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BOOK PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1.

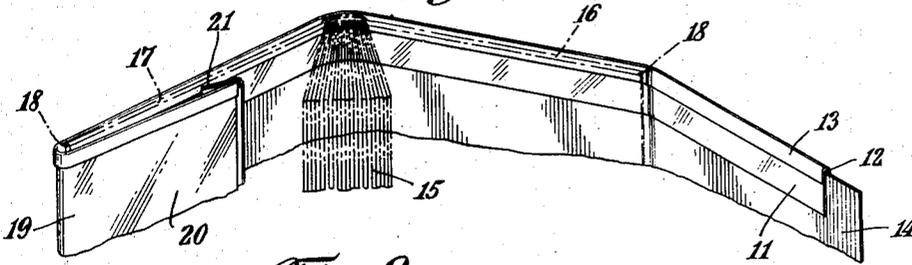


Fig. 2.

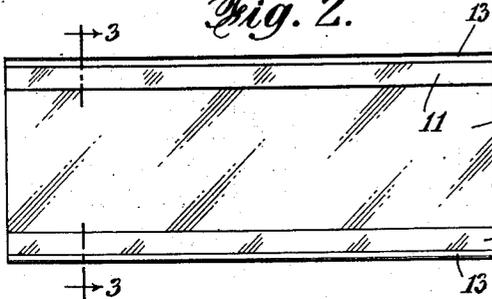


Fig. 3.

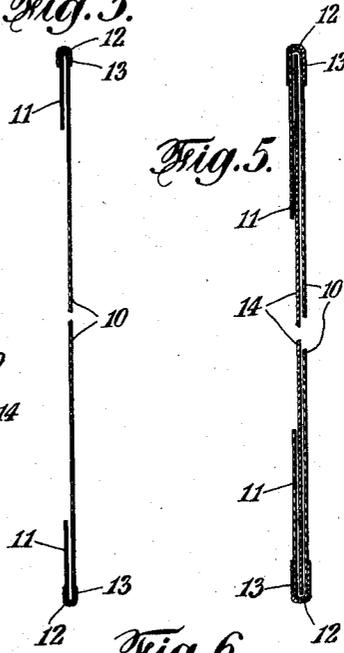


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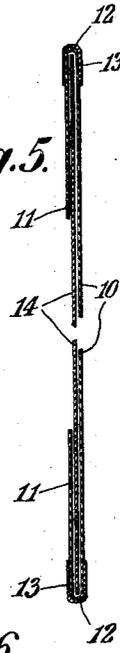


Fig. 4.

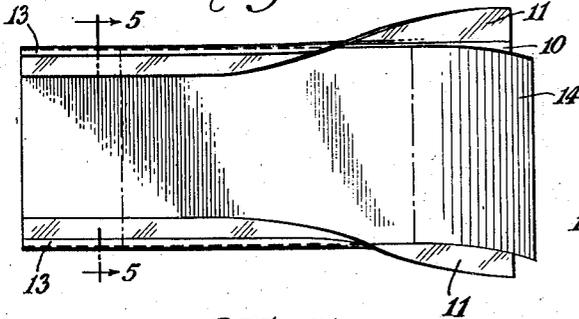


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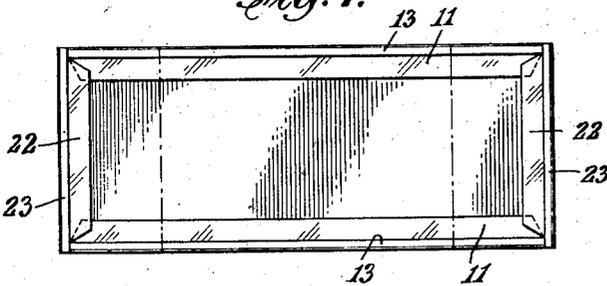
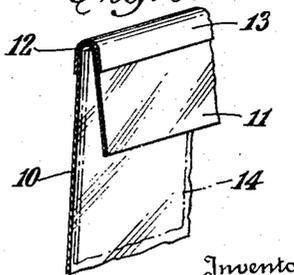


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1 Claim. (Cl. 281—34)

This invention relates to book protectors in general, and particularly to the kind adapted to not only safeguard the outer, exposed surfaces of a book, but which will render visible any printed or ornamental matter appearing upon said surfaces, or upon any other article interposed between the protector and the book body.

One of the principal objects of the present invention is to provide a relatively sturdy, transparent book protector, which is so constructed as to permit its ready attachment to and its removal from a book, and which will facilitate the optional association therewith of an auxiliary book cover, known in the art as "jacket."

