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Fig. 1.

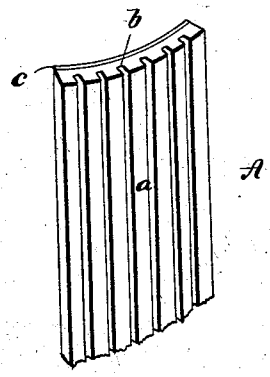
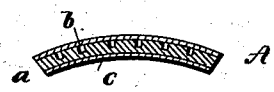


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK BOWMAN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Backs for Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in backs for books, and it is particularly designed for use in connection with that class of books in which the sections of papers forming the leaves are secured to the back by means of wire or thread, and which are principally employed as invoice and sample books, although sometimes it may be used for other purposes, where the binding together of miscellaneous matters in the book is the object required; and the invention has for its object to provide a neat rounded back, to which the sections may be attached by means of wire or thread, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a portion of a book-back; Fig. 2, a transverse section of the same; and Fig. 3, a like view, having a covering applied to both sides of the back.

The letter A indicates the book-back, which is constructed of pasteboard or other suitable material scored longitudinally, as at *b*, so as to form a series of parallel strips, *a*, of sufficient rigidity to properly support the sections of paper forming the leaves. The leaves or sections are secured by wires or staples, as usual, and when the book is opened such construction will allow a free spreading out of the leaves, as the back is free to bend for the purpose. The back thus formed is provided with a flexible lining of leather, cloth, or other suitable material, whereby flexibility and strength are secured.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A book-back composed of a strip of pasteboard scored longitudinally and provided with a covering or binding of flexible material, whereby flexibility and strength of the back are obtained, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 16th day of September, 1882.

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