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Fig. 1.

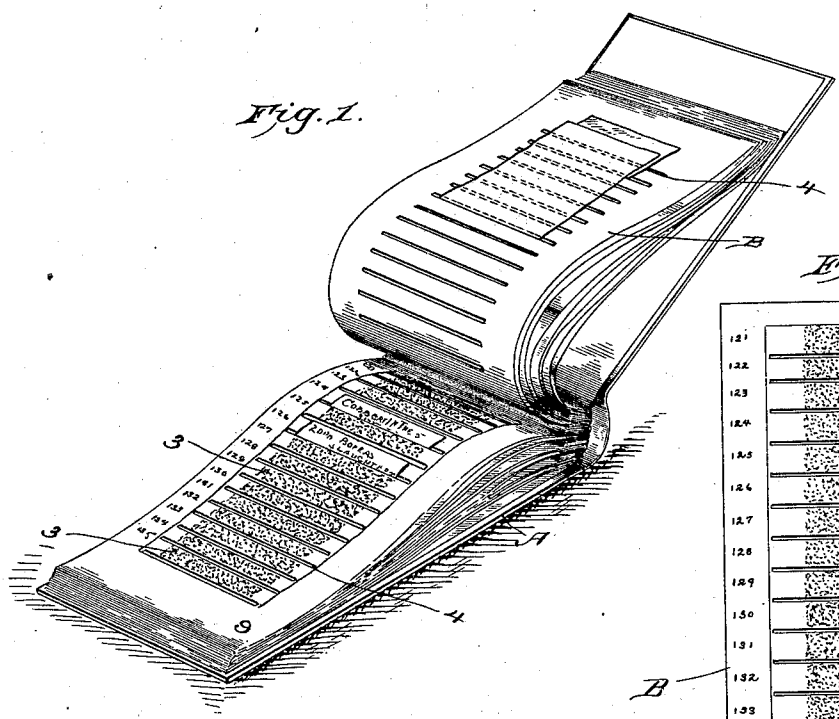


Fig. 3.

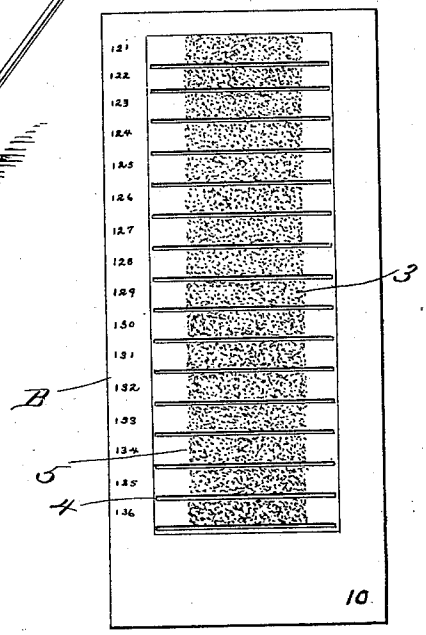
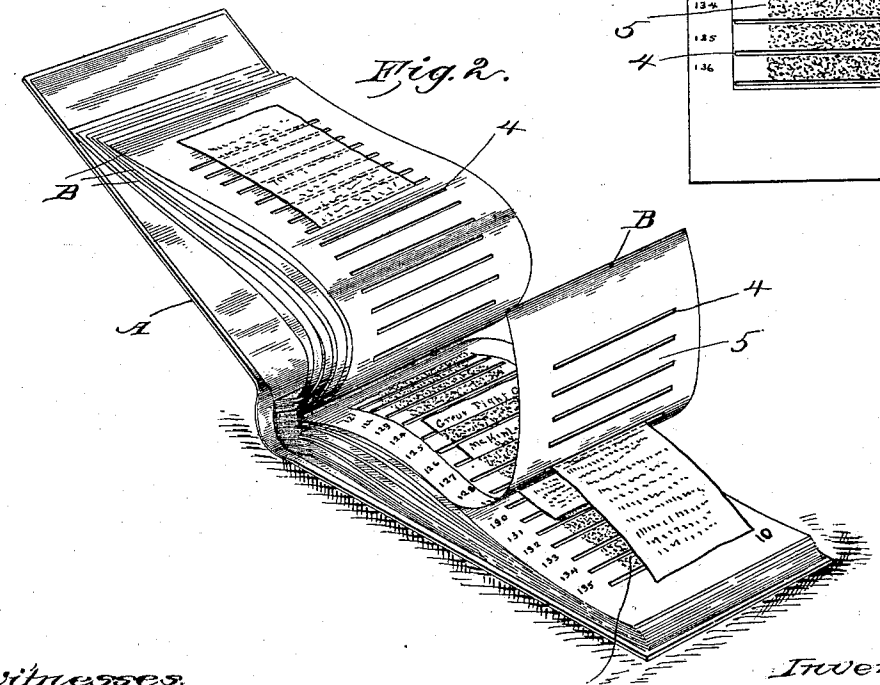


Fig. 2.



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INDEX SCRAP-BOOK AND LEAVES THEREFOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. ELY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Index Scrap-Books and Leaves Therefor, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters and figures on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to index scrap-books and leaves therefor; and it is designed to provide a simple scrap-book in which newspaper-clippings, photographs, letters, and other similar articles may be filed away in a compact space and in such a manner as to be readily accessible should occasion arise to refer to them.

