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FIG. 1

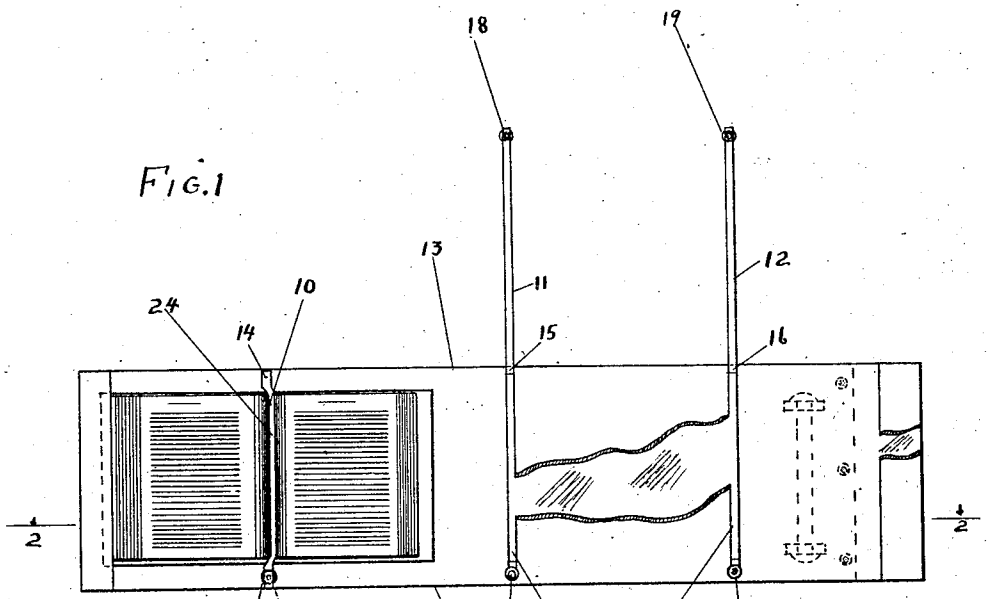


FIG. 2

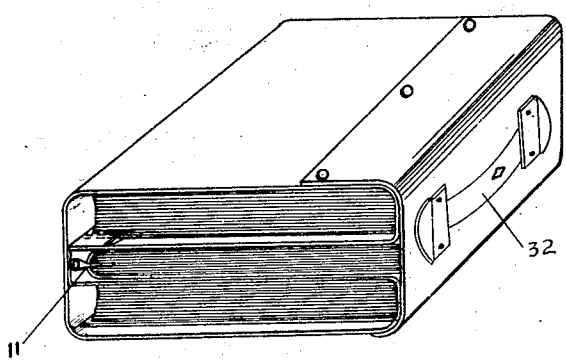


FIG. 3

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My invention is a book portfolio adapted to hold and retain two or more books in a convenient position so that on opening the portfolio they facilitate ready reference. The portfolio comprises a case with retaining flaps at each end, to hold a cover of two books, retaining strips, to pass through the books and secure them in place and a covering flap with fasteners and a handle. My portfolio is made somewhat on the principle of the "carry all" luggage article.

In many lines of business and professions it is necessary for a person to carry two or three books of reference and various papers or pamphlets relating thereto. It is an object of my invention to provide a suitable portfolio for such books, papers and pamphlets. In its general construction my portfolio comprises a long web of leather or fabric with an inturned flap at each end, under which the covers of books may be inserted, strips of material are passed through the books and fasten to each edge of the web and hold the books in place. These strips also function as book marks and a central strip may be used for a book situated between the two end books. An end flap folds over the rolled up case, has buttons or straps to hold it closed and a handle. I prefer to make the case with an interlining which will form pockets or receptacles for papers or pamphlets. Changes may be made in the design and manner of fabrication of my portfolio to adapt it to various purposes.

My invention will be more readily understood from the accompanying specification and drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan of my portfolio extended or opened for consultation of a book held therein.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of Figure 1 on the line 2—2 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of my portfolio with three books rolled therein and the case fastened.

In the drawings 1 designates the case of the portfolio which may be constructed of leather or fabric and is an elongated web. If desired the main web may have an interlining 2, but this is not necessary for a book carrier. The ends of the web 1 are folded at 3 and 4 and have inturned flaps 5 and 6. By stitching at the edges of the folds the flaps 5 and 6 form with the main web 1 pockets or receptacles 7 and 8, whose function is to retain one cover of the books inserted at the ends of the case, designated by 9. Narrow strips of leather or fabric 10, 11 and 12 are stitched to the edge 13 of the web 1 by stitches 14, 15 and 16 and the other ends of the strips have buttons 17, 18 and 19 to fasten unto dome fasteners 20, 21 and 22 secured to the edge 23 of the web 1. These strips are designed to pass between the leaves of books as indicated at 24 and retain the books in place. The strips also function as book marks for they may readily be unbuttoned, passed through other pages of the book and refastened.

The center book (not shown in Fig. 1) does not have pockets for its covers but is held in proper position in the portfolio by the strip 11. The inner lining 2 is preferably provided with slits 25, 26 and 27 extending from edge to edge of the case in locations under the strips 10, 11 and 12. In this manner the inner and outer lining form pockets or receptacles for papers or pamphlets.

A closure flap 28 is stitched to the web 1 at about the place indicated by 29 and has buttons 30 to fasten on dome fasteners 31. A handle 32 may be secured to the closure flap 28 in any suitable manner.

The manner of using my portfolio is as follows:—

Two or three books are inserted in the case, the outer books with their covers gripped by the pockets 7 and 8, and the strips 10 and 12 holding them is position. The center book is held by the strip 11. The portfolio is then rolled or folded over the books so that they occupy the relative positions shown in Figure 3, with papers, pamphlets etc. held in the pockets between the inside lining and outside cover. An extra set of fasteners similar to 31 will be used when only two books are carried.

The books will preferably have the strips passed through them in such position to act as book markers, and thus when the portfolio is opened the books will be ready for consultation at or about the desired places.

The design and manner of connecting the various elements of my portfolio may be considerably altered to suit special requirements without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention what I claim is:—

1. A book portfolio comprising a web, pockets at each end of the web on the inside thereof adapted to hold the covers of a pair of books, strips fastened to the edges of the web adapted to pass between the leaves of books and means to hold the case in folded position.

2. A book portfolio comprising a web or case, a pocket at each end of the web on the inside thereof adapted to hold the cover of two separate books, strips secured to an edge of the web having buttons to fasten them to the other edge of the web adapted to pass between the leaves of books and a closure flap secured to the web coacting with fasteners on the web to retain the portfolio folded or rolled.

3. A book portfolio comprising a web or case, a pocket at each end of the web on the inside thereof adapted to hold the cover of two separate books, a pair of strips secured to one edge of the web adapted to pass between the leaves of a pair of books and fasten to the opposite edge of the web a central strip secured to one edge of the web adapted to pass between the leaves of a central book, a closure flap secured to the web of sufficient length to pass around the rolled or folded web and means to fasten the closure flap to part of the web.

4. A book portfolio as claimed in claim 3 having pockets or receptacles within the inside of the web adapted to hold papers or the like.

5. A book portfolio comprising an elongated case, pockets and strips to hold a book at each end of the case, a strip to hold a book at the mid position of the case, said case being adapted to form a double fold or roll and means to retain the case in folded or rolled form.

6. A book portfolio as claimed in claim 5 having additional pockets or receptacles adapted to hold papers or the like.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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