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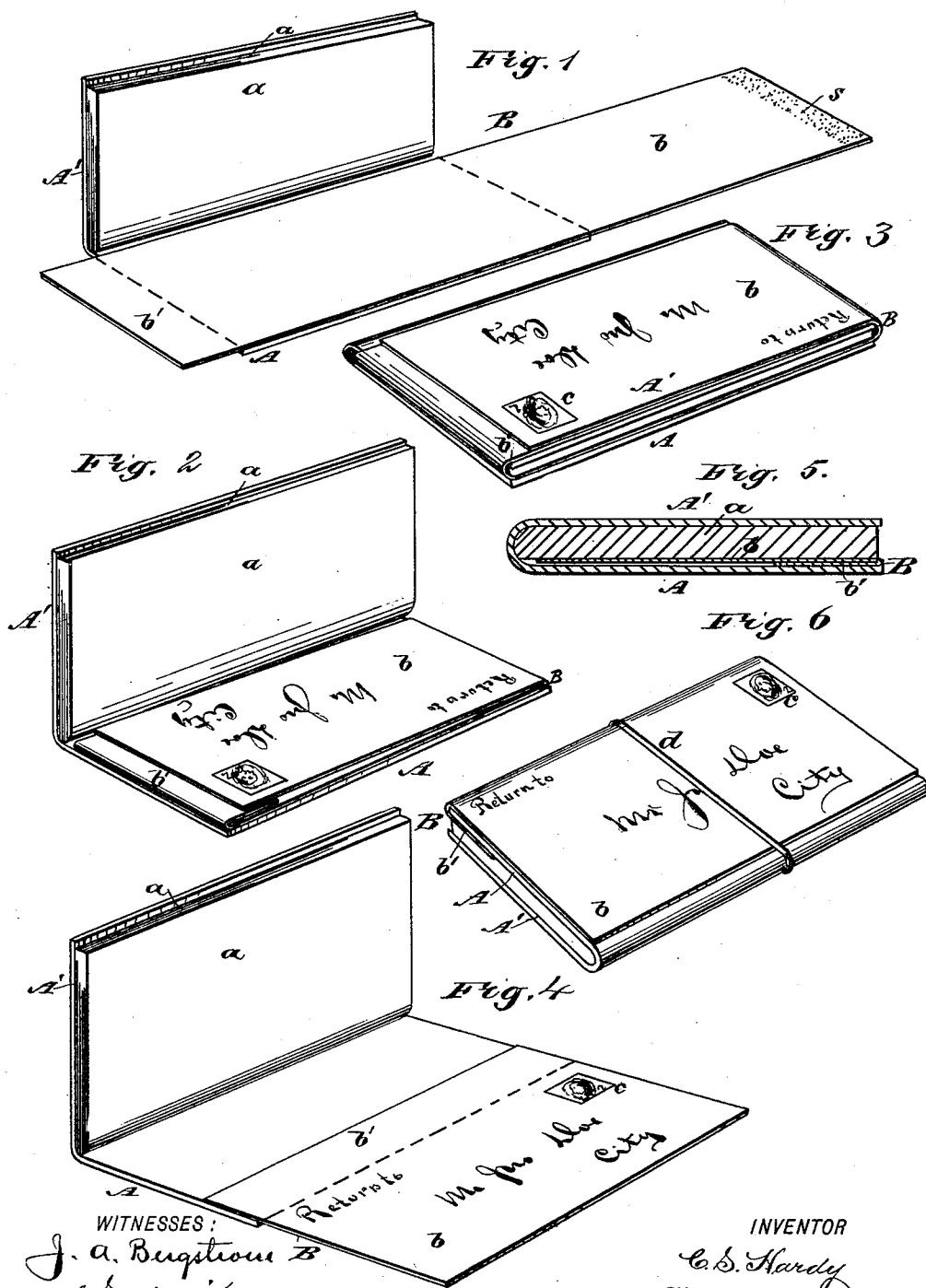
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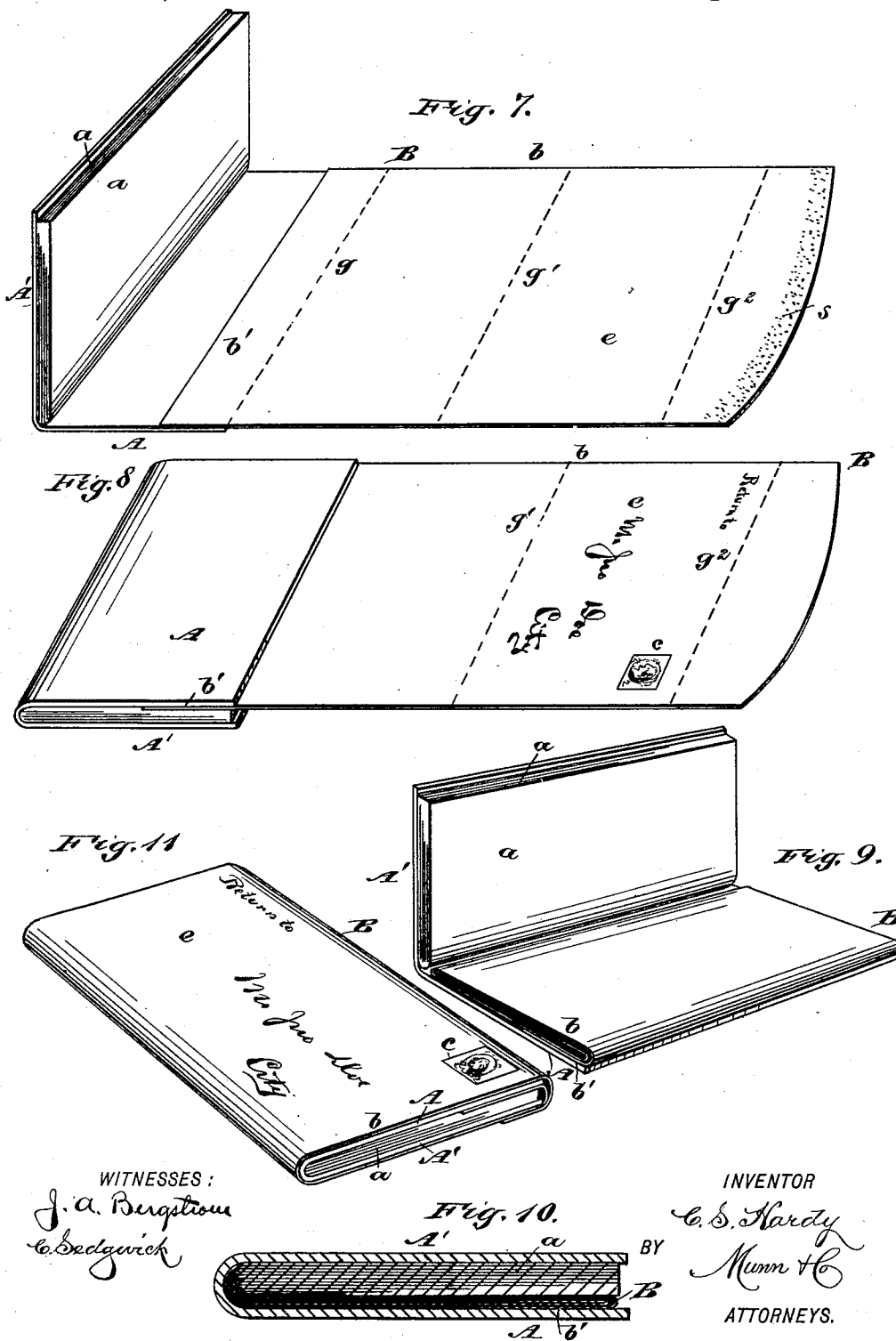
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. HARDY, of San Diego, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Mailing Attachments for Books and other Like Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention, while applicable to various articles or packages in book form, such as legal and other documents, purses, &c., is mainly designed to be applied to books, such as pass-books, bank-books, and the like, and it will here be described accordingly.

