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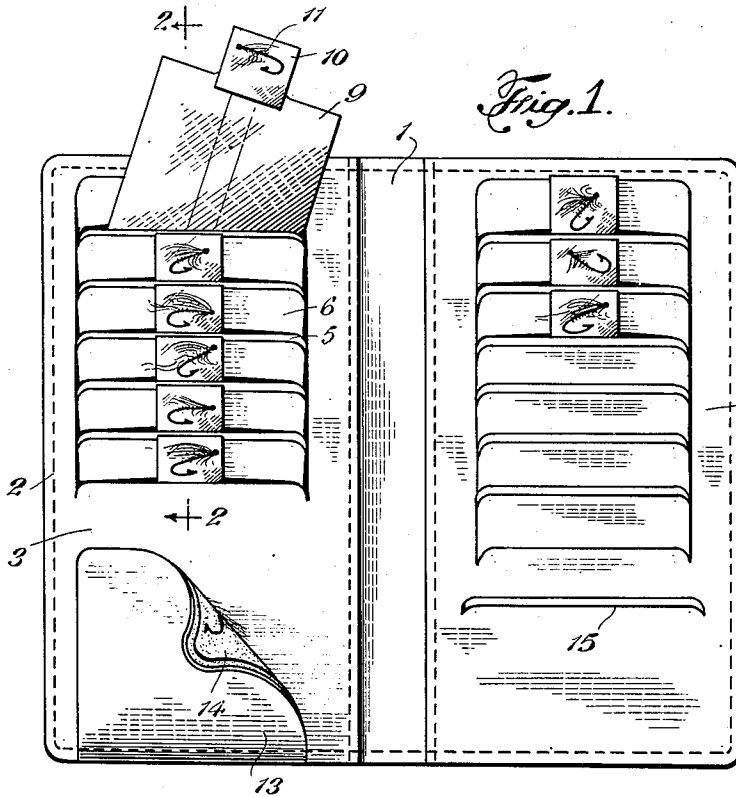


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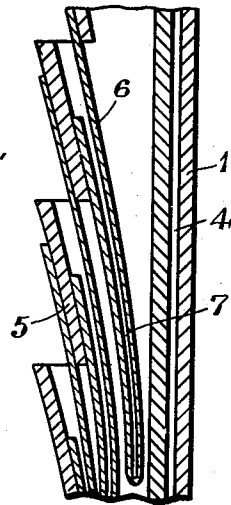


Fig. 2.

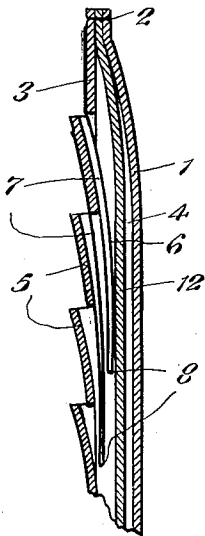
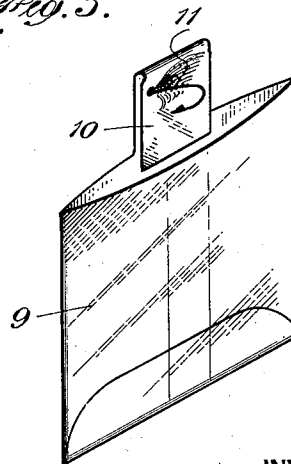


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to fishermen's fly books. It is an object of the invention to provide a fly book having separate compartments for storage of groups of flies of different types, to provide for visual identification and selection of the flies of each type, and to provide protection against damage to the flies until they are removed for use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

A preferred embodiment of the invention selected for purposes of illustration is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the book in open position.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, the envelopes having been removed from the pockets.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the envelopes.

Referring to the drawings, the book comprises an outside cover 1, preferably rectangular in shape, consisting of any suitable flexible sheet material such as leather, plastic, rubber, or coated textile, for example. Secured to the left hand side of the cover 1, as by marginal stitching 2, is a panel 3, preferably extending the full height of the cover, but extending transversely somewhat less than one-half the full width of the cover. Preferably the panel 3 is secured to the cover along only three of its marginal edges, as for example, the top, bottom and left hand edges as shown, the right hand edge being left free to provide a pocket 4 between the panel and the cover for storage of other fishing equipment such as leaders, for example.

Extending transversely across the panel 3 are a series of spaced slits which form a series of transverse webs 5 integrally connected to the panel at their ends. Attached to the front face of each web is one end of a piece of material 6 which extends downwardly, then upwardly, with the other end secured to the rear face of the next lower web, thus forming a series of staggered, overlapping pockets 7 having the bottom of each pocket defined by the fold lines 8.

An envelope 9 is carried in each pocket, said envelopes being preferably made from clear, transparent plastic sheet material. The envelopes are preferably open along their upper edges for the insertion and removal of flies, and a tab 10 containing a visual representation of the flies in the envelope projects upwardly from the upper edge of each envelope. Preferably the tabs comprise two plies of sheet material and a

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representation of a fly or preferably a sample fly 11 may be inserted and held between the plies. At least the front fly of the tab is made of clear, transparent material to enable the user to visually identify the type of fly contained within the envelope.

The depth of each pocket, as determined by the fold line 8, is preferably approximately equal to the height of the envelope to be received therein, and the height of each tab is preferably not greater than the distance between successive pockets. In this manner, as shown in Figure 1, when the envelopes are inserted in the pockets, the envelopes are concealed, but the projecting tabs are visible, enabling the user to quickly select the desired type of fly. The selected envelope may then be removed, and a fly withdrawn from the envelope. In the embodiment shown, the envelopes and tabs are all of equal size as are the pockets and webs, but these dimensions can be varied, if desired.

Preferably the panel 3 is backed by a ply 12 of similar material which covers the pockets 7 and is interposed between the pockets and the cover so that the pockets do not interfere with the usefulness of the pocket 4.

A similar panel 3' is preferably secured to the right hand portion of the cover 1, said panel being provided with pockets and envelopes like those previously described. The book may be folded along a line between the panels 3 and 3' so as to be conveniently carried.

If desired, the book may be provided with certain accessories for the convenience of the fisherman. Thus, the left hand panel may have a flap 13 secured to its bottom edge and backed with a sheepskin pad 14 for storing bucktail and streamer flies which are too large for the envelopes and tabs previously described. Likewise, the right hand panel may be provided with a pocket 15 in which a license card may be carried.

It will be noted that the envelopes provide complete protection against damage to the flies stored therein. Nevertheless, the desired fly may be quickly selected and removed for use.

It will be understood that the invention may be variously modified and embodied within the scope of the subjoined claim.

I claim as my invention:

A fisherman's fly book comprising a panel of sheet material having slots therein, a series of staggered overlapping pockets of substantially equal depth secured to the material between the slots, an envelope in each pocket for the storage of flies, the height of said envelopes being sub-

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stantially equal to the depth of said pockets, and a tab projecting from the upper edge of each envelope and extending out of the respective pockets, said tab being transparent and defining a receptacle adapted to contain visual identification means for the files contained in each envelope.

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