The invention consists in a scrap-book the leaves of which are made of paper or other suitable material, one side of which is gummed, and each leaf has a series of parallel slots extending across the gummed surface and terminating within a defined margin, whereby a series of parallel gummed strips are formed, which are joined to integral marginal strips at the sides of the leaf, the leaves being secured together at one end and parallel to the slots. The book is made from leaves constructed, as above described, by connecting or binding together a series of such leaves at one of the ends which are parallel to the slits or slots in the leaf, so that when the book is opened each leaf presents a series of parallel gummed strips separated by slots which extend across the page and parallel to the binding of the book. In using the book the letters, newspaper-clippings, photographs, or like articles which are to be placed therein are passed through one of the slots from beneath the leaf, the article being projected through the slot to such an extent that the heading or title only of the article is exposed on the front side of the leaf, when the gummed strip next above the slot through which the article is inserted is moistened and the article made to adhere to the said strip. Thus when each leaf of the book is filled it shows on its front or face side merely the headings or titles of the various articles which are attached to the said leaf, the body or reading-matter of the article being on the under side of the leaf. The leaves preferably have suitable index characters on one margin and situated opposite the various gummed strips, the said index characters being preferably numerals, and by means of any suitable index the page and number of the strip where any particular article is to be found may be readily ascertained.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a scrap-book made according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the book, showing one of the leaves turned up in order to expose the body of the article which it is desired to consult; and Fig. 3 is a view of a single leaf of the scrap-book.

A represents the covers of my improved scrap-book, said covers being of any suitable material and having secured between them in any suitable way the leaves B, which are constructed as hereinafter described.

In making the leaves I take a sheet of paper or other suitable material and of the proper size and thickness and I provide one side or face of the sheet throughout a major portion of its length, as at 3, with a suitable adhesive, such as mucilage or other similar material, and when the adhesive material is dry I cut a series of parallel slots 4, which extend partially across the sheet and terminate within a defined margin, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The order of the steps by which the sheet is made is important, for by gumming the paper and allowing it to dry before it is slotted the sheet will curl and warp very much less than if the gum were applied to the slotted paper, and when the slots 4 are cut in the gummed paper what little warp or curl there is in the sheet will come out and the strips 5 will lie smooth and flat, while if the gum or other adhesive were applied to the slotted paper the strips would warp in drying and remain in such warped condition. Having provided a series of sheets of paper B of the proper size with a suitable gummed surface 3, as above described, and with a series of parallel slots 4, I take such sheets and fasten or bind them together at one end and between the covers in any well-known way, one way being shown in the drawings, wherein the adjacent leaves have stubs or short pieces of comparatively thick paper placed between them at that end where they are bound to-

gether, so that they are spaced apart somewhat, thus allowing sufficient room for the insertion of the newspaper-clippings, photographs, and other articles to be filed away without unduly expanding the book.

The preferred form of leaf is oblong, as is illustrated in Fig. 3, in which case the slots run parallel to the short edge of the leaf, and in making the book such oblong leaves are bound together at one end, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2.

With a book constructed as above described the manner of filing away the newspaper-clippings or other articles is as follows: In filing away newspaper-clippings in my improved scrap-book the clipping is prepared so that the heading or title of the article appears at one end and the clipping is inserted through the slot in the leaf from the under side, or the side opposite the gummed side, the said clipping being projected through this slot only sufficiently so that the heading will appear on the front or gummed side of the leaf, when the gummed strip which is next above the slot through which the clipping has been inserted is moistened and the clipping made to adhere hereto. It will thus be seen that as many clippings or similar articles can be filed away or attached to each leaf as there are gummed strips on the leaf, for as each article is only inserted through the slot the distance equal to the width of the strip, which is in most cases sufficient for the exposure of the title of the article, it will be seen that a series of such articles can be attached to the strips, one article being passed through each slot. When it is desired to read the clipping or find access to the substance of the article which is filed away, the finger of the person is placed on the margin of the leaf at a point opposite to the heading of the article which it is desired to peruse, when the leaf can be turned up from the bottom, as illustrated in Fig. 2, thus exposing the body of the desired clipping.

Preferably the pages of the book will be numbered. Suitable index characters will be used upon the margin of each page, and the book will also contain a suitable index, where the articles which are contained therein are classified according to their subject-matter, so that by referring to the index the page-number and space on the page where the clippings or articles referring to any particular subject are placed can readily be found. As illustrated in the drawings, these index characters are numerals, the numerals being arranged one opposite each strip, and preferably the strips will be numbered beginning with the top of the first page in the book.

From the above description it will be obvious that my scrap-book comprises a structure in which newspaper-clippings or other articles can be filed away in a compact space, and when it is desired to find any particular clipping the space where the clipping is may be readily found and when found can be easily read by merely turning the leaf up from the bottom.

Various changes may be made in the structure of the device without departing from the spirit of my invention, which is expressed in the following claims.

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

1. A scrap-book comprising a series of leaves, each leaf comprising a gummed sheet of paper having a series of slots, each slot terminating within a defined margin and parallel with one edge of the leaf, and means for securing all of the leaves together at such edge, whereby the opposite edge of the leaf may be turned up to expose the clipping.

2. A scrap-book comprising a series of leaves bound together at one end, each leaf comprising a gummed sheet of paper having a series of parallel slots terminating within a defined margin, said slots being parallel to the binding of the book, whereby the leaf may be turned up at the bottom to expose the clipping.

3. A scrap-book comprising a series of leaves bound together at one end, each leaf comprising a gummed sheet of paper having a series of parallel slots terminating within a defined margin, said slots extending parallel to the binding of the book, whereby a series of gummed strips are formed extending across the page and suitable index characters placed on the margin of each leaf, said index characters being placed opposite the gummed strips.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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