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## FASTENING FOR BOOK COVERS.

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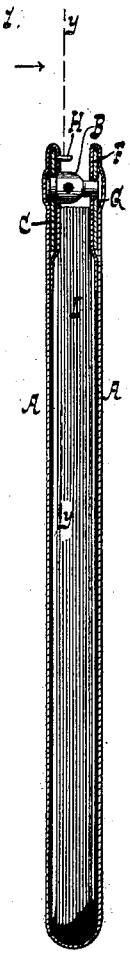


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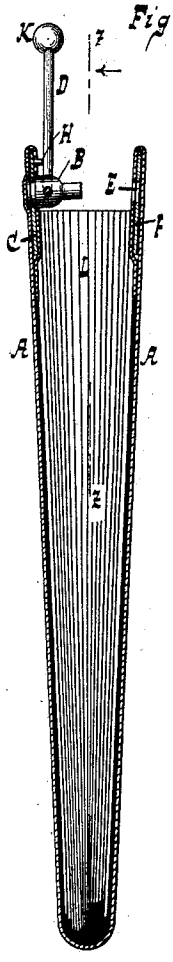


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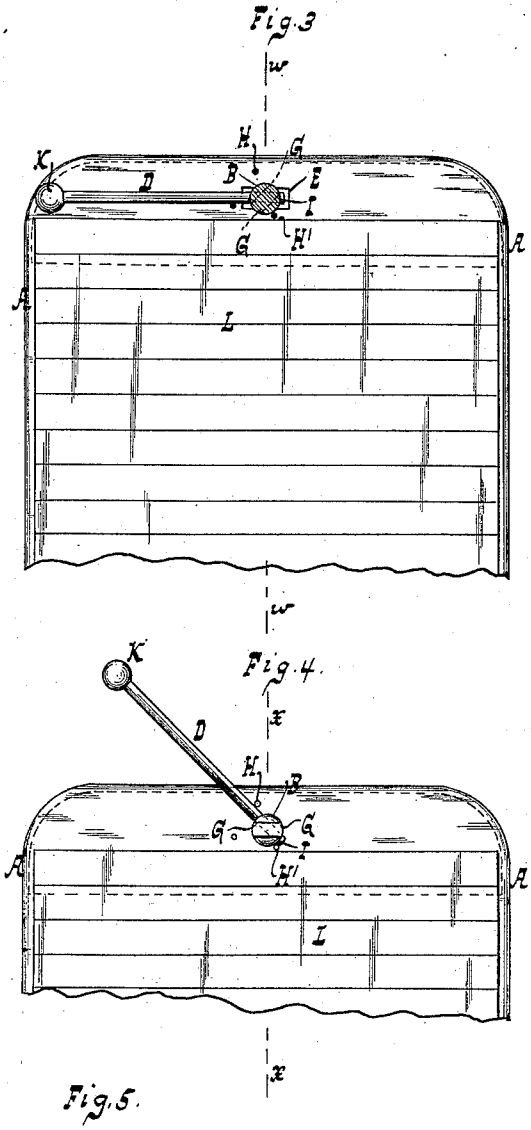


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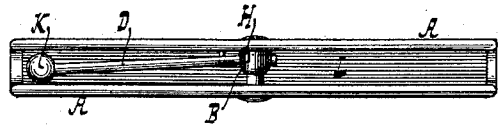


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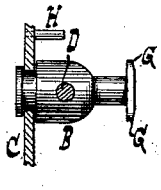


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## FASTENING FOR BOOK-COVERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILES VERNON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Book-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in fastenings for book-covers; and the invention consists in the details of construction set forth in the following specification and claims, and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an edge view of a book with the fastener sectioned along *w w*, Fig. 3. Fig. 2 is a section along *x x*, Fig. 4. Fig. 3 is a section along *y y*, Fig. 1, showing the fastening in its locking position. Fig. 4 is a section along *z z*, showing the fastening in its releasing position. Fig. 5 shows the front edge of the book with the fastening. Fig. 6 is a detail view of the button or stub.

In the drawings, the letters A A indicate the covers of a book. One cover is provided with a stub or rotary button B. This stub or button is conveniently held in place by being set into a suitable hole or eye in a plate C, inclosed within one of the covers by folding the end thereof round such plate, said button being headed or riveted therein, so as to be held in place while being free to turn a handle or lever D, extending from the stub or button between the covers of the book for the purpose of rotating the button. By arranging the handle or lever D as described and shown, when the book is closed the lever and button do not in any manner whatever project from the external surface of the book, and consequently the latter can be laid perfectly flat upon a table or other support. The other book-cover has a slot or recess E. In the drawings this slot or recess is shown formed in a plate F. When the stub or button is in its releasing position, the wings G G of said button can be readily drawn out of or inserted into the slot E. When the button has entered the slot and has been suitably swiveled or turned, said button engages the edges of slot E and the book-covers are held closed. By swinging the button to its releasing position the covers are left free to be opened.

By providing a suitable stop for arresting the handle D or button B in its releasing position the operation of opening the book is expedited and facilitated. In the drawings are shown two stops, the stop H being placed in the path of handle D and the stop H′ being placed in the path of the projection or tail I, which is formed by that part of handle D which projects through and beyond button B.

The plates or frames C F stiffen the parts of the covers to which they are applied. Each of said plates can be secured or pasted within the body of its respective cover, so that no rivets or fastenings are required, thereby enabling an ordinary book-binder to secure the plates in place. When the plates are secured within the cover-bodies, said plates are concealed from view. In some cases the plates may be made of a fine or costly metal and suitably engraved or ornamented or given a pleasing appearance, and such plates may be secured to the outside of the covers, so as to secure an ornamental appearance and give a neat finish.

When the button B is in its locking position, the handle or lever D lies between the covers, so that said lever will not be exposed to view and will not be liable to catch or accidentally pull against any object whereby the book might be opened at improper moments. The covers project beyond the leaves sufficiently to give space for accommodating the handle D.

The invention will be found useful in keeping pocket memorandum-books closed while being carried in the pocket; but of course I do not limit the use of my invention to pocket memorandum-books, since my invention can be applied whenever it is found advantageous. The handle D is shown provided with a button or knob K, which button, when the covers are locked, rests between the covers and against the book-leaves L.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A book having one cover provided with a rotary locking-button journaled or swiveled to the inner side thereof, the other cover being provided on its inner side with a recess to receive the locking-head of the button, and a lever secured to the button between the two

covers of the book, so that when the book is closed neither the button nor the lever projects from its surfaces, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. A book having one cover provided with a rotary locking-button journaled to the inner side thereof, the other cover being provided with a recess to receive the locking-head of the button, a stop-pin projecting laterally from the inner surface of the cover to which the button is journaled, and a lever attached to the button between the two covers and limited in its swinging movement by the laterally-projecting pin, so that when the book is closed the pin, button, and lever are inclosed thereby and present no projections at the external surfaces of the book, substantially as and for the purposes described.

3. A book having one cover provided with a rotary locking-button journaled to the inner side thereof, the other cover being provided with a recess to receive the locking-head of the button, a lever secured to the button between the covers of the book and provided with a tail-piece I, and a pair of pins H H′, projecting laterally from the inner side of the cover to which the button is journaled and serving to limit the swinging movements of the lever in both directions, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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