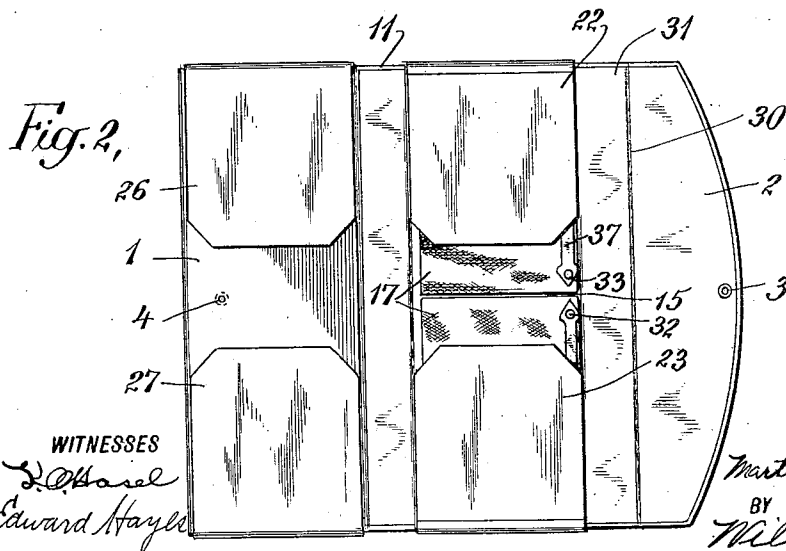
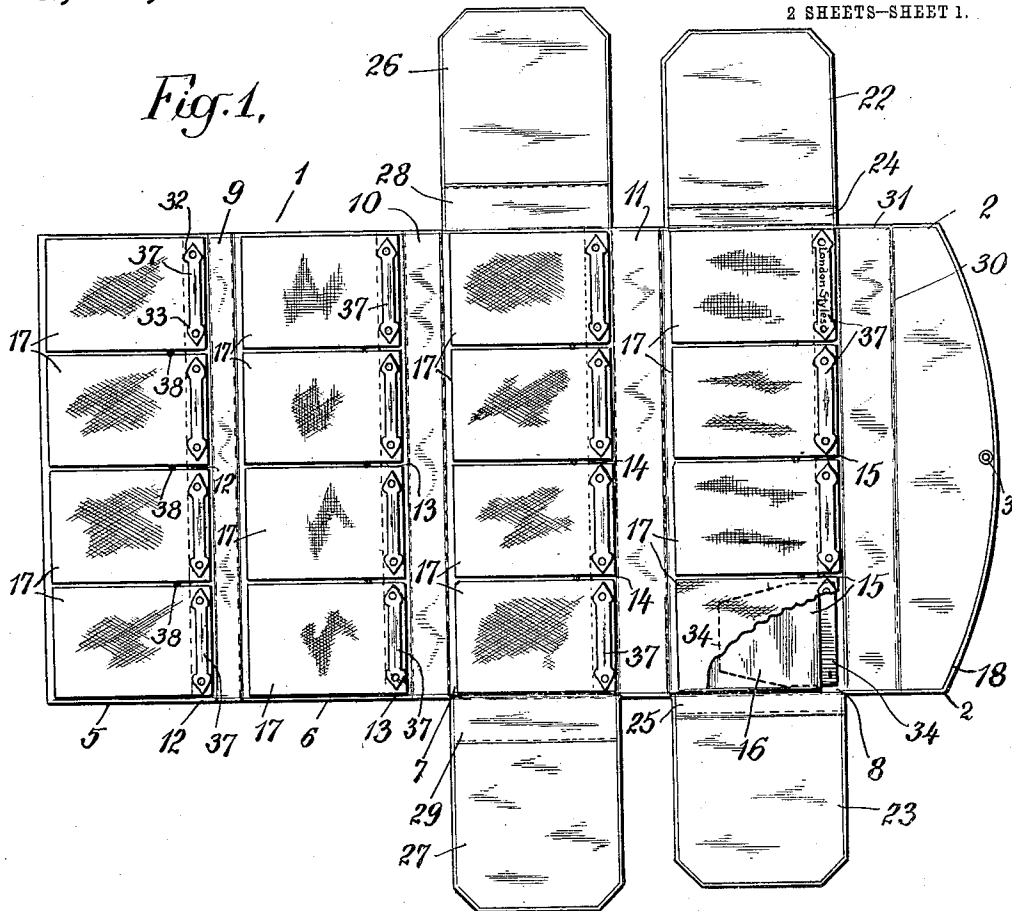


