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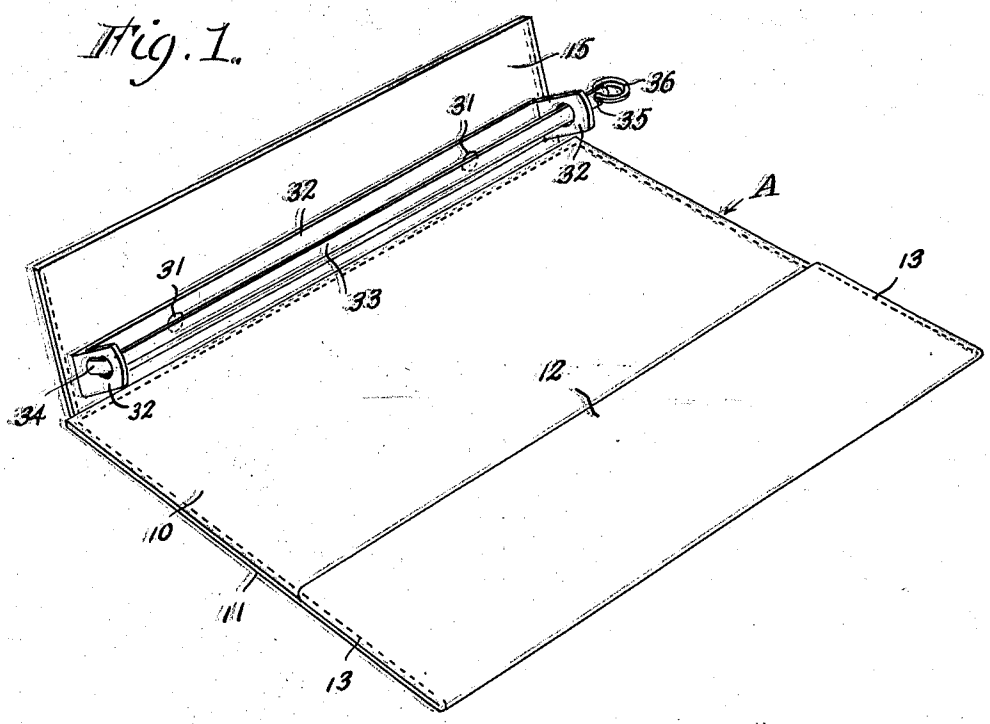
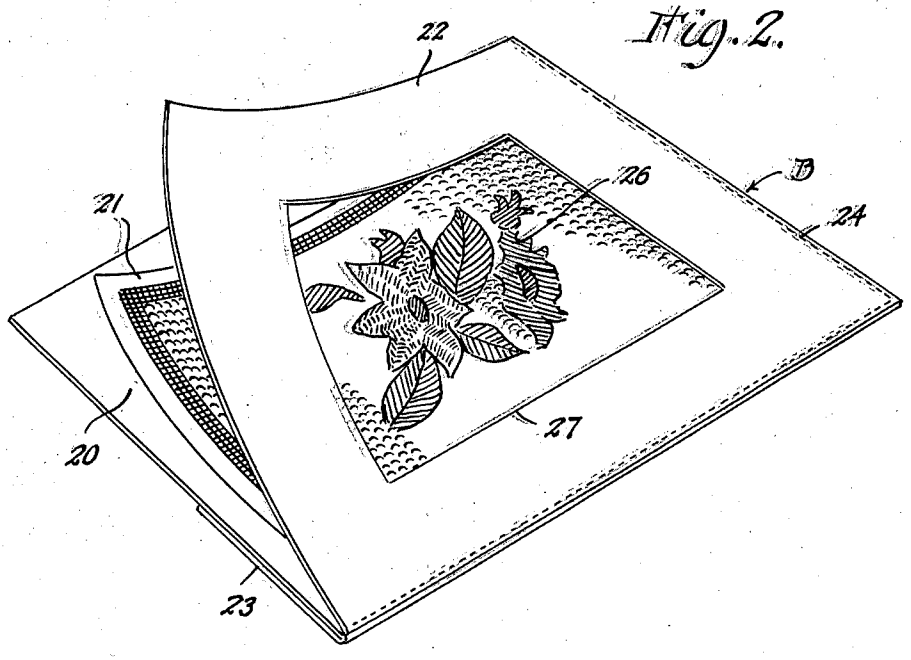


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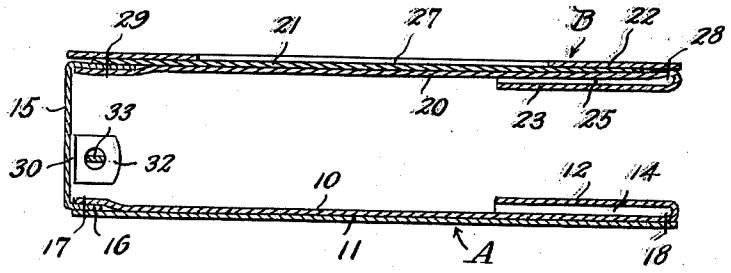


