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SECTIONAL ALBUM.

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Fig. 1.

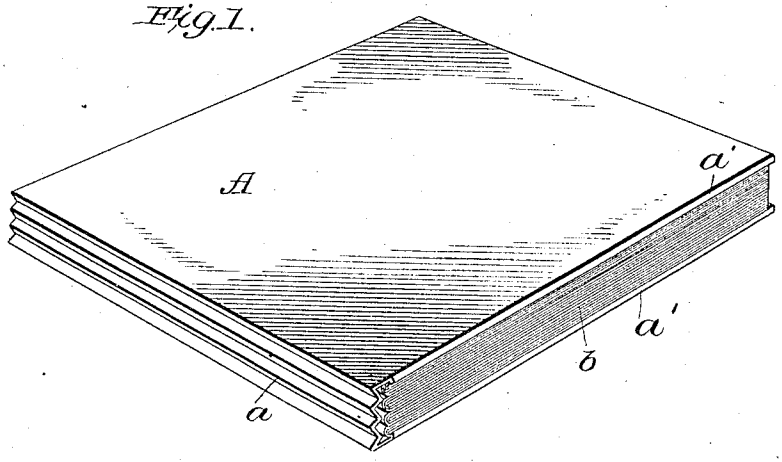


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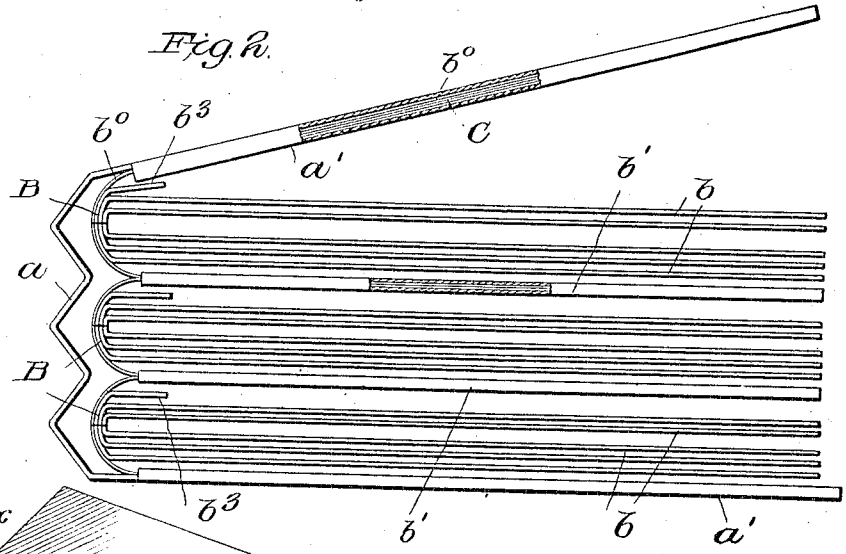


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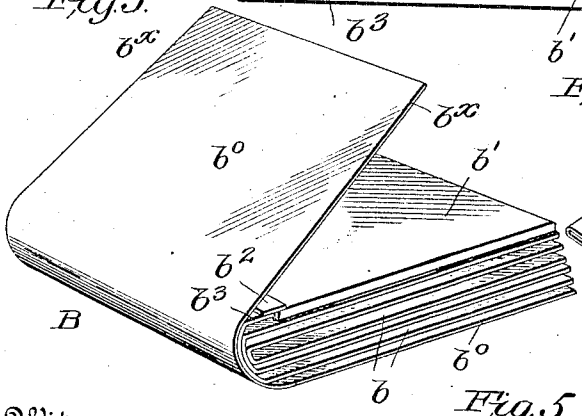


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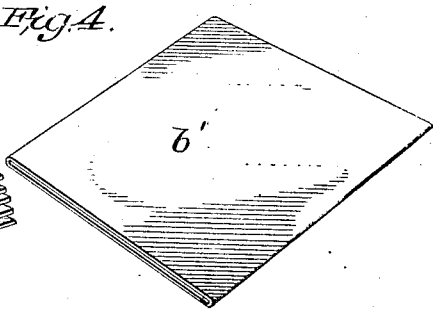
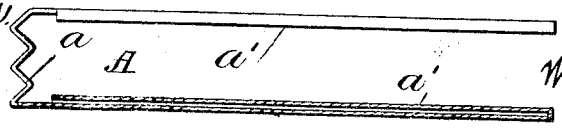


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ALEXIS MUDD, a citizen of the United States, of the United States Navy, and a pay-inspector in the United States Navy, stationed at navy-yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sectional 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.

My invention relates to improvements in albums for photographs, postal cards, stamps, scrap books, or the like, and it consists in providing an album built up of a series of independent detachable signatures which are conveniently assembled and taken apart when desired, and in which the album may be "built up" as the collection contained therein is increased.