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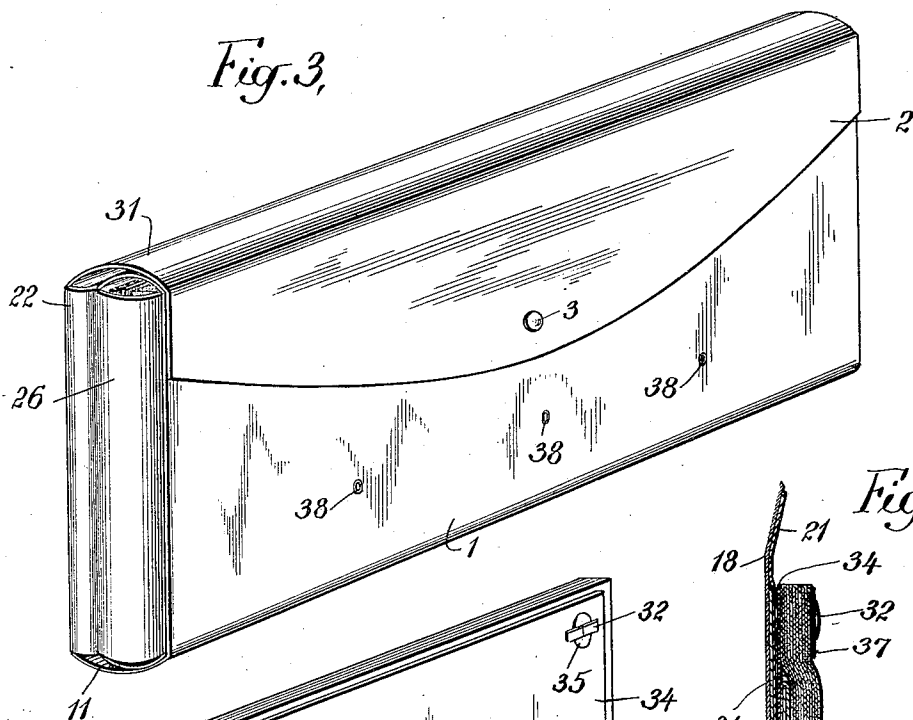
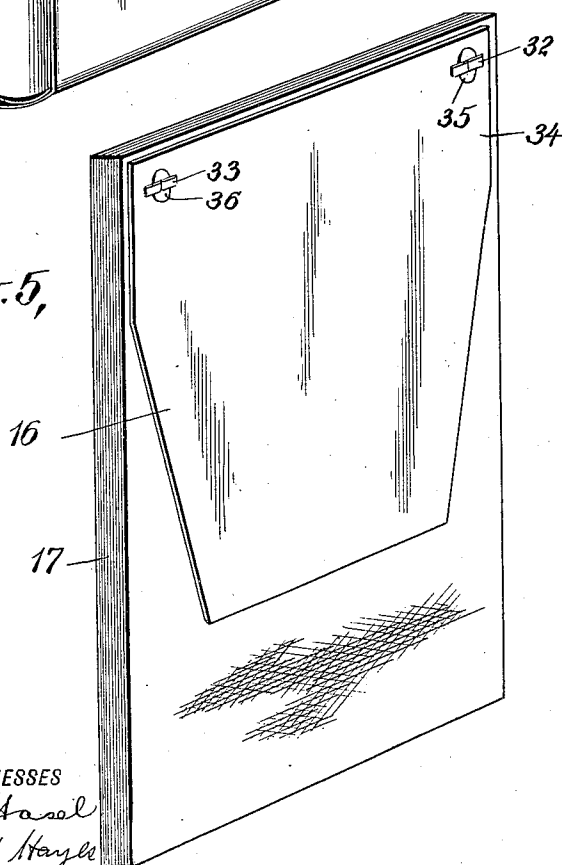
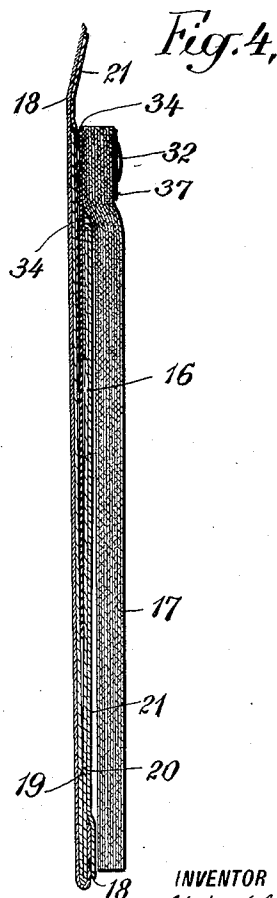


