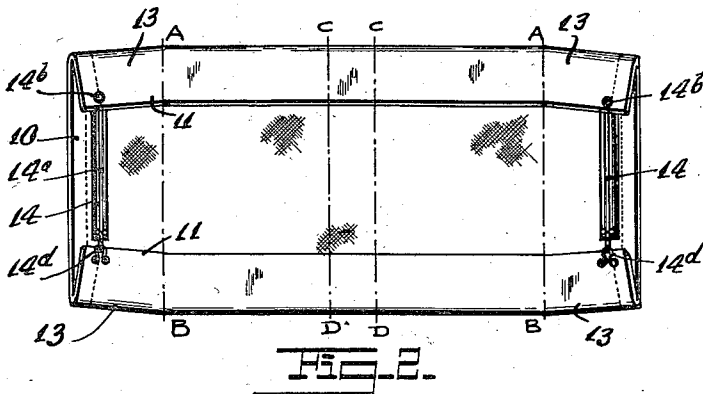
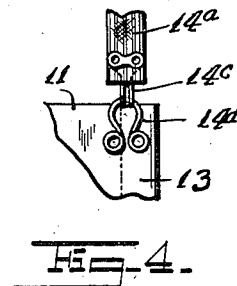
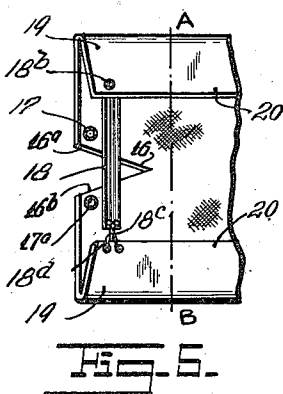
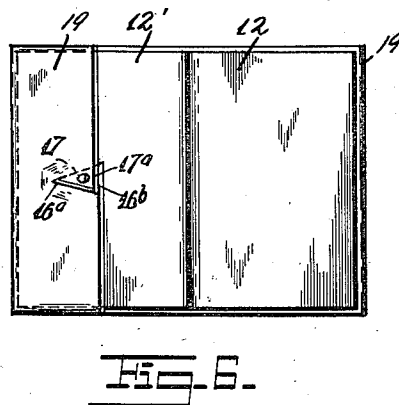
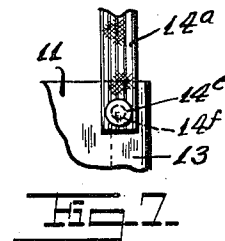
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a book cover.

The invention has for an object the construction of a book cover which is characterized by sheet material of rectangular shape having longitudinal edge portions bent inwards and of a width between the bends substantially equal to the width of a book to be covered, and of a length adapted to have end portions thereof bent inwards and engaged over end portions of the covers of the book with the end portions of the covers disposed between the bends of the longitudinal edge portions.

Still further, the invention contemplates the provision of resilient means arranged transversely between the ends of the longitudinal edge portions for holding the book cover upon the covers of the book.

The resilient means between the ends of the longitudinal bent portions act so as to slightly reduce the size of the ends of the book cover so that it maintains its position upon the covers of the book. The invention also proposes the provision of an arrangement wherein normally the operative effect of the resilient means may be negated until such time that the book cover is engaged upon a book. Thus, the interference of the resilient means when engaging the book cover on the book will be eliminated.

Still further, the invention also contemplates the provision of longitudinal cuts along the edges of the end portions of the material forming the book cover and arranged in such a manner so as to be adapted to overlap, and said overlapping portions being equipped with fastening means for holding the overlapped portions in operative positions to cause the operating of the resilient means as previously explained, and so arranged that when the overlapping portions are disconnected, the resilient means will be inoperative.

As another object, the invention proposes the construction of an article as mentioned which is simple and durable and which can be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a book cover constructed according to this invention, and shown partially applied upon a book.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the book cover per se, seen from the inner side.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged detailed view of a portion of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged detailed view of another portion of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view similar to a portion of Fig. 2 but illustrating a device constructed according to a modification of this invention.

Fig. 6 is an elevational view of a book cover constructed according to the form of invention illustrated in Fig. 5, shown applied upon a book.

Fig. 7 is a similar view to Fig. 3, but showing another form of fastening means.

The book cover, according to this invention, comprises sheet material 10 (of cloth or sheet rubber) of rectangular shape having longitudinal edge portions 11 bent inwards. The width of the book cover between the bend is substantially equal to the width of a book 12 to be covered. The sheet material is of such length that end portions 13 may be bent inwards and engage over the ends of the covers 12' of the book with the ends of the covers 12' engaged between the said longitudinal bends. Resilient means 14 is transversely arranged between the ends of the edge portions 11 for properly holding the cover upon the cover of the book.