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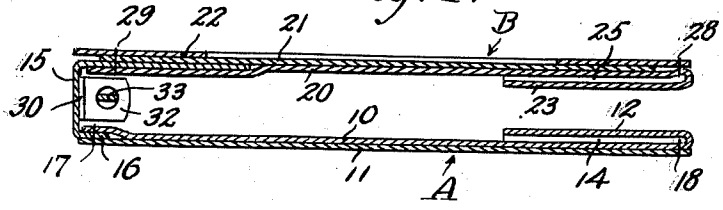
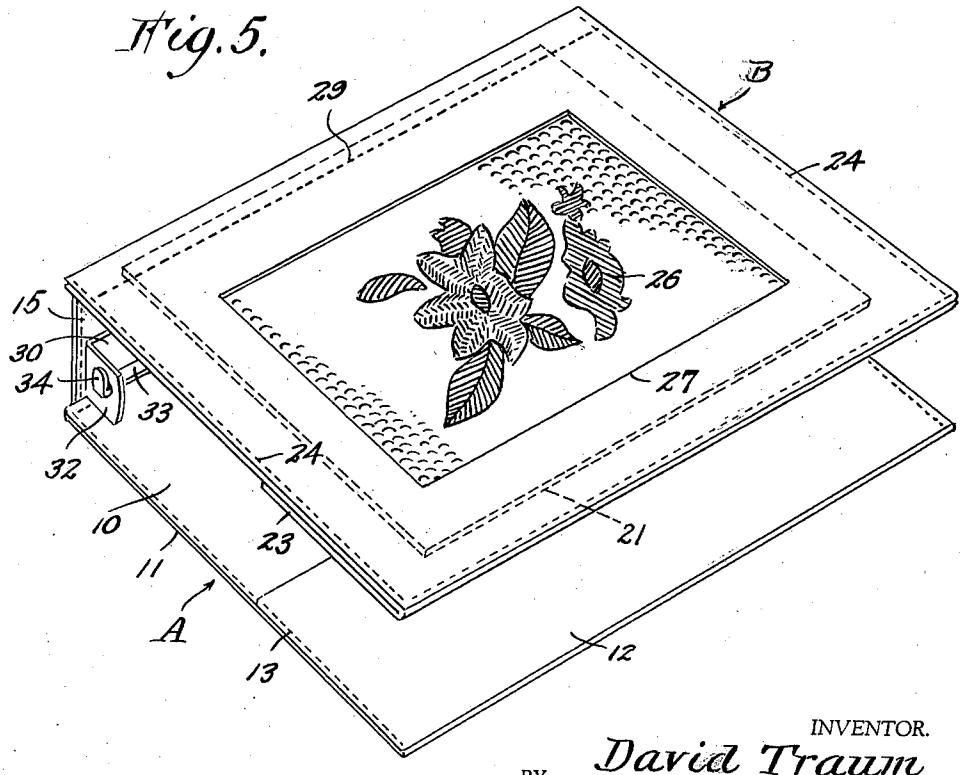


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This invention relates to book covers and comprehends an improved ornamental supplementary book covering of the type which is adapted for detachable association with a book.

The invention broadly comprehends a supplementary sectional book covering, the sections of which are adapted to be joined together by the purchaser so as to render the same applicable to books of varying degrees of thickness.

As a further feature the invention embodies a supplementary book covering in which one of the sections serves as a frame for receiving and displaying an inserted intermediate ply which is ornamented or decorated by the purchaser.

More particularly the invention comprehends a supplementary sectional book covering which embodies front and rear sections, the front section of which includes an inner ply, an intermediate ply and an outer ply, the latter ply being cut away to provide a framed opening and the intermediate ply of which is adapted to be ornamented such as by needlework so as to be displayed through the opening in the outer ply and the rear section of which covering is provided with a hinge flap which is adapted to have its free edge adjustably disposed between the inner and intermediate plies of the front section to accommodate books of varying degrees of thickness, the intermediate ornamented ply of the front section functioning to conceal the hinge flap when it is adjusted to extend beyond the opening in the outer ply and said assemblage further including means for securing the hinge flap and the inner, intermediate and outer plies of the outer section together.

With the above enumerated and other objects in view, the invention is set forth in greater detail in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the rear section of the ornamental supplemental book covering.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the front section of the covering with the plies thereof partially separated.

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view through the supplemental covering illustrating the sections adjusted and connected to accommodate a book of one thickness.

Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating the covering sections adjusted and connected to accommodate a book of another thickness.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the ornamental supplementary book covering with the sections in connected relation.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, A designates generally the rear section of the supplementary book covering and B the front section thereof. The rear section comprises inner and outer plies 10 and 11, the former being folded inwardly upon itself at the forward edge, illustrated by the reference character 12, with said inwardly folded portion secured along the side edges by the lines of stitching 13 to define a pocket 14.

A hinge flap 15 has a longitudinal edge 16 arranged between the inner edges of the plies 10 and 11 and secured thereto by a line of stitching 17. The lines of stitching 13 also secure together the upper and lower edges of the plies 10 and 11, while the outer edge of the outer ply 11 adjacent its forward edge is secured to the inner ply 10 by a line of stitching 18 adjacent the juncture of the inwardly folded portion 12 with the ply 10.

