

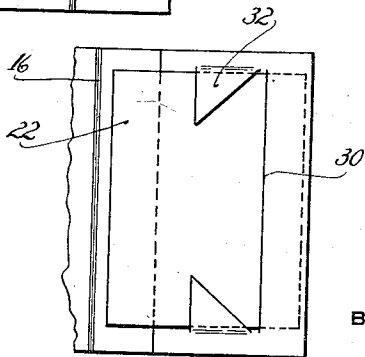
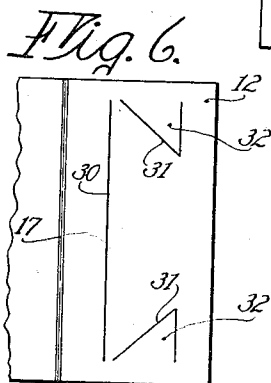
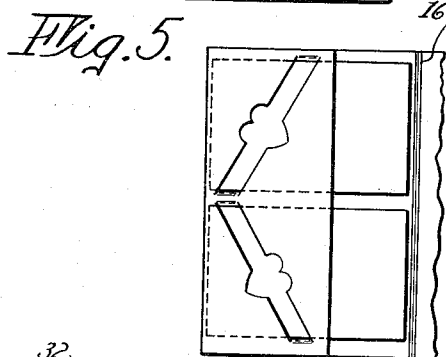
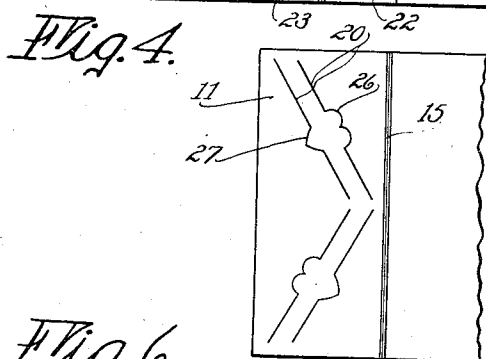
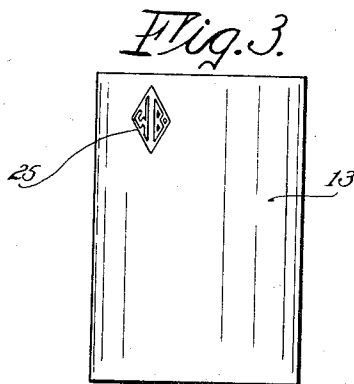
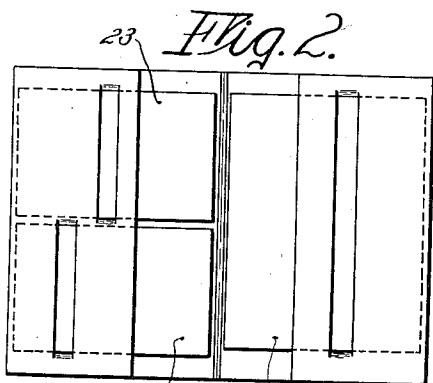
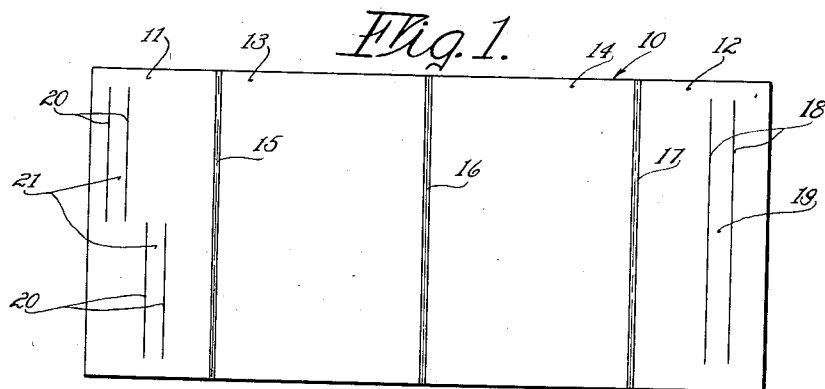
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This invention relates to a portfolio for carrying stationery such as writing paper and envelopes.

One object of the invention is to provide a portfolio of this type suitable for use in packaging writing paper and envelopes for sale, and with that object in view, to provide a portfolio construction which may be manufactured at a cost permitting it to be discarded when the stationery packaged therein has been used up. Other and further objects will be apparent from the following specification and claims.

In the accompanying drawing which illustratively embodies my invention,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the portfolio is formed;

Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the portfolio in open position with the stationery in place;

Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the portfolio closed;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary plan view similar to Fig. 1, showing a modified form of stationery retaining means;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the modification of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary plan view similar to Fig. 1 showing an alternative form of retaining means; and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the retaining means of Fig. 6.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawing, the portfolio is shown as formed from a single elongated sheet 10 of relatively stiff material, such as a heavy paper stock. The sheet 10 is divided into end or flap portions 11 and 12 and front and rear cover portions 13 and 14 respectively, by transverse creases 15, 16, and 17, which serve to hinge the various portions together. As shown, end portion 12 is provided with a single pair of parallel slits 18 spaced from the end of the blank and forming a retaining strap 19 and end portion 11 is provided with two pair of shorter parallel slits 20 forming two relatively offset straps 21. The portfolio is loaded with stationery by inserting a pack or plurality of sheets of writing paper 22 beneath the strap 19 and folding the flap 12 inwardly onto the rear cover member 14 as shown in Fig. 2. Similarly packs of envelopes 23 are inserted beneath the straps 21 and end flap 11 is then folded inwardly onto the front cover portion 13, as also shown in Fig. 2. The portfolio is closed by folding the cover portions 13 and 14 together along the crease 16 book fashion with the infolded ends or flaps 11 and 12 enclosed between the cover portions as shown in Fig. 3.