The resilient means 14 comprises elastic straps 14a attached at one of their ends with eyelets 14b upon one of the end portions 13. Hooks 14c are mounted upon the free ends of the straps 14a and engagable with eyelets 14d attached upon the opposite edge of the sheet material. The dot and dash lines AB in Fig. 2 divide off the end portions 13 of the book cover which are bent to engage over the ends of the covers 12' of the book. The ends of the covers 12' are engaged in between the edge portions 11. The right hand end of the book cover is shown properly engaged upon one of the cover sections of the book. The left hand end of the book cover must be bent and the book cover engaged in between the edge portions. The dot and dash lines CD in Fig. 2 illustrate wherein the material of the book cover is bent to form the portion which extends over the book, or binding of the book.

In Figs. 5 and 6 a modification of the invention is disclosed wherein provision is made for releasably engaging the resilient means 18 between the inturned edges of the book cover so that the cover of a book may be easily engaged between the inturned edges. There is also a provision to urge the edges together to hold the book cover in place on the cover of a book when the re-

resilient means 18 is in operative position. The resilient means 18 is of a convenient length to allow the resilient means to be engaged between the internal edges of the cover and to allow the cover to lie flat when in the open position. It will be noted, by considering Fig. 1, that because the resilient means 14 contracts the ends of the book cover, it requires some tension to properly engage the cover upon the book. The means for rendering the resilient means inoperative comprises longitudinal cuts 16 formed in the end portions of the book cover and arranged in such a manner that the adjacent portions 16a and 16b thereof are adapted to overlap. A means is provided for holding the overlapped portions detachably together and comprises a snap fastener element 17 on one part engagable with a complementary snap fastener element 17a on the other part.

In Fig. 5 the cut 16 is shown open, wherein the resilient means 18 is inoperative and the cover may be easily engaged upon the covers of a book. In Fig. 6 the book 12 is shown with the cover engaged thereon and with the portions 16a and 16b overlapping and held together with the fastening means. In this latter condition, the resilient means is operating and serves to properly and tightly hold the book cover upon the book. Overlapping of the portions 16a and 16b produces a conical shaped pucker which is pressed flat when the book is closed.

In Fig. 7 snap fastener member 14c is shown mounted upon the free end of strap 14a adapted to be engaged by a complementary snap fastener member 14f attached upon the bent edge 11.

It is to be understood that any other form of fastening means may be used instead of those illustrated in Figs. 4 and 7, also that both ends of the elastic straps 14a may be detachably mounted on bent edges 11.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. A book cover, comprising sheet material of rectangular shape having longitudinal edge portions bent inwards and of a width between the

bends which constitutes the body portion of said sheet material and which is substantially equal to the width of a book to be covered, and of a length adapted to have end portions bent inwards and engageable over the ends of the covers of a book with the ends of the covers disposed between the edge portions and said main body portion of said sheet material, transverse resilient means between the ends of the edge portions, and the ends of said sheet material being formed with longitudinal cuts with the edges of the material adjacent the cuts adapted to overlap, and releasable fastening means upon said overlapping edges.

2. A book cover, comprising sheet material of rectangular shape having longitudinal edge portions bent inwards and of a width between the bends which constitutes the body portion of said sheet material and which is substantially equal to the width of a book to be covered, and of a length adapted to have end portions bent inwards and engageable over the ends of the covers of a book with the ends of the covers disposed between the edge portions and said main body portion of said sheet material, transverse resilient means between the ends of the edge portions, and the ends of said sheet material being formed with longitudinal cuts with the edges of the material adjacent the cuts adapted to overlap, and releasable fastening means upon said overlapping edges, comprising snap fastener elements.

3. A book cover, comprising sheet material of rectangular shape having longitudinal edge portions bent inwards and of a width between the bends which constitutes the body portion of said sheet material and which is substantially equal to the width of a book to be covered, and of a length adapted to have end portions bent inwards and engageable over the ends of the covers of a book with the ends of the covers disposed between the edge portions, transverse resilient means between the ends of the edge portions and said main body portion of said sheet material, and the ends of said sheet material being formed with longitudinal cuts with the edges of the material adjacent the cuts adapted to overlap, and releasable fastening means upon said overlapping edges, comprising snap fastener elements, having co-actable sections mounted upon the overlapping portions and releasably engageable with each other to allow the cover to be easily applied and removed from a book.

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