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ALBUM, SAMPLE BOOK, OR SCRAP BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

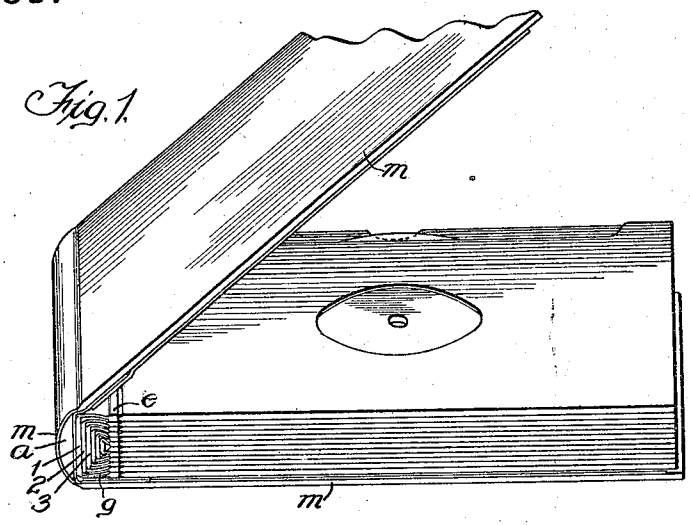


Fig. 2.

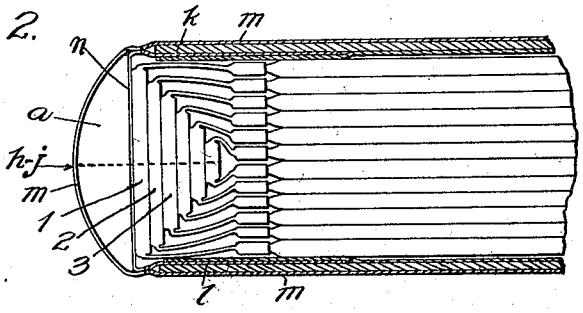


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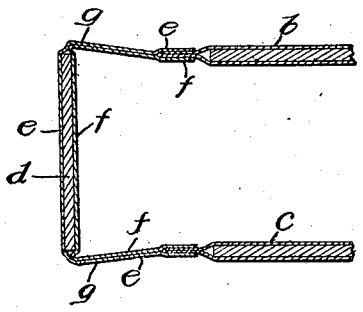
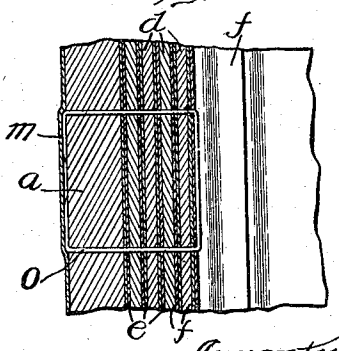


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY A. HOOKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wilmette, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements for Albums, Sample-Books, or Scrap-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to albums and is particularly applicable to albums holding in envelops heavy articles such as phonograph disk records, samples of cloth, hardware, or the like, although is not limited for such use.

The object of my invention is to provide a durable album of simple and new construction, which will have each of the envelops securely and independently fastened in place in such manner that they will not sag, and so separated that space will be provided for the thickness of articles contained therein, and which album will be so constructed that one envelop even if damaged or torn will not cause a separation or loosening of other envelops.

In the accompanying drawing Figure (1) is a perspective view of an album provided with my improvement; Fig. (2) is an end view showing the album closed; Fig. (3) is an end view of a section; Fig. (4) is a sectional view on line (*h*—*j*) of Fig. (2) showing the wire staple (*o*).

In carrying out my invention I provide, first, a piece of wood which I will refer to in the following description as the backbone (*a*) as shown in Fig. (2). This backbone is of sufficient width to extend to outside surfaces of covers so that the covers will support the backbone when album is standing on edge. The envelops contained in this album are fastened to backbone (*a*) in sections, as shown in Fig. (2). Section (1) contains the first and last envelops of the album; section (2) contains the second and next to last envelops of the album; section (3) contains the third envelop and the third from the last envelop. Section (2) telescopes into section (1), and section (3) into section (2). As many sections may be provided as number of envelops desired in the album, provided each section telescopes into the preceding section.

These sections are constructed in such a way that the back or separator piece of first section separates the first and last envelops of the album the whole width of backbone (*a*). The back or separator piece of section two separates the second and next to last envelops just enough to allow for the thickness of article or articles fastened or contained in the preceding section. The third section is enough narrower to allow for article or articles in section two, and so on.

The method of constructing these sections is described as follows:

Using Fig. (3). A section consists of two envelops (*b*) and (*c*) and a separator piece (*d*). This separator piece is a piece of pulp board, about the width and length of flat side of backbone (*a*) shown in Fig. (2) and of a thickness to give proper stiffness in relation to the size of album desired. These three pieces (*b*) (*c*) and (*d*) are fastened together into a section by fastening with an adhesive to the sides of (*d*) pieces of cloth (*e*) and (*f*) wide enough to lap over both sides, coming together to form hinges (*g*) and lapping up over each side of the envelops as shown in (*b*) and (*c*).

The above description describes section (1) of album. Section (2) is identical to section (1) except that pulp board strip (*d*) is narrower, thereby creating a narrower section. Section (3) is identical to section (2) except that pulp board strip (*d*) is narrower than strip in section (2) thereby creating a narrower section than section (2).

These sections telescoping one within the other when completed to fill the album are fastened to backbone (*a*) Fig. (2) with wire staples (*o*) Fig. (4), passing through the center of each and every section as shown by line (*h*—*j*) in Fig. (2) and clenched on back of backbone. The pieces of pulp board (*d*) when fastened in place have the appearance of a pyramid with a base on the flat side of backbone (*a*) Fig. (2). Between the first section and the backbone is fastened with an adhesive, a strong piece of cloth (*n*), which extends both sides of backbone far enough to be firmly fastened by adhesive to covers (*k*) and (*l*) which covers are also fastened with adhesive by cloth (*m*) to the rounded surfaces of backbone (*a*).

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is

1. The combination in an album of covers, a wood backbone extending to outside edges of covers, sections telescoping into one another secured to wood backbone, each of

said sections comprising two envelops, two strips of cloth forming a connection between said envelops, and a separator piece of pulp board secured between said strips of cloth, substantially as set forth.

2. An album comprising a wood backbone, sections telescoped and fastened to wood backbone by wire staples, each of said sections being composed of two envelops, and a separator piece of pulp board secured between two strips of cloth, said separator piece gradually decreasing in width from the outer to the inner sections, substantially as described.

3. In combination in an album a cover, a backbone of wood, sections each composed of two envelops, two strips of cloth, forming a connection between said envelops, and a separator piece of pulp board secured between said strips substantially as described.

4. The combination in an album of sections telescoping into each other, each section comprising two envelops, two strips of cloth forming a connection between said envelops, and a separator piece secured between said strips of cloth; said separator piece gradually decreasing in width from the outer to the inner sections, substantially as described.

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