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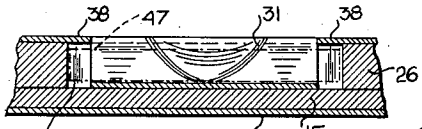


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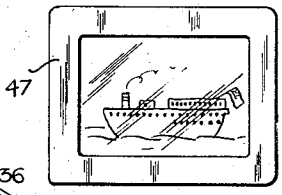


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Fig. 1.

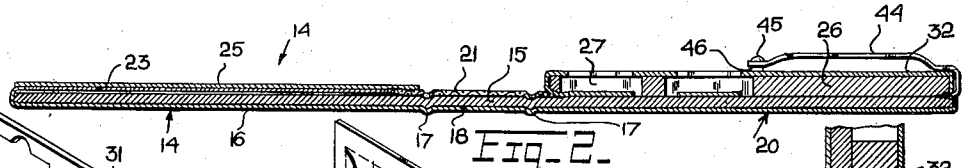


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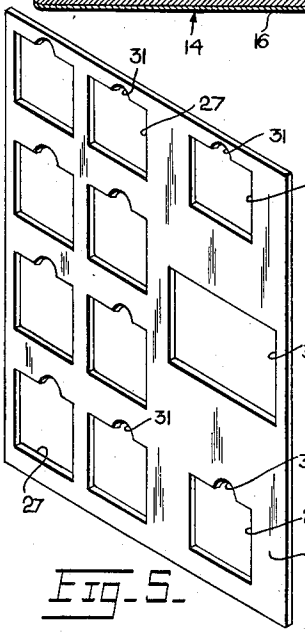


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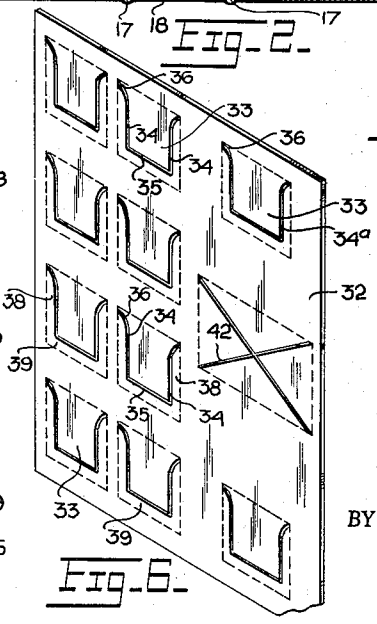


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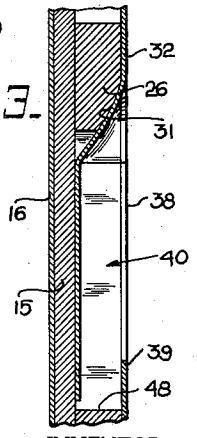


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This invention relates to albums for detachably supporting photographic slides, transparencies and like articles that need careful handling.

An important object of the present invention is to provide an album with a plurality of pockets wherein the photographic slides, transparencies and the like may be mounted without difficulty.

A further important object of the invention is to provide the album pocket with novel features for facilitating the introduction and removal of the specimen photographic slides, transparencies and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sheet or leaf of an album suitable for mounting photographic slides, transparencies and the like which is apertured for viewing such articles through the apertures.

A specific object of the invention is to provide an album with a leaf having a pocket wherein a box or stack of photographic slides, transparencies and like articles may be mounted preparatory to insertion into individual pockets, said box or stack being held in position by a band of elastic material passing thereacross.

Another specific object of the invention is to provide an album with a leaf having pockets with guide means whereby the edge portions of the articles may be properly inserted thereinto.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an album embodying the invention, the album being shown in open position.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the plane of the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, the album being in open flatwise condition.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken on the plane of the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, showing a specimen article in supported position, in dot-dash lines.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the central body sheet.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the facing sheet.

Fig. 7 is a top plan view of a transparency adapted to be used with the album.

Referring to the drawings in detail, an album made in accordance with the present invention is illustrated in Fig. 1 and is indicated generally at 14. This album comprises a thick central body sheet 15 of relatively stiff opaque material such as pasteboard, cardboard and the like, and a thin flexible backing sheet 16 of fabric, plastic or other suitable material. The backing sheet is preferably cemented on the sheet 15 with its marginal edges turned over the edges of sheet 15 and secured to all such edges at the front thereof as viewed in Fig. 1. Midway the ends of the central body sheet 15, transverse deep

channel-like scores 17, 17 are formed therein defining the back 18 of the album therebetween, and defining the covers 19 and 20 of the album. A thin strip 21 of fabric is cemented on the inner face of the back 18 to finish off the same.

A thin sheet 22 of flexible material is pasted on the inner face of the cover 19 on the upper half thereof. A strip 23 of paper is positioned across the lower half of the inner face of the cover 19 with its end edges and bottom edge pasted to the adjacent edges of the cover 19, the top edge and the remaining portion of the sheet being unattached forming a pocket 24 on the inner surface of cover 19. A thin facing sheet 25 of flexible material is preferably pasted on the sheet 23 to finish and reinforce the same. The pocket 24 serves to hold loosely a supply of large sized photographic slides, transparencies and similar articles.

