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Book-Cover Protectors.

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Fig. I.

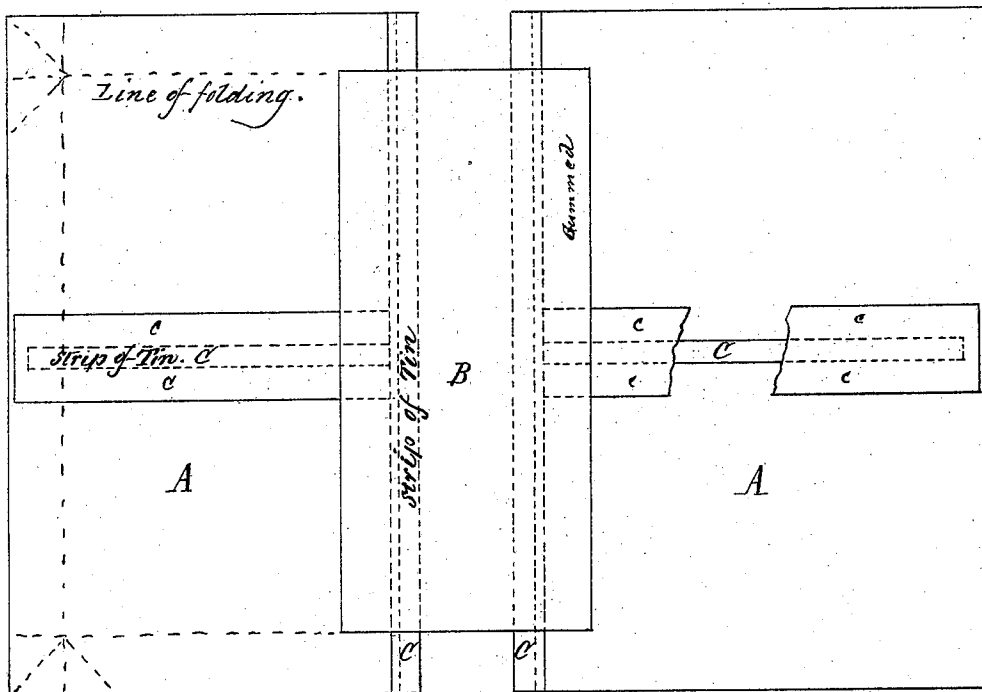
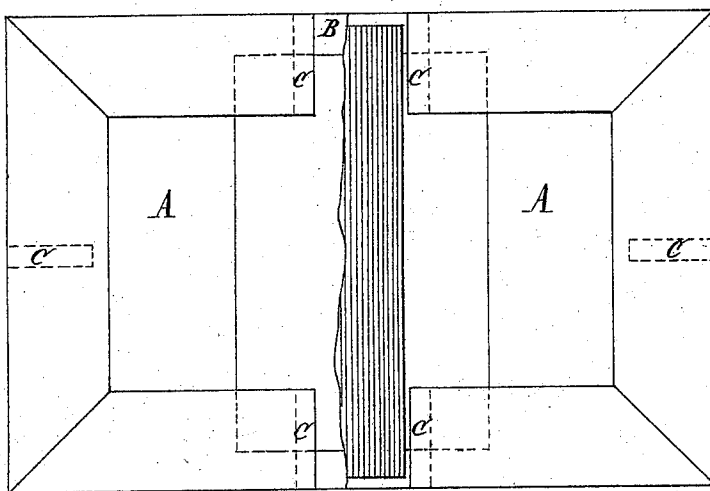


Fig. II.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-COVER PROTECTORS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 131,356, dated September 17, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHUS N. LARNED, of the city of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Book-Cover Protectors, of which the following is a specification:

My improvements relate to wrappers of paper applied to the covers of books, &c., for protecting the same from becoming soiled; and consist in the combination, with the side pieces of a book-cover protector, of flexible metallic strips secured to said side pieces by pasting a strip of paper over the same or otherwise, and arranged so that in applying the protector to the book-cover the said strips are bent over the edges of the cover with the overlapping portions of the protector, thereby securing the protector to the book-cover while allowing of the ready detachment thereof.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure I is an elevation of my improved book-cover protector spread out preparatory to applying to the book. Fig. II shows the protector applied to the book.

Like letters designate like parts in each of the figures.

A represents the side pieces of the protector, and B the back piece connecting the same. C represents the flexible metallic strips secured to the side pieces by pasting a strip of paper, *e*, over the same, or in any other suitable manner. As shown in the drawing one strip, C, is arranged near the back of the book, and another strip at right angles thereto in the middle of the cover. For large books several strips may be arranged on the protector

in either direction. The strips C are made of thin flexible metal, or other suitable material, so as to be readily bent in attaching and detaching the protector to the book-cover, while they are sufficiently stiff to secure the latter to the book-cover and to retain it in shape. The connecting or back piece B is attached to the side pieces A so as to leave its ends free, which are folded so as to adapt the length of the piece B to the size of the book. The back piece B may be attached to the side pieces either before or after the latter are applied to the book-cover, whereby the protector is adapted to books of different thicknesses.

In applying the protector to a book the back piece is preferably first secured to the side pieces, so as to correspond with the thickness of the book when its ends are folded in accordance with the length of the book. The overlapping portions of the side pieces are then folded over the edges of the book-cover in the ordinary manner, whereby the metallic strips C are bent so as to secure the protector to the cover. The protector is detached from the book by straightening out the metallic strips C in an obvious manner.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with the side pieces of a book-cover protector, of the flexible metallic strips C for securing the protector to the book, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

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