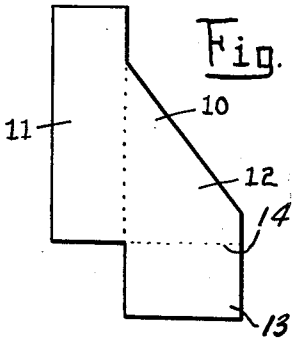
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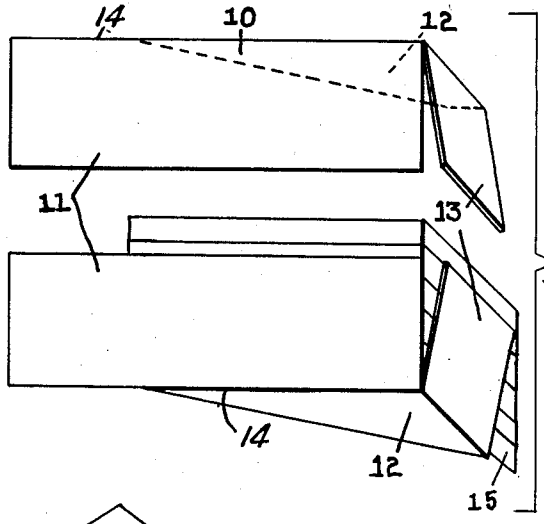


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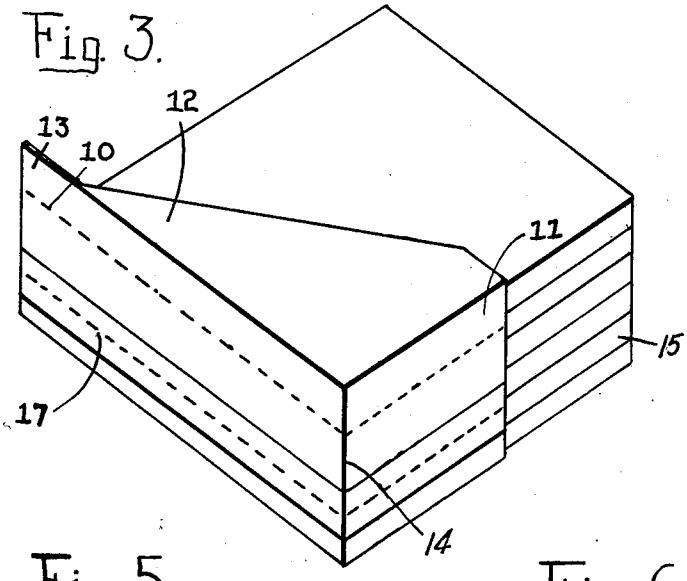


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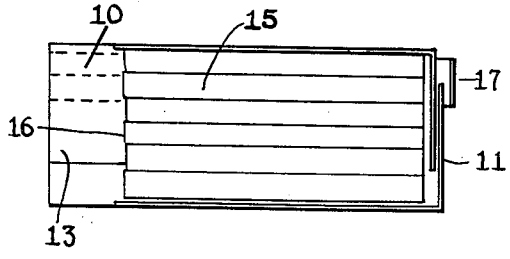
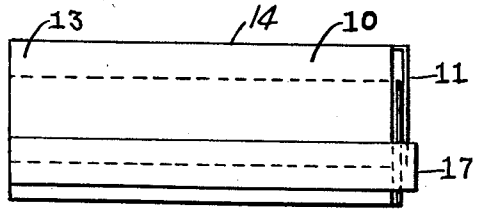


Fig. 6.



