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BLANK BOOK COVER.

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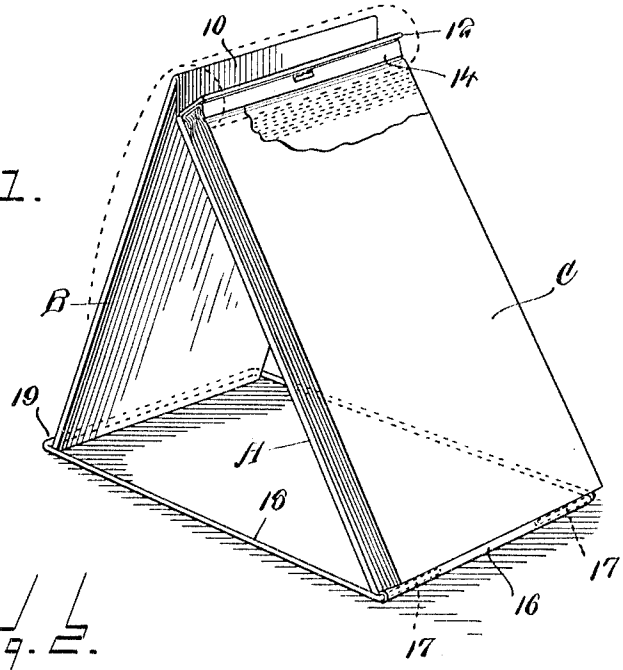


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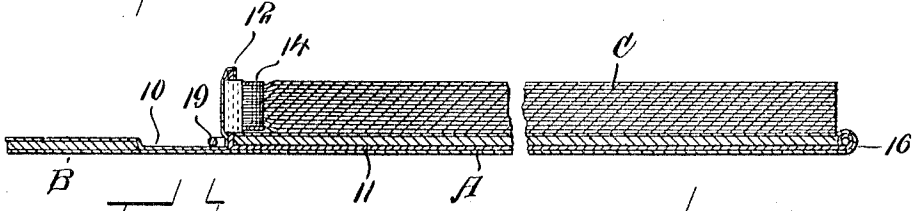


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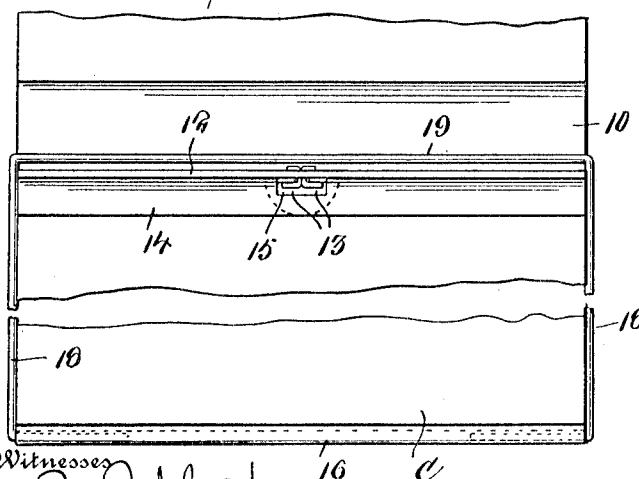


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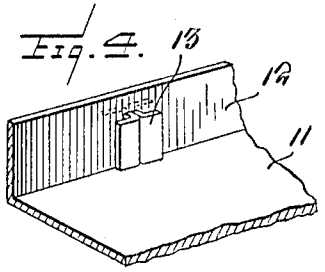
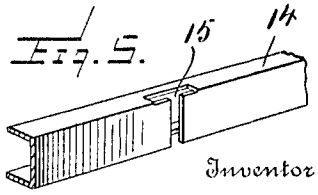


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. GEARHART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fresno, in the county of Fresno and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Blank-Book Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to blank book covers and especially to covers for receiving a filler, such as a stenographer's note book.

One object of the present invention is to simplify and improve the cover construction.

Another object of the invention is to associate with one side member of the cover a back member constituting also a holder with which a filler may easily be detachably connected.

A further object of the invention is to provide in connection with the book cover a pivotally supported loop or yoke which may be used for supporting the side members of the cover in a tilted position with respect to one another or in approximate A-shape, thereby supporting the filler in a convenient position for transcribing notes thereon; said loop when not in present use for supporting purposes being accommodated between the filler supporting back member and a flexible back member whereby the side cover members are connected together.

With these and other ends in view which will readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the improved construction and novel arrangement and combination of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing has been illustrated a simple and preferred form of the invention, it being, however, understood that no limitation is necessarily made to the precise structural details therein exhibited, but that changes, alterations and modifications within the scope of the claims may be resorted to when desired.

In the drawing,—Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the improved blank book cover with a filler therein in position for transcribing. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken longitudinally through the book cover and filler, the topmost side cover being thrown open. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device as seen in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view of a portion of the back member having the filler attaching device. Fig. 5 is a perspective detail view of a portion of a filler holder coöperating therewith.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like characters of reference.

The side cover members A and B of the improved device are connected together by a flexible back member 10. One of the side cover members includes in its construction a plate 11 of sheet metal, one end of which is upturned at right angles to the body of the plate so as to form a flange 12. Suitably connected with the flange 12 are angle lugs 13 which combine to form a T-head, as will be best seen in Fig. 4. The flange 12 is formed adjacent to the flexible back member 10, which latter folds upon said flange when the side members of the cover are folded together.

A filler C is provided, the same consisting of a plurality of loose leaves which are connected together by a holder consisting of a channel strip 14 of sheet metal, the same being clamped upon the stack of leaves at one edge thereof, and said channel strip being provided with a T-shaped notch 15 adapted to be placed in engagement with the T-head formed by the angle lugs 13 for the purpose of assembling the filler with the cover.

The metallic stiffening plate 11 of the cover member A is rolled or bent at one end to form a sleeve 16 for the reception of pivot members 17 formed by bending the ends of the limbs or side members 18 of a yoke constructed of suitable wire; the bridge piece 19 of said yoke being of a length equal to the width of the side members of the back cover. When the latter is folded together, the bridge piece of the yoke may be disposed between the upstanding flange 12 and the flexible back portion 10, as seen in Fig. 2, and the cover may then be closed upon the filler, as will be readily understood. When the device is laid down flat on a table, the top cover member B may be thrown open, as seen in Fig. 2, and the leaves of the filler may then be successively turned for the writing of notes, said leaves being preferably weakened adjacent to their connected edges in accordance with the construction previously patented to me. When the notes are to be transcribed, the side members A and B of the cover are placed in a tilted position with respect to one another, and the lower edge of the cover member B is confined within the yoke, thereby preventing the side

members from spreading and supporting the filler in a convenient position for transcribing.

While the invention has been described particularly with reference to stenographers' note books, it will be understood that it may be used for a variety of purposes, and that no limitation is intended in this respect.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A book cover comprising side cover members and a flexible back member connecting the same, one of said side cover members having an upstanding rigid flange provided with filler attaching means, and a yoke pivotally connected with one side cover member, spanning the other side cover member and including a bridge piece adapted to rest in the angle between the flexible back member and the upstanding rigid flange.

2. A book cover for blank leaves comprising side cover members, a flexible back member connecting the same and a filler support adjacent to the back member, and a yoke pivotally connected with one side cover member and adapted to span the filler support and the other side cover member.

3. A book cover comprising side cover members and a flexible back member connecting the same, one of said side cover members including a metallic reinforcing plate having an upturned flange adjacent to the back member and constituting a filler support and having at its opposite end a rolled portion forming a sleeve, and a yoke pivoted in said sleeve and adapted to span the filler support and the other side cover member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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