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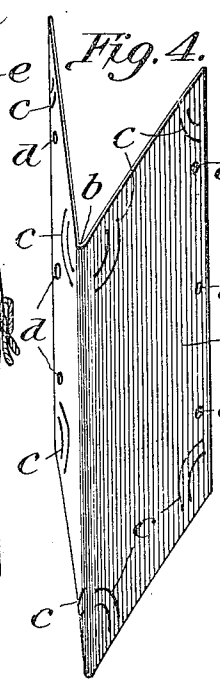
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Fig. 1.



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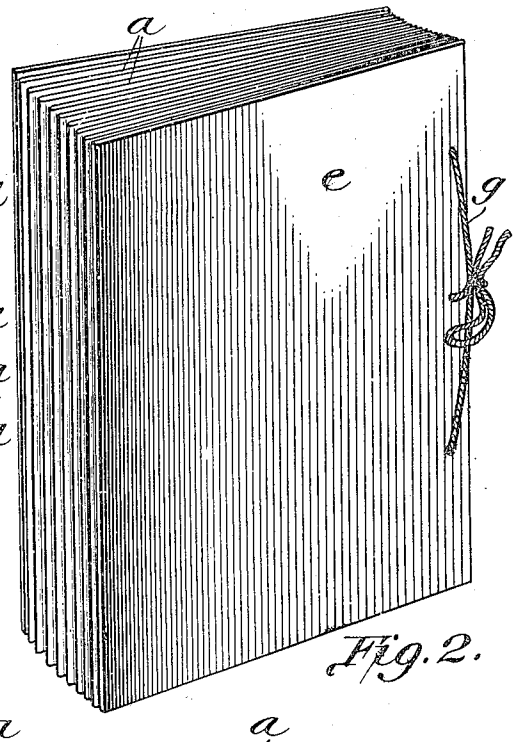
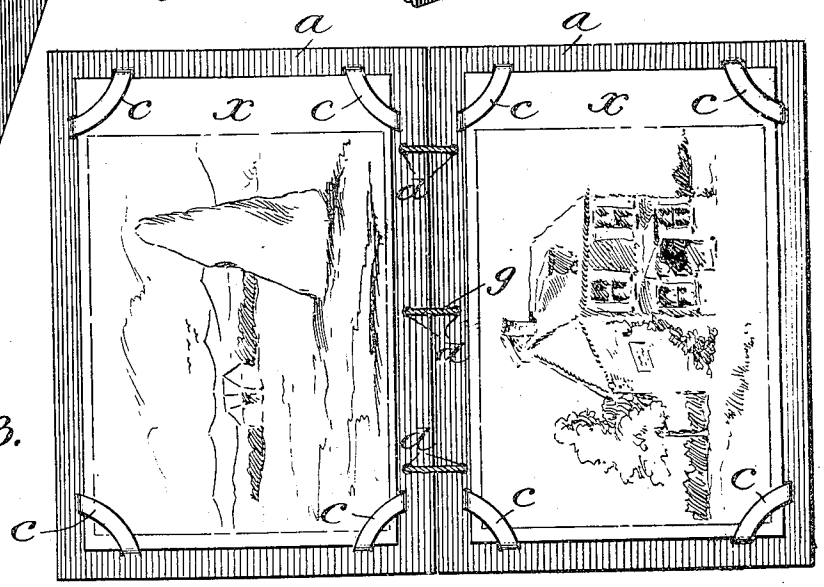


Fig. 2.

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Fig. 5.

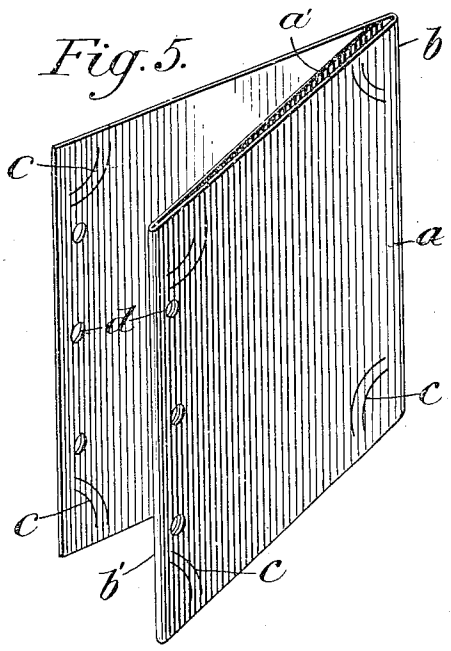


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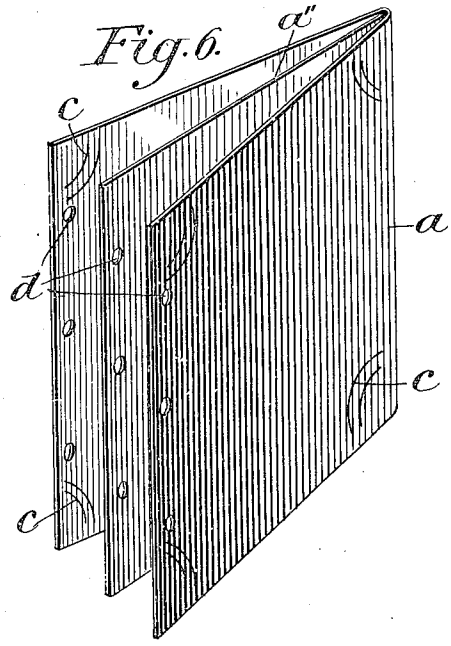


