

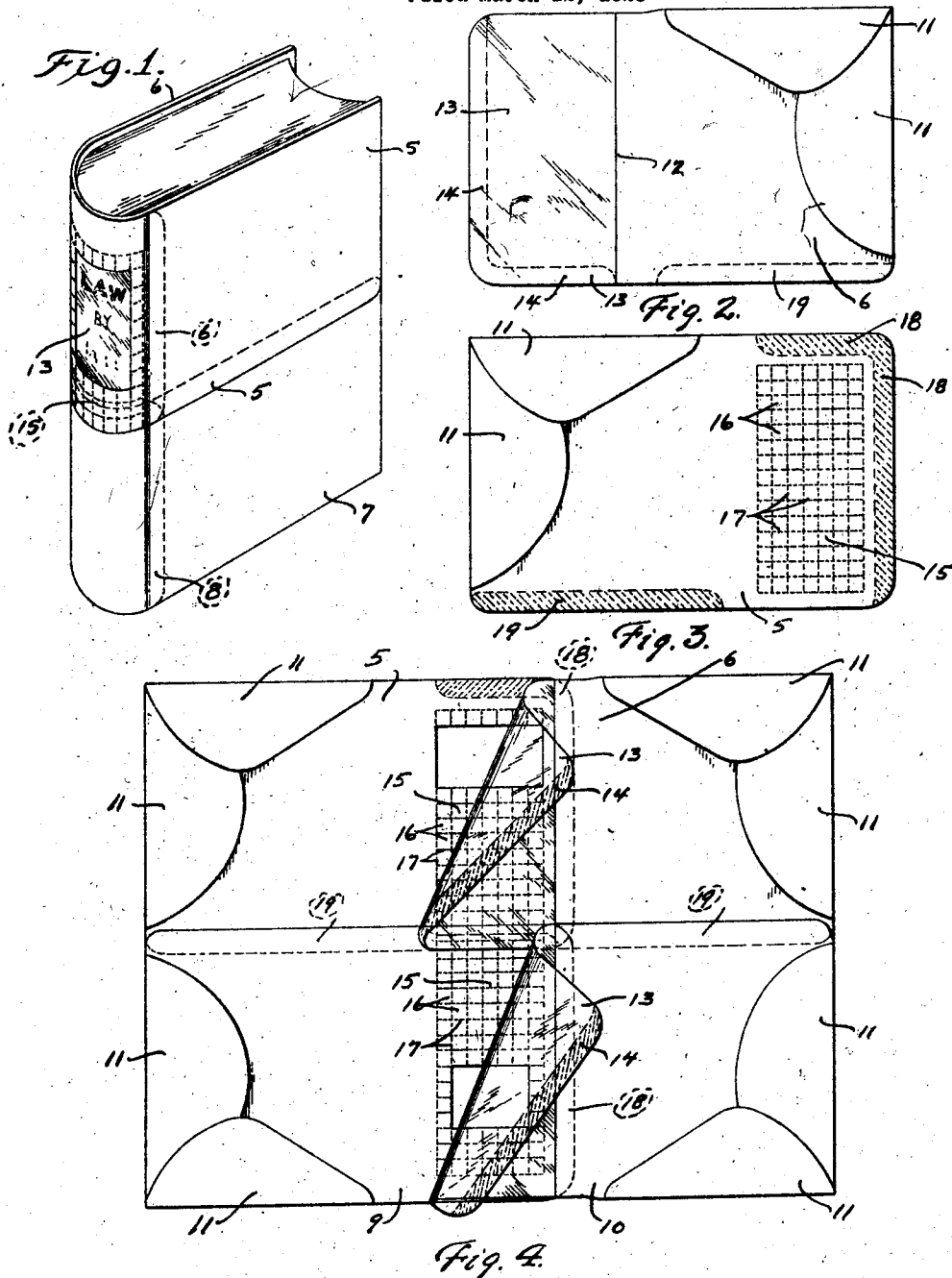
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MICHAEL F. SHERIDAN and PATRICK F. DAILEY, citizens of the United States of America, and residents, respectively, of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, and State of New York, and city of Olean, county of Cattaraugus, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book Covers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates generally to book covers, and more particularly to auxiliary or adjustable paper covers, designed to be placed over the binding or cover of a book either temporarily or permanently.

It is well known to those skilled in the art that a present day cover of this nature, when applied to a book, conceals the title of the book, which is often overcome in temporary covers by the provision of an opening in the paper forming the cover. Sometimes, such temporary covers are provided with printed titles instead of an opening, and such a cover not only requires the additional printing, but it cannot be used on any other book than the one on which it is supplied. These forms are, however, intended only as temporary wrappings to protect the covers of books, and are not suitable for permanent use.