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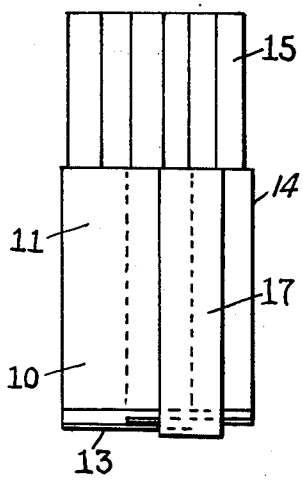


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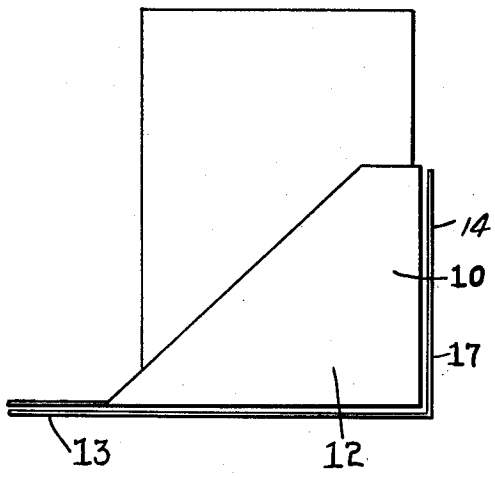
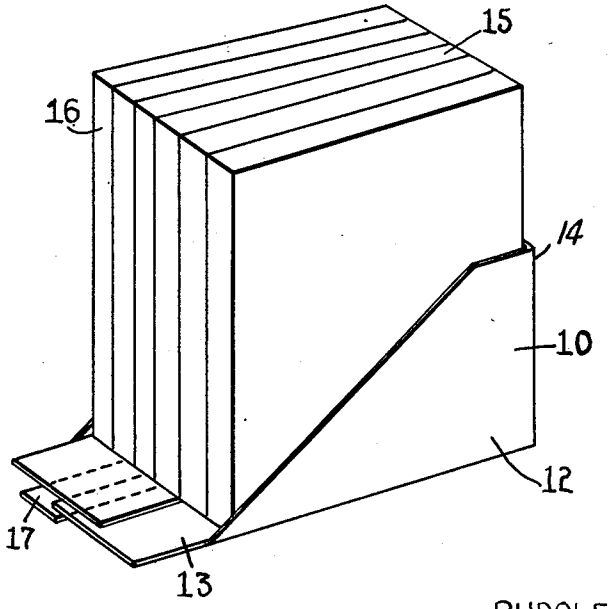


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to new and novel improvements in a filing aid and system. While not limited thereto, it is particularly concerned with devices and systems for filing of that type which are particularly useful in connection with the filing and permanent or semi-permanent storage of unbound or lightly bound periodicals, newspapers, notebooks and the like.

The invention is of particular utility in connection with the storage of periodicals bound in paper or the like and which have pertinent data as to the nature of the particular numbers of the periodicals within the cover on the back of the individual issue. In the case of such periodicals my new invention permits the permanent storage without further binding in a condition where the issues will be well preserved for a long time and where any desired issue may be easily selected and where such a selected issue may readily be withdrawn where this is desired and returned when one is finished therewith.

The new invention permits the manufacture of a small selected series of filing aids to cover periodicals of any desired size and also will make it possible for one and the same size of periodical to be bound in the same size of filing aid, even where the thickness of the issues varies considerably over equal periods of time.

It will presently be understood that the product of the new invention is extremely simple in use and may readily be handled to advantage in libraries, hospitals, publishing houses, industrial offices, laboratories and many other places where periodicals or notebooks are usually handled and filed. The simplicity of the invention permits ready use even by inexperienced help and the product of the invention may be manufactured readily on standard equipment using relatively inexpensive and readily available stock.

In accordance with the invention two individual complementary paper sleeves are made up to hold two opposite sides of the assembled periodicals and support their bases and the two paper sleeves are connected at their base by a strip of pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. Before joining the two separate bases they will be fitted relatively tightly to the assembled periodicals, notebooks or the like. Thereafter the pressure-sensitive adhesive tape will be fitted along the center back and bottom of the assembly, smoothened down, and the entire assembly is ready for permanent or semi-permanent filing.