Another object of this invention is to provide a book protector, the exterior edges of which are reinforced to safeguard them against excessive wear and tearing, and to hold the structure of the protector in its intended shape of arrangement.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a book protector made of a single elongated sheet of transparent material, the edge portions of which are folded upon themselves and against the body of the sheet, so as to provide marginal flaps for the optional reception of a jacket, and wherein the folds or ultimate edges, forming the joints between the flaps and body of the sheet, are provided with continuous reinforcing strips, adhesively secured to the folds, and extending, to a substantially uniform width or depth, along the side areas adjacent to the folds, thus straddling the folds or edges, and by so doing maintaining the flaps in their intended, folded position.

The foregoing and still further objects and important advantages of the present invention will become more fully apparent from the ensuing description of the accompanying drawing, the latter showing the presently preferred forms of my device, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portion of my book protector as applied to a book;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of one form of my book protector;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 illustrates my protector, seen in Fig. 2, in a position of receiving a book jacket;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross-section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a perspective fragmental detail view of the flap and its reinforcement along its fold; and

Fig. 7 is a plan view of another embodiment of my device.

Referring now specifically to the figures, and especially to Figures 2 and 3, my book protector consists of an elongated strip of preferably transparent sheet material 10, fabricated from any suitable plastic, such as Celluloid. The longitudinal edge portions of the strip are bent or folded upon themselves in the manner indicated in Fig. 3, so as to form distinct flaps 11, the interior surfaces of which become adjacent to the intended interior surface of sheet body 10. These adjacent surfaces are normally held parallel to one another. The ultimate edge or fold 12, forming the joint between body 10 and flap 11, is straddled by a reinforcing tape or strip 13, which encases the folds along their entire length, and overlies uniformly, to a substantially even depth or width, the outer surface areas of flaps 11 and sheet body 10, immediately adjacent to fold 12.

Strip 13 is adhesively secured, and serves not only to reinforce the ultimate edges of the book protector, but is designed to hold flaps 11 in their intended, folded position. (See Figs. 3 and 6.)

Folds 11 are intended to removably accommodate jacket 14, in the manner illustrated in Fig. 4. Such jacket may be provided with attractive printing or advertising matter, and since my protector is preferably transparent such printing is made readily visible.

In inserting the jacket, folds 11 are temporarily bent away from body 10, or are merely lifted, so as to permit jacket 14 to slip into place with its outer surface against the inner surface of member 10. The association of the jacket with my book protector is obviously optional, but the construction of my device facilitates the repeated application of my protector to any number of books, and the changing of jackets to make them correspond with the books to which the device is to be applied.

While my jacket is preferably made of transparent material, particularly when intended to be used for holding jackets, it may also be made of translucent or opaque material when used merely as book protector.

The application of my device to a book will be more clearly understood from consulting Figure 1, wherein the leaf body 15 of the book and covers 16 and 17 are indicated in broken lines. The reinforced edges of my protector are intended to coincide with the top (and bottom) edges of book covers 16 and 17. The protector is simply applied with its inner surface to the outer surface of the covers, and wound about their vertical

edges 18, as indicated at 19 in the left-hand portion of Fig. 1. In this manner the folded-over part 20 of the book protector becomes adjacent to the interior surface of book cover 17. Jacket 14, held by flap 11, is shown to be somewhat longer than my book protector, and its extending end 21 may be folded under, as indicated in Fig. 1.

Referring to Fig. 7, here is illustrated a modified form of my device, which possesses all features explained in connection with the previously described figures, but in addition is provided with end flaps 22, the folds of which are reinforced by tapes 23, so that all edges of the finished articles are reinforced and protected.

The optional insertion of a jacket in this modified form of my device is proceeded with in the manner similar to that explained in connection with Fig. 4, with the exception that the ends of the jacket are slipped under end flaps 22.

While in the foregoing description only specific forms of my invention were dealt with, it is quite obvious that changes and improvements may be required. Thus, reinforcing member 13 may be constructed in a different manner and may be placed, for instance, within fold 12. It is also quite obvious that the fold reinforcement may be constructed from a material similar to that from which body 10 is fabricated, and although I prefer to employ adhesive fabric tape, any other suitable material may take its place.

Only two embodiments of my invention are illustrated. They are applicable to the general run of books handled in circulating libraries, private homes, and the like, where it may be necessary to change or replace my book protectors or transfer them to books currently used. When, on the other hand, my device is to be employed for permanently covering books, periodicals or other publications, suitable changes and improvements may be required, and I therefore reserve for myself the right to make such changes and improvements without departing from the broad scope of my invention as defined in the annexed claims.

I claim:

15 A book covering comprising in combination a substantially transparent member, and a detachable paper book jacket, said member having a length corresponding substantially to the length of the book jacket and a width sufficiently in excess of the width of the book jacket to provide marginal flaps on each side thereof, said flaps being folded over to provide enclosure means for slidably retaining the paper book jacket with the member, and permitting the transparent member and the paper jacket to be applied as a unitary construction to the cover of a book; and means applied to the transparent wrapper for urging the flaps into the flat folded position against the paper book jacket carried therein.

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