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PROTECTIVE COVER FOR A BOOK AND BOOK JACKET

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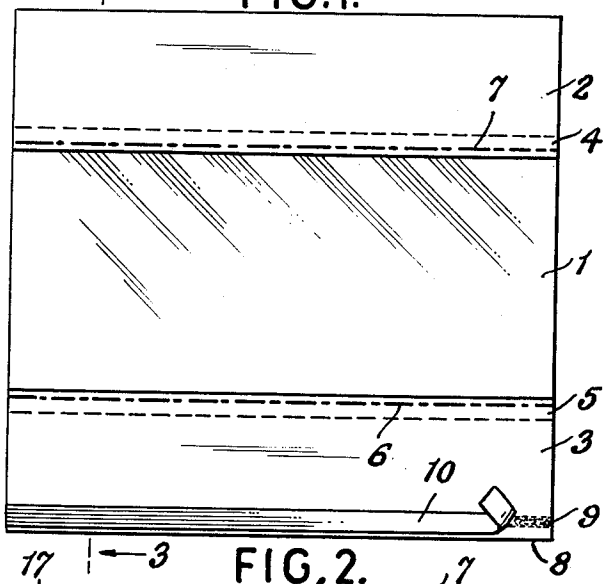


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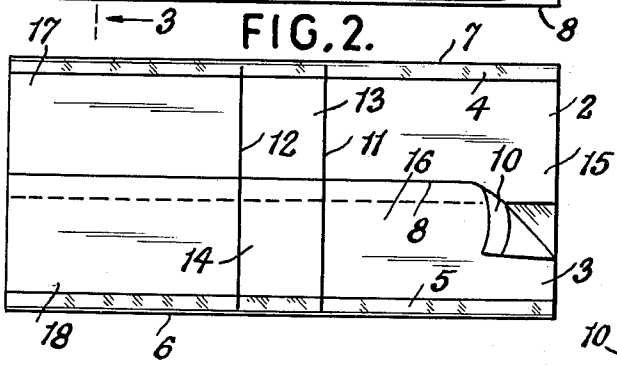


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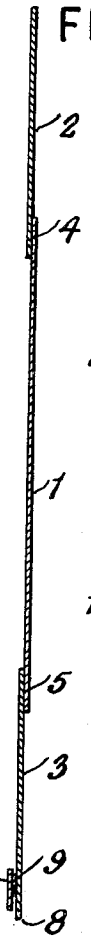


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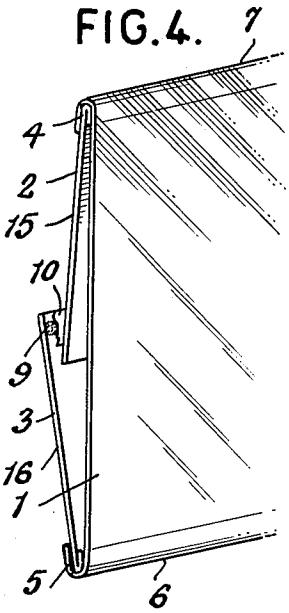
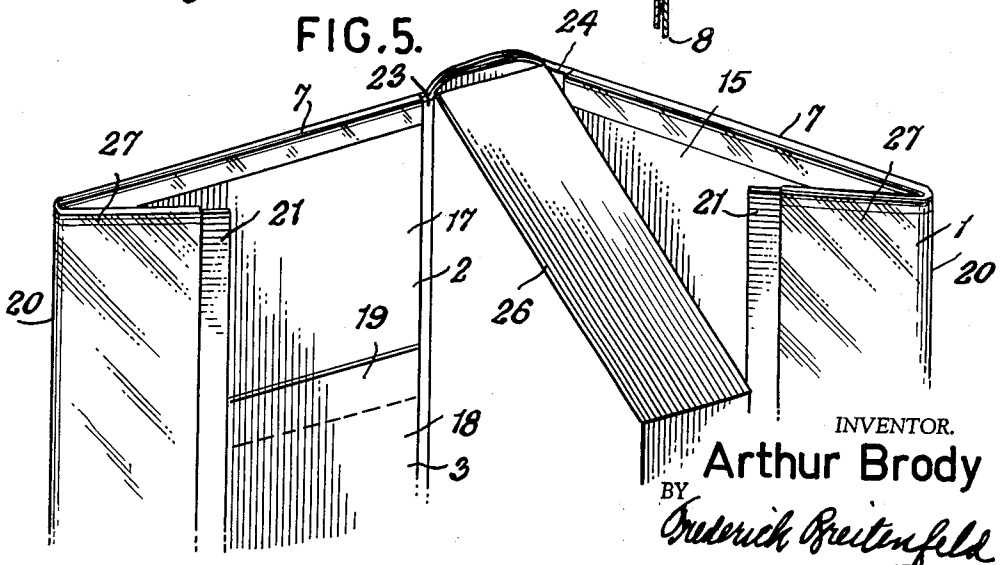


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This invention relates to book covers and has particular reference to protective covers which can be easily applied to a book in a manner which not only affords protection for the book but also encloses and protects the decorative paper wrapper or book jacket that is usually provided on the book when it is sold.

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved covering device of the type which can be used to enclose the paper jacket and yet allow its outer embellished face to remain visible.

A more particular object is to provide the device with special overlapping flaps which are initially disconnected and which are so constructed that they may be adhesively joined together to enclose the covers of the book in a novel protective manner.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an adhesive connecting means of special character which, while effectively connecting parts of the covering together, will not adhesively attach the covering to the book nor adhesively engage or mar the paper book jacket, making it possible readily to remove the covering from the book and from the embellished book jacket whenever this may become necessary or desirable.