My invention will be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, which for the purpose of illustration show a practical embodiment of the invention and in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an improved album composed of four separate signatures or album sections bound together. Fig. 2 is an end view on an exaggerated scale of a similar album composed of three signatures or album sections connected together in a single structure, parts being broken away and the pocket sections being shown greatly enlarged for the purpose of illustration. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the album sections adapted to be assembled into the album, partly open. Fig. 4 is a detail, showing in perspective one of the pocket leaves or binders used in connecting two of the album sections together. Fig. 5 is a detail, showing the album cover before any of the album sections are inserted, parts being shown in section.

A represents the cover of the album which is made entirely separate from the sections adapted to be contained therein. This cover contains the usual front and back flaps or covers, which are preferably provided with pockets a' and which are connected by the flexible back a so folded as to allow the album to be built up to the desired thickness by the addition of fresh sections, and at the same time presenting a neat appearance, irrespective of the number of sections that may be contained therein.

B represents one of the sections which has a flexible back b^0 preferably made of strong thin paper, with the leaves slightly tapered along their edge as at $b^\times$, Fig. 3, to slip into the pocket binders b'. Connected to the flexible covers b^0, as by stitching, are a plurality of leaves b made of suitable material for pasting on the photographs, postal cards, or the like. One of these leaves may be cut away as at b^3 for convenience in connecting thereto the pocket binder b'. This pocket binder may be connected to the part b^3 by a suitable strip b^2 which may be provided with a weakened line so that the pocket binder may be readily detached and drawn out when desired. These strips b^3 may also be employed to more firmly secure the pocket binder b' in position over the adjacent outer leaves b^0 of the sections, for it is obvious from Fig. 2 that if desired the strips b^3, which form a part of the signatures or sections, may be pasted to the inner face of the pocket binder.

In use, one section B may be initially bound in the cover A, by inserting the end tapered leaves b^0 into the pocket sections a', it being understood that they are loosely set therein and are held in position by extending substantially to the outer end of the pocket. The back of the cover a will then be folded in a substantially collapsed position.

After the leaves of the single section have been filled up and additional room is desired in the album for further pictures, the pocket binder b' is detached from another section, and the end leaf b^0 of the bound section is then withdrawn from its pocket a', and the end leaf b^0 of the new section is placed therein. Then the end leaves b^0 of the two sections lie adjacent to each other in a position to receive the binding pocket b', which, together with the pockets a', firmly hold the two sections within the cover. At the same time it will be observed that the pocket member b' does not only act as a binder for holding the adjacent leaves of the two sections together, but also serves as a leaf itself on which pictures may be affixed. In the drawings, especially in Fig. 2, this pocket binder b' is shown greatly enlarged for the purpose of illustration, but in commercial use it is substantially the same thickness as the leaves of the section, or sufficient to re-

ceive the thin outer leaves b^0 forming the back of the section.

It will be readily apparent from Fig. 2, that any additional number of sections may be inserted, and for each section inserted the flexible back a of the cover proper is of course distended, as shown for instance in Fig. 2, but in all positions is of a neat appearance. Thus it will be seen that each section or signature is a unit of a sectional album, and the photographs or the like may be pasted on the various leaves b, as desired, and it will also be seen that the pockets a' of the cover will serve as a convenient place for keeping unmounted pictures C, it being understood, of course, that the pocket a' is made of a suitable flexible material.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A sectional album comprising a plurality of album sections, each having a plurality of leaves, in combination with means securing together the adjacent outer leaves of said sections, comprising a member longitudinally circumscribing said adjacent outer leaves, substantially as described.

2. A sectional album comprising a plurality of associated album sections, each having a plurality of leaves in combination with means securing together the adjacent outer leaves of said sections, comprising a pocket member enveloping said adjacent outer leaves, and said pocket member forming with the leaves of the sections a leaf of the album, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a cover having a folding back, of a plurality of independent album sections contained within said cover, means for securing the adjacent leaves of each pair of sections together, and means for securing the outer leaves of the end sections respectively to the front and back of said cover, the whole constructed and operating to form a complete album of varying capacity built up of detachably connected independent album sections, substantially as described.

4. In a sectional album, the combination with a cover provided with pockets extending along the inside face of the back and front thereof, of a plurality of album sections disposed within said cover, and means securing the adjacent leaves of each pair of said sections together, the outer leaf of the end sections being inserted within its respective pocket, substantially as described.

5. In a sectional album, the combination with a cover having its back and front foldably connected together and said back and front being each provided with a pocket extending along the inner face thereof, of a plurality of album sections contained within said cover, the outer leaf of each end section being inserted within its respective pocket, and means detachably securing the adjacent leaves of each pair of said sections together, comprising a sliding pocket member enveloping said adjacent leaves, substantially as described.

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

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