A comparatively thick sheet 26 of pasteboard, cardboard and the like as shown in Fig. 5, is secured to the inner face of cover 20 by cementing or otherwise. The sheet 26 is substantially the size of the cover and is formed with a plurality of relatively square-shaped openings 27 at one side of its vertical center as viewed in Figs. 1 and 5. At the top and bottom thereof, on the other side of said vertical center, similar openings 28 and 29, respectively, are provided. Midway between the top and bottom on the same side, a rectangular-shaped opening 30 larger than the other openings is formed, the opening 30 extending transversely of the cover. Each of the openings 27, 28 and 29 is formed with a notch 31 in the top edge wall thereof at its center.

A precut sheet 32 of tough flexible fabric or other suitable material as shown in Fig. 6 covers and is cemented to the front face of sheet 26. Sheet 32 is formed with a plurality of three-sided or U-shaped slitted portions 33, each portion being defined by two parallel side slits 34, 34 and a connecting bottom slit 35 as viewed in Fig. 6, the top of the portion being solid. Each vertical slit 34 terminates at its top end in a short diagonal slit 36 slanting upwardly and outwardly. Sheet 32 is placed over the sheet 26 in a position so that the slitted portions 33 register with the openings 27, 28 and 29 in sheet 26. When sheet 32 is secured to sheet 26, the slitted portions 33 are pressed inwardly through the openings 27, 28 and 29 in sheet 26 and pasted on the front face of said sheet 15. During this operation, the material at the top of each slitted portion 33 is pressed against the edge of the top edge wall of the opening and against the edge wall of the notch 31, thereby conforming to the shape of said edge walls and thereby moving the top edge walls of the diagonal slits 36 spaced inwardly from the bottom edge walls thereof so as to provide a space thereat and thus provide a wider entrance opening at the top. The material of the sheet 32 thus conforms to the shape of the notch 31 and also slants inwardly at the top of the slitted portion 33 as shown in Fig. 3. The remainder of the slitted portion 33 is pasted to the front face of the sheet 15. The dimensions of the vertical and horizontal slits 34, 34 and 35, respectively, of the slitted portions 33 are smaller than the dimensions of the corresponding edge walls of the openings 27, 28 and 29 of sheet 26 so that vertical marginal flanges 38, 38 and a horizontal marginal flange 39 are formed on the sheet 32, overlying the space between said edge walls of the openings 27, 28 and 29 of sheet 26.

The flanges 38, 38 and 39 together with the edge walls of the openings 27, 28 and 29 of sheet 26 provide a three-sided groove 40. By reason of this construction pockets or openings 41 are formed on the cover 20. The pockets or openings 41 are arranged in two series, extending vertically on the cover 20 so that mutually adjacent edges of the two sets of pockets or openings are in line from top

to bottom of the cover and the pockets or openings in each series happen to be of the same vertical dimensions so that they are aligned in pairs. The notches **31** provide depressions in the pockets or openings at the top thereof to facilitate grasping by the fingers of the user of inserted slides for withdrawal.

The material of the facing sheet **32** where it registers with the enlarged opening **30** of sheet **26** is preformed with an X-shaped slit **42** to permit the material to yield in order to permit it to conform to the edge walls of the opening and to be pasted to the front face of sheet **15**. Another pocket or recess **43** is thus formed on the cover **20**.

An elastic strap **44** having one end clamped between the edges of the central sheet **15** and the sheet **26** extends across the pocket **43**. The other free end of the strap carries a female snap fastener element **45** adapted to snap over a male snap fastener element **46** secured to the sheets **26** and **32**.

In use, an article such as a transparency slide **47** shown in Fig. 7 is inserted slidably into and through the top of the pocket or opening **41** with its side edges entering the space between the edge walls of the slits **36** and moved downwardly into the pocket until its entrance and edge rests on the lower edge wall **48** of the pocket or opening **41**. When the slide is so positioned, the marginal flanges **38, 38** and **39** of the facing sheet **32** serve as abutments and hold the transparency slide in desired position for display and against displacement.

The large pocket or recess **43** is sufficiently large to support a box or container (not shown) holding a supply of articles or slides to be displayed or which have been discarded, the box or container being removably held in position by the elastic strap **44**.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A book type album comprising a rectangular-shaped sheet of pasteboard folded midway its ends providing a pair of covers hingedly united by a back, a thin flexible backing sheet on said covers and back, a first pasteboard sheet superimposed on the front of one of said covers, said first sheet having spaced rectangular-shaped cut-out portions, a thin flexible second sheet superimposed on the front of said first pasteboard sheet, said second sheet having spaced U-shaped slits throughout its area overlying said cut-outs, the ends of said slits curving slightly outwardly, the areas of said second sheet surrounded by said U-shaped slits being of smaller dimensions than the dimensions of the cut-out portions, said latter areas extending through the cut-out portions and pasted against the front face of said cover, the material of said second sheet surrounding said U-shaped slits coacting with the edge walls of the cut-out portions of the first sheet and with said one cover to provide pockets opening in one direction to receive articles, the edge walls of the cut-out portions in the opposite direction serving as supports for the inserted articles.

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