For better understanding of the invention reference will be made to the appended drawings forming a material part of this specification, and

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where similar parts are referred to by similar numerals throughout the several views shown:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a blank from which each sleeve may be manufactured;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the fitting of the sleeves to the assembly;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the completed assembly looking at it from the rear bottom corner;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the assembly from one side;

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the assembly;

Fig. 6 is a bottom plan view of the assembly;

Fig. 7 is a rear elevational view of the assembly;

Fig. 8 is a side elevational view of the assembly.

In accordance with the invention 10 is a blank having a back portion 11, a side portion 12 having a wedge-type outline and a bottom portion 13. The sleeve blank 10 may be made of paper, cloth, cardboard, plastic, metal or similar fibrous or non-fibrous stock. Selection will depend upon the intended use and miscellaneous factors such as economy and length of service desired.

In use the sleeve will be folded as illustrated in the upper part of Fig. 2 so as to have the individual sections 11, 12 and 13 separated from each other by fold lines 14, at right angles to each other. The entire sleeve, previously selected for size, is now fitted around one side of a matched assembly of booklets, periodicals or the like 15 as shown in the lower part of Fig. 2.

The two individual sleeves are now fitted tightly so as to cover the entire frontal section of the periodical section leaving backs 16 free so as to enable one to read inscriptions thereon and to thereby locate each desired copy readily.

A strip of tape 17, perhaps paper, cloth, coated cloth or cellophane tape, preferably of the pressure-sensitive type, but where desired of the heat-sealing or solvent-sensitized type is then applied to the center back and bottom of the assembly so as to securely lock the sleeves to each other tightly fitting them to the periodicals or the like held therein.

The books are now ready for positioning in any desired filing system. The new filing product and filing aid will now securely hold the periodicals or similar articles in their desired sequence. The open front permits easy notice of anything on the backs and thus stands for ready location of any desired volume. The bottom, sides and back of the assembly securely hold the periodicals together and, if carefully fitted will hold the assembly tightly.

It will be understood that in accordance with

the invention a ready and convenient method and means has been shown for filing bound material which had been put in bindings of low permanence. According to this method two simple blanks are provided which in one convenient operation may be united to form a unitary and secure permanent file for these materials.

While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown, the invention is not limited thereto, but is limited only by scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture a filing aid comprising two sleeves, each having a bottom section, a side section and a back section, said sections being separated by folding lines, and a single piece of adhesive tape joining these sleeves in complementary position to each other and in parallel, bottom sections being overlapped, back sections being overlapped, and holding said sections in rectangular position to each other while leaving the top and one side of articles held in said filing aid unobstructed, the bottom sections while in operative position extending beyond the side section.

2. A packaged article comprising an assembly of periodicals held together on four sides and left in accessible position on two sides by two complementary and parallel, slightly overlapping sleeves, each having a side section having a wedge-like shape covering the lower part of said periodicals, a bottom section of rectangular shape adjacent to said side section and extending along and beyond the bottom of said side section, and a back section of substantially rectangular outline, adjacent to said side section and adjacent and overlapping with its complementary back

section which back section extends along more than one-half the height of said periodicals but is materially less in height than said periodicals, said sections on each sleeve being in rectangular relation to other sections on said sleeve, and a single, unitary piece of normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive tape uniting the back and bottom sections of said sleeves to each other and holding said sections in said relation tightly but releasably fitting said periodicals and leaving the top and one side thereof free and accessible for withdrawal and insertion.

3. As a new article of manufacture complementary sleeves for a filing aid, each consisting of a bottom section, an adjacent side section of wedge-like outline and shorter than said bottom section, and a back section adjacent to said side section, said sections being separated from each other by folding lines around which they may be folded to assume a rectangular position to each other, whereby said sleeves may be joined together by a single piece of adhesive tape in complementary and parallel position to each other around an assembly of periodicals so as to hold said sections in rectangular position to each other abutting the edges of said periodicals.

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