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Book Cover Protector.
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Fig. 2.

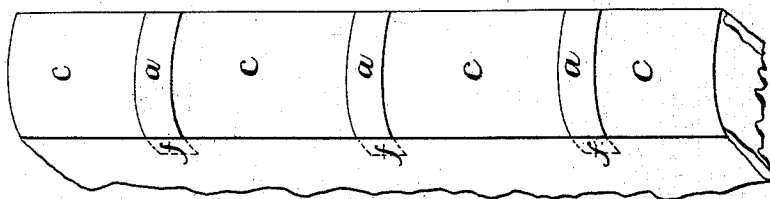
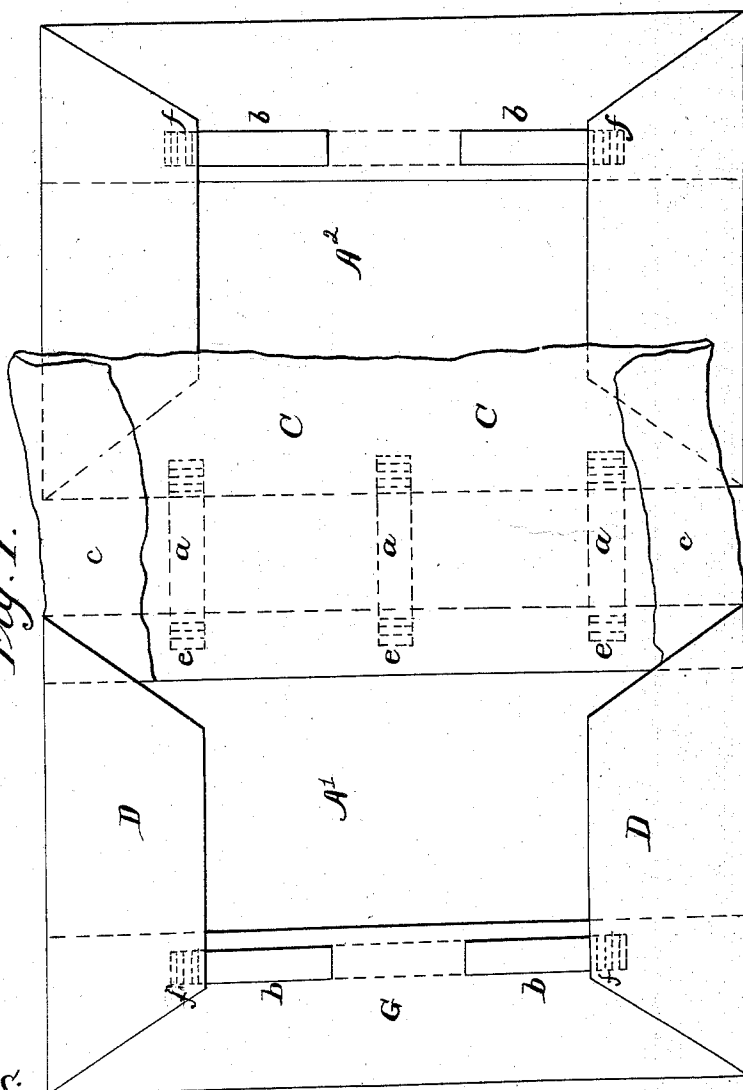


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-COVER PROTECTORS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, CHARLES L. ALEXANDER and VICTORIA A. OSBORN, of Washington city, in the county of Washington, and District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Book-Cover Protectors; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the cover-protector open previous to use.

Figure 2, a view of the back of said protector when on a book.

The present invention consists in rendering the book-cover protector expansible, which may be put on and taken off at pleasure, and which will adapt itself to books of various thicknesses and of several sizes. It can be made of linen, India rubber, leather, or other material of sufficient durability, strength, and elasticity.

The cover-protector, (see fig. 1,) is in two parts, A¹ and A², connected together by India-rubber or elastic bands *a a a*, and having a centre piece or flap, C C, attached at *c c c* to the part A¹, or forming a part and being an extension of said part. Also the India-rubber or elastic bands *b b b b*, fastened at the points *f f f f*, hold firmly the upper and lower folded portions of the cover D D, pass through part of the end folds G G, thus allowing of an adaptation of the same cover by new folds to books of various sizes. These India-rubber or elastic bands may be attached by sewing or by means of clasps or eyelets. The centre piece or flap C C, whether a part of A¹ or detached, will also accommodate itself easily, by means of the upper and lower extended folded portions *e e*, to similar requirements. But should the part A¹ be extended so as to replace the centre piece or flap C C, then said part may be attached to A² by an elastic band or bands to a point or points underneath the folded portion G, in which case, in adjusting the cover-protector to a book, the folded upper and lower portions D D would have to be cut at the points desired to fit the back.

It is obvious that, in accordance with the plan of the invention, the elastic bands or straps described in each of the several situations may be widened so as to fill the whole space, though this is not regarded either as an economical or desirable mode of constructing the cover. In order to adjust the back to correspond in length with the sides, when applied to a larger volume than the original fold is adapted to, an ivory folder or the back of a large knife may be applied to form the new fold desired.

We are aware that a book-cover protector, the overlapping back edges of which have been heretofore joined together by paste or mucilage, has already been patented; we do not therefore broadly claim such a device, but we do claim as an improvement in detachable book-cover protectors—

1. The elastic bands or straps *a a*, &c., to form an expansible connection for the two halves of the cover-protector, substantially as described.
2. The elastic bands or straps *b b*, &c., in combination with the flap *c c* of centre piece C, and the folds D D and G G, substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.
3. Such a book-cover protector, or mode of covering bound books, as, by reason of its expansibility and extensibility, may be adjusted to books of various sizes, substantially as described.

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