More particularly, the invention contemplates the provision of a cover having an outer panel of transparent material extending over the outer faces of the front and rear book covers and allowing the paper jacket of the book to be visible through it; this transparent outer panel being secured at its opposite longitudinal edges to inturned flaps which can be brought into mutually overlapping relation on the inside faces of the book covers; and one of the flaps being provided with a line of adhesive material of pressure-sensitive nature by which the flaps can be readily united and maintained in their overlapped condition.

A general objective is to provide an improved protective covering for a book and its book jacket which is of structural simplicity, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to use without calling for any unusual skill, and highly effective and long-wearing in its protective characteristics.

One way of achieving these objects and advantages, and such other advantages as may hereinafter be pointed out, is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

FIGURE 1 is a face view of the improved covering, looking at its inside face, with the covering in a flattened or unfolded condition;

FIGURE 2 is a view of the covering with the flaps in the infolded condition in which they lie when the device is sold and ready for use;

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is a perspective view of one end of the covering; and

FIGURE 5 is a perspective view of a part of a book, showing the covering applied thereto and over the jacket of the book.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the outer panel which is composed of relatively thin flexible transparent sheet material such as cellophane or preferably the tougher and stronger material known as "Mylar." When applied over the paper jacket 21 of a book, the printing or ornamentation of the jacket will be plainly visible through this panel.

Adhesively secured to the opposite longitudinal edges of the transparent panel 1, and overlapping these edges as indicated at 4 and 5 are the inner flaps 2 and 3 of the covering. These flaps are composed of relatively strong material, preferably heavy paper of opaque nature. One of the flaps is provided along its free longitudinal edge 8 with a line of pressure-sensitive adhesive 9. A protective paper strip 10 is applied over the adhesive 9 to protect the adhesive during handling of the covering and prior to its application to a book and jacket.

During the manufacture of the device it is infolded on the parallel lines 6 and 7 to bring the flaps 2 and 3 into adjacent condition. They are of such width that their free adjacent margins overlap as shown in FIGURES 2 and 4. The fold lines 6 and 7 lie along the adhesively joined marginal regions in which the outer transparent panel 1 overlaps the outer margins of the flaps 2 and 3. The panel 1 is preferably on the outside of the folds 6 and 7. The distance between the fold lines 6, 7 is substantially equal to the height of the book with which the device is intended to be used.

In applying the covering to the jacket and book, the flaps 2 and 3 are first cut with a scissors along lines 11 and 12, extending perpendicular to the longitudinal edges of the device. The distance between the lines 11 and 12 is approximately the same as the thickness of the book to be covered. The paper jacket 21 (see FIGURE 5) is then slipped into position beneath the flaps 2 and 3 with the outer face of the jacket against the transparent panel 1.

The cuts 11, 12 have divided the flaps 2 and 3 into the pairs of sections 13—14, 15—16 and 17—18. The protective strip 10 may now be peeled from the adhesive on the central section 14, and pressure may be applied to the section 14 to cause it to adhere to the underlying part of the section 13. This effectively locks the paper book jacket in position, although no direct adhesive contact with the jacket has been made.

The book to be covered is now applied to the device with its spine against the overlapping central sections 13, 14. The flap pair 15—16 are then lifted to allow the cover 24 of the book to be positioned beneath them, and similarly the flap pair 17—18 are momentarily spread or lifted apart to allow the other cover 23 of the book to be placed into position beneath them.

The flaps 17 and 18 are then folded over the cover 23, and the parts of these flaps which overlap (as shown at 19 in FIGURE 5) are adhesively secured together by the line of adhesive 9 which is exposed by the removal of the protective strip 10. The part 27 of the folded covering that extends beyond the front edge of the cover 23 is then folded inwardly, as shown at 20, to locate it between the inner face of the cover and the body of pages 26 of the book. Similarly, the flap sections 15 and 16 are folded down over the inside of the book cover 24 and into overlapped relation as described in connection with the flap sections 17 and 18, and the flap sections 15 and 16 are adhesively connected together by the adhesive 9. The extending portion 27 is folded inwardly as shown in FIGURE 5, which completes the application of the covering to the book.

By a covering applied in the manner described it is not only the jacket 21 of the book which is encased and protected, but also the book as a whole. Since those portions of the covering which enclose the covers of the book are adhesively joined in overlapped relationship, they not only help to maintain the jacket in place but to hold the covering on the book and prevent its dislodgement. This result is accomplished without requiring any direct adhesive engagement with the book covers.

While it is herein suggested that the conventional paper jacket remain in place on the book and be encased in

the improved covering, it can, if desired, be removed from the book and the covering applied directly to the book.

While I have described only a single embodiment of the invention, it is obvious that the invention is not to be restricted thereto, but is broad enough to cover all structures coming within the scope of the annexed claim.

What I claim is:

A book covering adapted to overlie the spine of a book and envelope the front and rear covers thereof, comprising a transparent central panel slightly wider than the height of the book to be covered, flaps overlapping and secured along the opposite longitudinal edges of said panel, each of said flaps being infolded in the region overlapping said panel to lie against the inside surfaces of the covers of the book, said flaps each being narrower than said panel but at least one of said flaps being wider than one-half the width of said panel whereby the adjacent marginal edge portion of said flaps assume an overlapped relation, one of said flaps being provided in said marginal edge portion with a line of pressure-sensitive adhesive material by which it may be attached to the other flap to thereby retain the flaps in their overlapped relation over the inside surfaces of the book covers, said flaps being split transversely to divide them into two pairs of cover-engaging sections lying against the inside surfaces of the front and rear covers of the book, and a third pair of sections maintained in adhesively-joined and overlapped relation behind the spine of the book.

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