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Fig. 1,

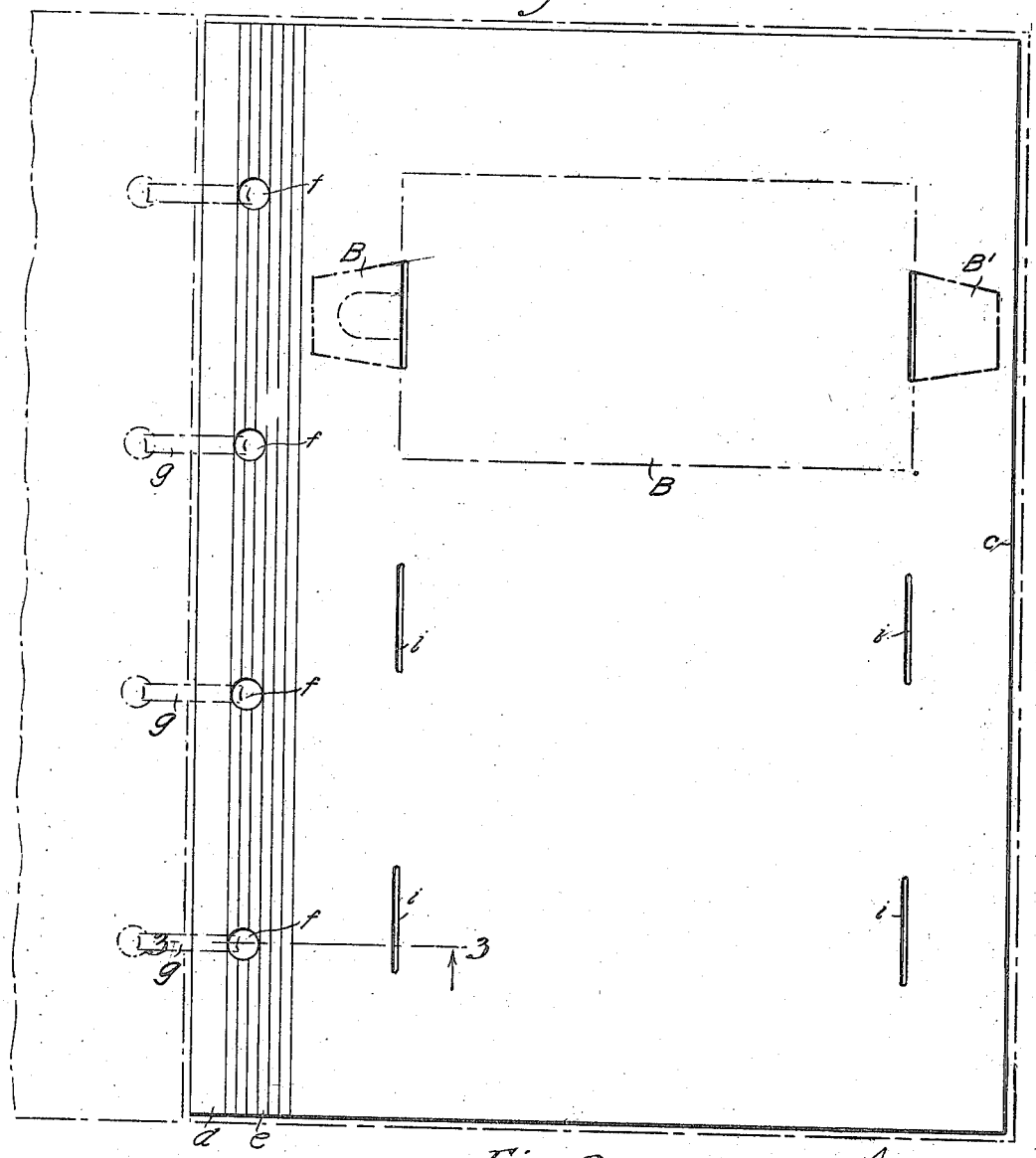


Fig. 2,

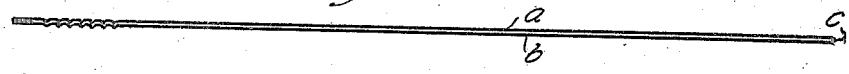


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GREEN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of New York city, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Leaf for Sample-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to devices for displaying samples, and more particularly to a sample book of the "loose leaf" type, and it has for its object to produce a flexible leaf so constructed that the samples may be mounted upon one or both members thereof as desired.