The object of the invention is to facilitate or secure the return of a lost book or book-like package to the rightful owner without causing the finder much trouble and no expense.

The invention consists in a permanent fly-leaf, preferably attached to the cover of the book or package, capable of being shut within the book or package and of being turned outward over the cover or around the book or package as an attached mailing sheet or wrapper adapted to be sealed or otherwise fastened when so exposed and having on its surface when thus exposed the owner's name and address, with directions as regards returning it, if desired, and with a space on which a postage-stamp is affixed or designed to be secured, so that the finder of the lost book or article has nothing to do but to turn or fold the fly-leaf outward, fasten it, and mail the article.

This device is distinguishable from a mere cover of a book having the owner's name and address on it which is liable to become soiled, whereas my mailing fly-leaf when not in use is shut and preserved within the book under protection of the cover, and, if stamped, is ready for use. By this device, too, the name of the owner, if desired, need not appear on the back of the package—such as a pass-book, for instance—so that he can refer to it without other persons near by or around him knowing who he is, and any style of cover can be used without being disfigured by an address upon it. Furthermore, there is no detaching of a leaf from the book to make a mailing-wrapper, nor is the mailing fly-leaf in the way in the book when the latter is in use. These, or certain of them, are the distinguishing

characteristics of my invention over or as compared with other books or like packages having different addresses or mailing devices applied to them.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a book, here supposed to be a memorandum or pass book—such as used by banks, butchers, grocers, and other tradesmen—with its one half-cover turned back or open and its fly-leaf also turned open, but not turned back on the outside of the half-cover; Fig. 2, a further view in perspective of the same, showing, also, its one half-cover turned back or open, but with its fly-leaf turned in and exposing its opposite or address side. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same book closed, with its fly-leaf also closed and its sealed and address side exposed on the outside of the cover. Fig. 4 is a view in perspective of the book with a modified construction or arrangement of the mailing fly-leaf, the one half-cover of the book being thrown back or open and said fly-leaf also thrown open with its address side or face exposed. Fig. 5 is a transverse section of the same book closed with its fly-leaf turned inward. Fig. 6 is a view in perspective of said book with its fly-leaf turned outward and fastened, exposing the address side of said leaf; and Figs. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are further views, as hereinafter described, of a like book with a modified construction or arrangement of the mailing fly-leaf.