The front section B includes an inner ply 20, an intermediate ply 21 and an outer ply 22. The inner ply is provided adjacent its outer edge with an inwardly folded portion 23, the side edges of which are joined to said ply by lines of stitching 24 to define a pocket 25. The intermediate ply is removable when the covering is sold for the purpose of facilitating the ornamentation of the same, such as by needlework 26, and the outer ply is cut out as at 27 to provide a framed opening for displaying therethrough the ornamented intermediate ply 21. The lines of stitching 24 which extend along the upper and lower edges are designed to secure the outer ply to the inner ply. A line of stitching 28 connects the outer edge of the outer ply 22 with the inner ply 20 adjacent the juncture of the inturned portion 23 therewith.

When the purchaser buys the covering with the sections A and B in separated relation, the intermediate ply 21 is removed and decorated after which the intermediate ply is reinserted between the inner and outer plies 20 and 22 of the front section B. The free edge of the hinge flap 15 is then inserted between the rear edges of the inner and intermediate plies 20 and 21 to space the rear and front sections A and B to correspond with the book to be covered and a line of stitching 29 is then extended through the inner ply 20, the free edge of the hinge flap 15, the ornamented intermediate ply 21 and the outer ply 22 to secure the sections together and to hold the intermediate ply in fixed relation to the inner and outer plies 20 and 22. In the event that the book to be covered is relatively thin so that the free edge of the hinge flap 15 extends beyond

the framed opening 27, it will be apparent that the intermediate ply 21 will cover and conceal the hinge flap.

In use, the free forward edges of the covers of the book are engaged in the pockets 14 and 25 to hold the covering in assembled relation with the book. If desired, in order to further secure the book in place, an anchoring device may be employed which consists of a base strip 30 preferably of metal, which is secured by rivets 31 or equivalent fastening devices to the hinge flap 15. The base strip is provided at its opposite ends with angularly disposed apertured ears 32 and an anchoring strip 33 also preferably of metal, is provided which is formed at one end with an out-turned lug 34, the opposite end being apertured as at 35 to receive a split fastening ring 36. It is understood that the anchoring strip 33 is engaged between the leaves of the book, while the fastening ring may be employed to suspend the book from a suitable support.

What is claimed is:

1. A supplementary sectional book covering including a rear section and a front section, said rear section comprising inner and outer plies and a hinge flap, said inner ply being folded inwardly upon itself at its forward edge with the folded portion secured thereto along the side edges thereof to form a pocket with said inner ply and said hinge flap being secured along one edge to said rear section between the inner and outer plies thereof, said front section comprising an inner ply, an intermediate ply and an outer ply cut away to provide a framed opening, said inner ply being folded inwardly upon itself at its forward edge with the folded portion secured thereto to form a pocket therewith and said intermediate ply being adapted to be ornamented and subsequently inserted between said inner and outer plies for display through said opening in the outer ply, and said hinge flap being adapted to have its longitudinal free edge adjustably disposed between the inner and intermediate plies of said front section to accommodate books of different thickness with the covers of the books extending into said pockets respectively, and means securing said hinge flap and the inner ply, the ornamented intermediate ply and the outer ply together.

2. A supplementary sectional book covering including a rear section and a front section, said rear section comprising inner and outer plies and a hinge flap, said hinge flap being secured along one edge to said rear section between the inner and outer plies thereof, said front section comprising an inner ply, an intermediate ply and an outer ply cut away to provide a framed opening, said intermediate ply being adapted to be ornamented and subsequently inserted between said inner and outer plies for display through said opening in the outer ply, and said hinge flap being adapted to have its longitudinal free edge adjustably disposed between the inner and intermediate plies of said front section to accommodate books of different thickness with the covers of the books extending into said pockets respectively, and means securing said hinge flap and the inner ply, the ornamented intermediate ply and the outer ply together.

3. A supplementary sectional book covering including a rear section and a front section, said rear section comprising inner and outer plies and a hinge flap, said inner ply being folded inwardly upon itself at its forward edge with the folded portion secured thereto along the side edges thereof to form a pocket with said inner ply and said hinge flap being secured along one edge to said rear section between the inner and outer plies thereof, means for securing a book in place within a supplementary covering comprising an anchoring strip swingably carried by the hinge flap adjacent the juncture of the same with the rear section and engageable between the leaves of the book, said front section comprising an inner ply, an intermediate ply and an outer ply cut away to provide a framed opening, said inner ply being folded inwardly upon itself at its forward edge with the folded portion secured thereto to form a pocket therewith and said intermediate ply being adapted to be ornamented and subsequently inserted between said inner and outer plies for display through said opening in the outer ply, and said hinge flap being adapted to have its longitudinal free edge adjustably disposed between the inner and intermediate plies of said front section to accommodate books of different thickness with the covers of the books extending into said pockets respectively, and means securing said hinge flap and the inner ply, the ornamented intermediate ply and the outer ply together.

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