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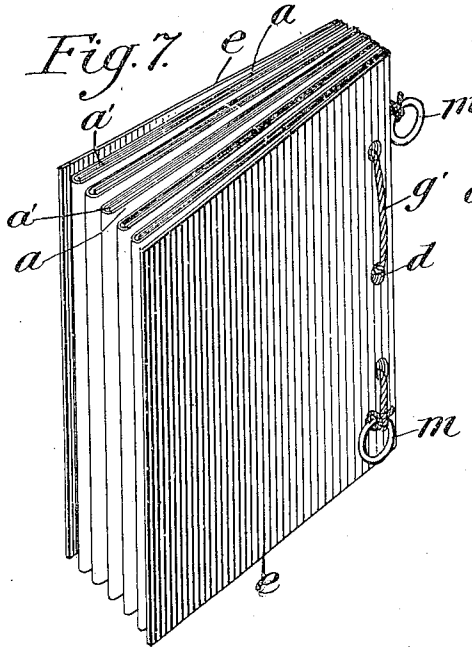
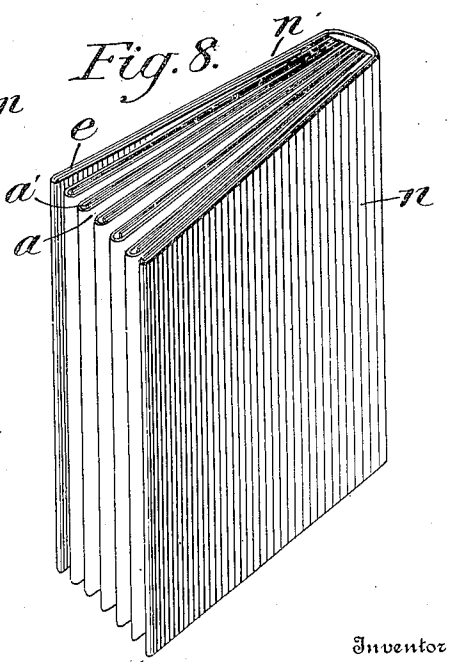


Fig. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE DE Y. LENTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mauch Chunk, county of Carbon, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Albums; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The objects of the invention are to produce inexpensive, durable and convenient albums of a generally book-like form, for post cards or the like, and into which the cards may be conveniently inserted, together with containers for the albums made in simulation of bound volumes and capable of bearing appropriate legends to indicate the nature of the cards contained therein, and suitable for arrangement on library shelves, the whole forming a convenient means for arranging and storing cards in a manner which renders them capable of ready location and reference. For these purposes each individual leaf of the album is formed of a folded sheet, the fold being disposed to form the outer edge of the leaf, the leaves being secured together along the free edges of the folded sheets to produce a generally book-like arrangement. The folded sheets are provided with means for receiving and retaining the cards, and a convenient means of accomplishing this end consists in providing cuts or incisions near the corners of the individual leaves to receive the corners of the cards. In order to prevent the card which is mounted on one side from accidentally engaging the cuts or incisions in the other side of the folded sheet, I conveniently provide an intermediate or guard leaf, without cuts or incisions, which lies within each folded sheet and may be formed as a separate leaf or as an additional fold in the sheet. Preferably the series or packs of folded sheets are inclosed in covers and the whole secured together by cord or the like passed through registering holes in the sheets and covers. In order to render the cards capable of ready location and reference, they are preferably arranged in the albums in related series, and for each album a container is provided made in simulation of a bound volume and bearing a legend indicative of its contents.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the album partly inserted in the container; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the album; Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the album in open position and the mode of mounting the card therein; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the folded sheets; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modification of the folded sheet showing the application of the intermediate or guard page formed as an additional fold of the sheet; Fig. 6 is a similar view showing the guard leaf as a separate member; Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a complete album provided with the intermediate guard leaves, and also showing a slightly modified form of connecting the series or pack of leaves in book form. Fig. 8 is a similar view showing the pack provided with a removable slip cover.

Albums for containing post cards, souvenir cards and the like have heretofore been constructed of a series of leaves comprising single thicknesses of paper or cardboard and having cuts or incisions at the corners to receive the corresponding corners of the post cards or the like. With this arrangement of leaves, it has been found inexpedient to mount more than one card on a leaf, for the reason that, if an attempt were made to mount cards on both sides of the leaf, either the cards were mutilated or the incised strips, intended to hold the cards in position, were torn away, thereby destroying the usefulness of the leaves so mutilated.