Referring in the first instance to Figs. 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings, A and A' indicate the two half-covers of the book and *a a* its main leaves. Bound in with the book or permanently attached to the inside face of its one half-cover A is a fly-leaf B, made of two outwardly and inwardly folding end or top and bottom portions or extensions *b b'*, either made in one piece or separate pieces, the one end portion *b* being of the length of the book, or thereabout, and the other end portion or extension *b'* being shorter and constituting a flap. In the ordinary use of the book, or when the fly-leaf B is not required to be used for mailing purposes, the two portions *b b'* of said leaf are shut or turned inward, as shown

in Fig. 2, where they will be out of the way in using the book; but when the book has been lost the finder of it has only to turn the portions *b b'* outward, as shown in Fig. 1, then to close the book, and afterward to turn the portions *b b'* over the back of the half-cover *A'* and seal the portion *b* on the short portion *b'*, the meeting surface of either of which portions should have mucilage *s* applied to them ready by dampening to secure them together. This secures the book closed and exposes the address side of the fly-leaf *B* on the outside of the book, on which side of the fly-leaf is the name and address of the owner of the book, a postage-stamp *c* to pay for its mailing, and such other information as may be necessary to secure the return of the book by the finder simply depositing it in the mail, letter, or package post-office box.

In Figs. 4, 5, and 6 of the drawings a substantially similar arrangement is shown, excepting that the addressed fly-leaf *B* is permanently secured to the inside of the one half-cover *A* by its short portion *b'* in direction of the length of the book between its ends, and the longer portion *b* of said leaf alone is left loose either to fold within the book when closed or when being used, as shown in Fig. 5, or when the book has been lost is turned outward with its address side exposed, as shown in Fig. 4, and afterward the book closed and the address side of the fly-leaf turned down or over the half-cover *A* with its address face or side outermost, when the book may be secured, closed, and the fly-leaf held in position by a string or rubber elastic band *d*, slipped round or over the book, as shown in Fig. 6. The book is then in condition to be mailed by the finder of it.

In Figs. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 I have shown the address fly-leaf *B* in the shape of a permanently-attached wrapper adapted when the book is closed and said fly-leaf is wrapped around its outside to inclose the entire book or both half-covers, instead of being on the back of one of them only. To this end the fly-leaf *B* is similarly applied to the one half-cover, as in Figs. 4, 5, and 6, but it is made longer in direction of the width of the book.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the book with its one half-cover turned back or open and with said fly-leaf, as seen from its inner side, fully extended. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the book closed and with its address fly-leaf, as seen from its opposite or outer side, fully extended. Fig. 9 is a perspective view of the book with its one half-cover thrown back or open and with the fly-leaf as folded upon itself within the book as when not required to be used. Fig. 10 is a transverse section of the book closed with its address

fly-leaf folded, as in Fig. 9. Fig. 11 is a perspective view of the book closed and with the address fly-leaf wrapped around it and sealed ready for mailing. The fly-leaf *B* has its shorter or one end portion *b'* permanently secured to the inside of the one half-cover *A*, while its other or longer portion *b* is loose and has upon the one part *e* of the back of it the name and address of the owner of the book, postage-stamp *c*, and other mailing information, if necessary. The outer end of this extended portion *b* of the fly-leaf has mucilage *s* applied to its inner face, and said portion is creased transversely, as on the lines *g g' g''*, to facilitate the folding of it. To use this mailing-leaf *B*, its portion *b* is first opened or extended, as shown in Fig. 7, after which the book is closed, as shown in Fig. 8, and then the portion *b* folded as a wrapper around the book, inclosing both half-covers *A A'*, and finally sealed by dampening the mucilage *s*. This exposes the name and address of the owner outside of the back of the one half-cover, as shown in Fig. 11, when the book is ready for mailing.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In combination with a book or book-like package, a mailing device therefor, consisting of a permanently-attached address fly-leaf adapted to be folded within the book or package on the inner side of its cover and of being turned over or outside of the cover, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. In combination with a book or other like package, a mailing device therefor, consisting of a permanently-attached fly-leaf having the name and address of the owner of the package and a postage-stamp on it, said leaf being adapted to be folded within the book or package on the inner side of its cover and of being turned over or outside of the cover and of there being secured or sealed, substantially as specified.

3. The combination, with a book or book-like package having half-covers *A A'*, of the address fly-leaf *B*, permanently attached to the inside of the one half-cover and capable of being turned or folded within the book and composed of a long portion *b* and a short portion *b'*, both capable of being turned over or outside of the cover and provided with adhesive material adapted to seal said portions together when so turned, substantially as described.

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