Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BINDING THICK SHEETS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS

Abstract: A bound book for displaying photographs and the like including a carrier sheet arrangement folded at least once to provide two carrier sheets separated by a fold and having respective dimensions similar a pair of display sheets, such as photographs, to be displayed. The display sheets are mounted on the respective carrier sheets by respective fastening layers. In one embodiment, the fastening layers include pressure sensitive adhesive and an associated support structure to prevent the pressure sensitive adhesive for adhering during assembly of the book when the display sheets are initially positioned over the fastening layers. The carrier sheet arrangement, display sheets and fastening layers are positioned within a cover assembly, with pressure then being applied to the cover assembly so as to activate the pressure sensitive adhesive and thereby secure the respective display sheets to the respective carrier sheets.
INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC: G09F 1/00(2006.01); A47G 1/06(2006.01); B42D 1/00(2006.01), 1/02(2006.01)
USPC: 40/124.13, 702; 281/21.1, 22
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S.: 40/124.13, 702; 281/21.1, 22
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages</th>
<th>Relevant to claim No.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>US 6,742,809 A (FROSIG et al) 1 June 2004, see column 4, lines 51-55 and figures 1b and 1c</td>
<td>1-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>US 6,171,008 A (OCHSNER) 9 January 2001, see column 2, lines 64-67 and figure 1</td>
<td>1-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>US 4,057,923 A (CHASE) 15 November 1977, see column 8, 44-55, and figure 6</td>
<td>3-5, 11-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>US 5,403,138 A (OTAKE et al) 4 April 1995, see figure 17</td>
<td>6-10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

“A” document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

“E” earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date

“L” document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

“O” document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

“P” document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

“T” later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

“X” document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

“Y” document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

“&” document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

Date of mailing of the international search report

02 September 2008 (02.09.2008) 18 SEP 2008

Name and mailing address of the ISA/US

Authorized officer
Dennis Banks
Telephone No. (571) 273-3201

Form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet) (April 2007)