A further object of the invention is to produce in an economical manner a flexible leaf so constructed that the sample-carrying members thereof shall be permanently united in such manner as to leave openings at the top and bottom edges of the members, whereby the hand may be inserted to facilitate the application of the samples thereto and their ready removal therefrom.

Further objects of the invention will be developed in connection with the following description of its construction.

To the above ends, my invention consists of a flexible leaf comprising a face member and a back member, the members being united along the outer right-hand edge with an opening between the members at their upper and lower edges; and it further consists of the devices and combinations of devices which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

My invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which I have shown in Fig. 1 a plan view of a flexible leaf embodying my invention, and in dotted lines I have illustrated an adjacent leaf and means for connecting the leaves to form a book; also, I have indicated in dotted lines a sample slip mounted upon the face member of the leaf. Fig. 2 shows a transverse sectional view of a flexible leaf embodying my invention. Fig. 3 shows, somewhat enlarged and approximately full sized, a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters will be employed to designate corresponding parts.

The device as shown in the drawing consists of a flexible leaf A which is made of a relatively thin but strong flexible material such as paper, and it comprises a face member *a* and a back member *b*. These members correspond in size and shape, and they are united along their outer right-hand edge. They are integrally formed and the union at their outer right-hand edge consists of a fold or crease *c*. Along the left-hand edge there is a marginal extension *d* and a creased flexible portion *e* formed in both members of the leaf, whereby they may be secured in a binder, and for this purpose the extension is provided with apertures *f* to receive the binding means such as a tape or cord *g*. Preferably the extension *d* formed by the superimposed free edges of the members *a* and *b* are permanently fastened together with an interposed filling strip *h* (see Fig. 3 of the drawing).

As thus constructed, the members *a* and *b* are entirely free from each other except at the folded edge *c* and along the extension *d* at the opposite edge. Thus, there are provided openings both at the top and the bottom edges whereby the space between the members *a* and *b* may be entered by the hand for the purpose of the ready application to the face member and the removal therefrom of the samples. The samples are so mounted as not to destroy the flexibility of the leaf, and for this purpose the samples are mounted upon detachable sample slips B (see dotted lines, Fig. 1), having projecting tabs B′ which are inserted in parallel slits *i* arranged in pairs, one slit of each pair being located adjacent the opposite edges of the leaf. When the tabs B and B′ are inserted in the slits *i*, they are received between the face member and the back member *b* and are entirely covered. The flexibility of the leaf with the openings at the upper and lower edges provides for the ready manipulation of the sample slips, as by slipping the hand between the face member *a* and the back member *b* sample slips may be readily inserted and removed.

While I have shown one member only as provided with slits *i* to receive the tabs of the sample slips B, it is contemplated that both members may be provided with such slits.

It will be noted that while the slips B are mounted upon the outer surface of the leaf, and each slip in its entirety, with the exception of its tabs B and B′, is exposed for ready manipulation, yet the tabs B and B′ are received within the space between the members and are thus covered and protected so that they cannot accidentally contact

with any portion of adjacent leaves, and thus the likelihood of accidental disengagement of the sample slips is prevented.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A leaf for sample books, comprising a face member and a back member of flexible material united along one edge and having slots formed in one of the members, the said slots being spaced apart from each other and in vertical parallel relation, and the free edges of the members being extended to form a binding strip.

2. A leaf for sample books, comprising a face member and a back member formed of relatively thin flexible material folded upon each other along one edge, the free edges of the members being extended to form a binding strip, and having slots formed in one of the members, the said slots being spaced apart from each other and in vertical parallel relation.

3. A leaf for sample books, comprising a face member and a back member formed integrally and folded along one edge, the free edges of the members provided with a crimped or scored extension with means for securing them in a binder and provided with an interposed strengthening strip.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to the specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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