If desired, the outer face of the front cover portion 13 may be provided with a decorative design such as indicated at 25 as by printing or embossing or otherwise applying the decorative design thereto. If desired the slits 18 and 20 may be given an irregular outline, or the flaps in part cut away adjacent the slits, to give an ornamental design effect to the flaps when the stationery is in place. For example, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, slits 20 are formed intermediate their ends with irregular portions 26 and 27 which when the stationery is in place have a heart-shaped appearance as shown in Fig. 5. The appearance is enhanced when, as is preferable, the portfolio stock is of different color from the stationery which it contains.

While in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive the retaining means for receiving the stationery are in the general form of straps, the slits or cuts made in the end flaps 11 and 12 may take any desired form suitable for retaining stationery in place. For example, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the flap 12 may be provided with a single slit 30 and two angular slits 31, the latter forming tabs or fingers 32. In loading the carrier flap the paper is inserted beneath the fingers 32 and into slit 30 as shown in Fig. 7. It will be understood of course that the fingers 32 may be given an ornamental outline if desired.

While the portfolio has been shown as containing note paper and envelopes, the portfolio can be used for other combinations of items of stationery, thus a pack of correspondence cards could be substituted for one of the packs of envelopes. The note paper carrying flap might be omitted where only the cards and their envelopes are to be packaged. Similarly envelopes and cards, or small note paper, may be carried by both flaps.

What I claim is:

1. A portfolio for stationery which comprises front and rear cover members hinged together to be swung to and from open and closed positions, a flap member secured along the edge of one of the cover members opposite the hinge of the covers and folded inwardly toward said hinge to be enclosed between the covers when the latter are in closed position, and means carried by and integrally united with the flap for retaining stationery between the flap and the adjacent cover member, said means holding the stationery against movement in the direction of the open ends of the portfolio and adapted to position the outer edge of the stationery in the fold of the flap and cover member, said fold forming means

to restrain the stationery from movement in the direction of the open side of the portfolio.

2. A portfolio for stationery which comprises an elongated sheet of relatively stiff material having its end portions folded inwardly onto one face of the sheet with the end edges spaced from each other, the so-folded sheet being folded centrally to form front and rear cover portions and position the infolded end portions between said cover portions, each end portion being provided with a plurality of cuts forming means displaceable from the plane of the end portion for retaining stationery between the infolded end portion and the adjacent cover portion, said means holding the stationery against movement in the direction of the open ends of the portfolio and adapted to position the outer edge of the stationery in the fold of the end portion and adjacent cover portion, said fold forming means to restrain the stationery from movement in the direction of the open side of the portfolio.

3. A portfolio for stationery which comprises a single elongated sheet of relatively stiff material having its end portions folded inwardly onto one face of the sheet with the end edges spaced from each other, the so-folded sheet being folded centrally to form front and rear cover portions and position the infolded end portions between said cover portions, each end portion being provided with a plurality of cuts forming strap-like members displaceable from the plane of the end portion in the direction of the adjacent cover portion for retaining stationery between the infolded end portion and said adjacent cover portion, said strap-like members holding the stationery against movement in the direction of the open ends of the portfolio, and adapted to position the outer edge of the stationery in the fold of the end portion and adjacent cover portion, said fold forming means to restrain the stationery from movement in the direction of the open side of the portfolio.

4. A stationery package which comprises an elongated sheet of relatively stiff material having its end portions folded inwardly onto one face of the sheet to form flaps with the end edges spaced from each other, the so-folded sheet being folded centrally to form front and rear cover members and to position the infolded flaps between the cover members, said flaps being each provided with a plurality of cuts forming strap-like members, packs of stationery threaded through said cuts, the outer edges of said packs being positioned between the flaps and adjacent cover member and engaged in the folds of the flaps to prevent movement of the packs in the direction of the open side of the package, said strap-like members preventing movement of the packs in the direction of the open ends of the package.

5. A stationery package which comprises an elongated sheet of relatively stiff material having its end portions folded inwardly onto one face of the sheet to form flaps with the end edges spaced from each other, the so-folded sheet being folded centrally to form front and rear cover members and to position the infolded flaps between the cover members, said flaps being each provided with a plurality of cuts of predetermined shape forming strap-like members, packs of stationery, differing in color from the color of said flaps, threaded through said cuts to displace said strap-like members from the plane of the flaps in the direction of the adjacent cover member and expose the surface of the packs through the openings formed on the flap by the displacement of the strap-like members to provide a design effect determined by the shape of the cuts, the outer ends of the packs being engaged in the folds of the flaps to prevent movement of the packs in the direction of the open side of the package, said strap-like members preventing movement of the packs in the direction of the open end of the package.

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