An essential purpose of the present invention is to provide a leaf of such character that a card, photograph or the like may be mounted on each side thereof, without danger of mutilating either the cards or the leaves, and, to this end, each leaf consists of a sheet *a* folded to form a double edge *v*, as shown in Fig. 4. The free edges of the folded sheets or leaves are provided with perforations *d*, so that when the leaves are assembled in a pack, they may be secured together by suitable fastening means passed through said registering holes *d*, and the doubled edge *b* presented as the outer edge of the leaf. In order to protect the leaves and to give to the structure a generally neat, book-like form, a cover *e* of boards or other suitable material may be provided and the cover may also be provided with a similar set of perforations to receive a cord *g* or the like.

Each half of the folded leaves is provided with means for securing a post card or the like in position. While this securing means may take any convenient or desired form, a simple, cheap and effective arrangement is that shown in the drawings, consisting of two arc-shaped cuts or incisions located in each corner of the leaf sections to provide a strip *c* under which the corners of the cards or the like may be slipped to effectively hold the cards in position. By this arrangement, it is possible to mount one card on each side of the leaf without danger of rupturing the retaining strip or mutilating the cards.

In order to render the cards capable of ready reference and of storage on library shelves or the like in sightly form, I preferably provide a case or box *h* made in simulation of a bound volume bearing an appropriate legend indicative of its contents, as shown more particularly in Fig. 1.

When the retaining cuts or incisions in the individual leaves of the folded sheets come into registry, it sometimes occurs that the corners of the card inserted in one leaf will accidentally engage the cuts or incisions in the adjacent leaf. In order to guard against this contin-

gency, I provide an intermediate or guard leaf. Such a leaf is shown in Figs. 5 and 6. In the latter figure, the intermediate or guard leaf a' is formed as an extra fold of the sheet and lies between the outside leaves, and being without cuts or incisions, offers a perfectly smooth surface, which the corners of the cards cannot engage in the operation of securing the cards in place. In Fig. 6, the intermediate or guard leaf a'' is formed as a separate leaf of substantially the same size as the two leaves of the folded sheet. In both modifications, the intermediate leaf is provided with holes which register with similar holes d in the main leaves.

The folded sheets provided with the intermediate or guard leaves, as illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, are made up into book form in substantially the manner hereinbefore described, and the several leaves are secured in the covers e by any appropriate means. In Fig. 7, I have shown a simple and effective means for securing the leaves and cover pieces in book form, which consists of a suitable cord g laced in zig-zag form through the registering holes d and provided at its ends with rings m, through which the cord ends are knotted. The book or container thus formed may be provided with an ordinary folded slip cover n which will protect the book and also prevent the cord catching the external pages or on the edges of the box h.

What I claim is:—

1. An album for cards and the like, comprising a series of leaves formed of folded sheets, and fastening means for securing the sheets together along the free edges in book form, whereby the double edge is presented as the outer edge of the leaf, substantially as described.

2. An album for cards and the like, comprising a series of leaves formed of folded sheets, cover sheets inclosing said folded sheets and fastening means for securing the sheets together along the free edges in book form, whereby the doubled edge is presented as the outer edge of the leaf, substantially as described.

3. An album for cards and the like, comprising a series of leaves formed of folded sheets having cuts or incisions at their corners to receive and secure the cards in position, and fastening means for securing the sheets together along the free edges in book form, whereby the cards are kept free from interference and the doubled edge is presented as the outer edge of the leaf, substantially as described.

4. An album for cards and the like, comprising a series of leaves having cuts or incisions at their corners to receive and secure the cards in position, an intermediate uncut leaf between each pair of incised leaves and fastening means for securing the sheets together along one edge in book form, whereby interference of cards on the separate leaves is prevented, substantially as described.

5. An album for cards and the like, comprising a series of folded sheets, each sheet containing two folds to form three leaves, the outer leaves having cuts or incisions at their corners to receive and secure the cards in position, and the third leaf being folded between the outer leaves, and fastening means for securing the sheets together along one edge in book form, whereby the interference of cards on opposite sides of a sheet is prevented, substantially as described.

6. An album for cards and the like comprising a series of leaves formed of folded sheets, having cuts or incisions at their corners to receive and secure the cards in position, an intermediate uncut leaf between the parts of each folded sheet, and fastening means for securing the sheets together along the free edges in book form, whereby the folded edge is presented as the outer edge of the leaf, and the interference of cards on opposite sides of a sheet is prevented, substantially as described.

7. As a receiving and reference means for cards and the like, an album comprising a series of leaves provided with card retaining devices and secured together in book like form; and a container for said album made in simulation of a bound volume and adapted to bear a suitable legend indicative of its contents, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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