It has been an object of our invention to provide an adjustable book cover with a transparent portion which will lie opposite any printed matter on the back of the book being covered.

Another object has been to provide a multi-section cover which shall fit books of various sizes, and in which there shall be provided means for exposing a portion of the back of the book at any desired point.

Another object has been to provide a durable cover of this kind, which shall be inexpensive to manufacture, easy to attach to a book, and neat and attractive in appearance.

The above objects and advantages have been accomplished by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, of which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of our complete cover assembled on a book.

Fig. 2 shows the transparent section of our cover.

Fig. 3 shows the perforated section thereof.

Fig. 4 shows an assembled view of a cover in which two transparent sections, and two

perforated sections are used, whereby two portions of the back of the book are exposed.

Our invention comprises preferably four members 5, 6, 7, and 8. In Fig. 4, the members corresponding to members 7 and 8 are designated as members 9 and 10, respectively. The opaque members 7 and 8, as shown in Fig. 1 are used when only the title or printing appearing at either the top or bottom of the book are to be exposed. When the user desires to expose the printing at both the top and bottom of the edge of the book, then either two pairs of members 5 and 6 are used, or a pair of members 9 and 10 are used with a pair of members 5 and 6. The members 9 and 10 are, therefore, exactly like the members 6 and 5, respectively, except that they are reversed.

Each of the members of our cover is provided at one of its corners with folded portions 11, thus forming a pocket into which the corner of the book's cover is slipped. Each of the members 6 and 10 is provided at its lateral edge 12, which is opposite the side edge of the cover with a piece of transparent material 13 such as celluloid, tracing cloth or waxed paper. This material is made of sufficient width so that it will overlap the backs of books of various sizes, and be so arranged that it will always be disposed over the printed matter of the book to which it is applied. This transparent portion 13 is provided with gummed edges 14, whereby it may be attached to the under part of the corresponding cover member 5.

Each of the members 5 and 9 has a detachable portion 15 which is provided over its entire surface with a plurality of sections 16 formed by a plurality of intersecting lines 17, which are made by scoring perforating, or otherwise partially cutting the material so that any desired number of sections may be removed by tearing along the lines bounding the sections. This detachable portion 15 is sufficiently wide so as to make it possible to use one size cover on a number of books of different sizes. These members 5 and 9 are provided with gummed edges 18 for securing this part of the book cover to the adjacent and corresponding parts.

When the book, shown in Fig. 1 is to be covered by our device, the member 5 is placed, for instance, over the book cover so that its corner will snugly fit into the pocket of the member formed by the folded por-

tions 11. So much of the back of the book, as it is desired to expose is then determined and sections 16, lying over the area to be exposed, are torn out along the lines 17.

5 After the opening has been provided, the member 6 is placed in position on the book, and the transparent portion 13 placed over the back of the book, thus covering the part of the back of the book, which it is desired to expose. The detachable portion 15 of the member 5 is then brought over on top of the transparent portion 13 and these two parts are secured together by moistening the gummed edges 14 and 18. Two opaque

15 members 7 and 8 are now placed upon the lower corners of the front and back covers of the book and their lateral ends secured together in the same manner as the ends of the members 5 and 6. The members 5 and 6 are then attached to the members 7 and 8, respectively, by means of the gummed edges 19 formed along the lower edge of each of the members 5 and 6, whereupon our cover is completed.

25 When it is desired to expose two portions of the rear edge of the book, either two pairs of members 5 and 6 may be used, or one pair of members 5 and 6 and a pair of members 9 and 10 may be used.

30 If desired the lines 17 may be extended to the lower edge of each member 5 and 9, whereby enough of the sections 16 may be

removed so as to expose the entire rear edge of the book. Instead of providing a separate piece of transparent material 13 attached to the member, the end portion of the member itself may be made transparent and thus accomplish the same result. Obviously, these as well as other modifications of the details herein shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit of our invention, or the scope of the appended claims, the form described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

Having thus described our invention, 45 what we claim is:

1. A multi-section book cover comprising a member having a detachable, scored section, and a cooperating member provided with transparent material arranged to overlap the scored section of the first mentioned member. 50

2. A multi-section book cover comprising a member having a detachable section formed with a plurality of intersecting, scored lines, and a member provided with transparent material arranged to overlap the detachable section of the first mentioned member. 55

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto 60 signed our names.

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