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN STEINTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portfolios for Displaying Samples, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a portfolio or folding portable case in which samples arranged in stacks are removably placed for conveniently carrying the same and readily displaying the samples as occasion may require.

My particular improvements are fully set forth in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved portfolio unfolded and laid flat upon its back. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the portfolio partly folded up. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the portfolio folded up and locked. Fig. 4 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view taken through a portion of the portfolio and one of the stacks of samples. Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the back of a stack of samples with the supporting device by means of which the stack may be removably placed in the portfolio.

Referring to the drawings in which like numbers of reference designate like parts throughout, 1 is the back or main part which is preferably made of a greater length than width. One end of the back is provided with a folding flap 2, on the inside of which is a snap socket 3, which coöperates with a spring dome indicated in dotted lines at 4, and which is upon the exterior of the back at a suitable point thereon to come in alignment with the part 3, of the catch when the portfolio is closed, as shown in Fig. 3.

The back is provided with a series of transverse panels 5, 6, 7 and 8, between which are the flexible sections 9, 10 and 11 which permit of the panels being folded over upon each other in closing the portfolio. The panels are provided with racks or holders 12, 13, 14 and 15, respectively, for receiving the suspending devices 16, which project from the backs of the respective stacks of samples 17.

The back or main part of the portfolio is shown as constructed of a sheet of suitable material 18, such as ordinary flexible leather cut in the desired shape, and at suitable intervals thereon are arranged transversely strips of stiff material 19, which may be pasted or glued to the sheet 18, and upon each strip 19, is superposed a similar strip of stiff material 20, the bottom and side edges of which are held in fixed relation to the back sheet so as to constitute a pocket, and over the outside of the pocket-forming strip 20, is pasted a layer of suitable material such as a fabric 21, the edges of which extend beyond this strip 20, and are suitably secured to the inner face of the back sheet 18, as shown more particularly in Fig. 4, which represents the rack or pocket at the end of the portfolio. In constructing the other panels and racks the sheet of facing material 21, is extended below its particular pocket-forming strip and across the flexible sections and thence over the stiffening strip of the panel below, so as to give a double thickness of material at the flexible sections of the back. This facing material 21, in addition to holding the parts together, gives a finished and uniform appearance to the interior of the portfolio.

The flexible sections 9, 10 and 11, respectively, which lie between the transverse panels increase in width in the order stated so as to permit of the panel 5 being folded over upon 6, and then these two panels being folded over upon the panel 7, and finally the three superposed panels, as shown in Fig. 2, being folded over upon the panel 8, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The back is provided with lateral flaps 22 and 23, at the respective ends of the innermost panel 8. These flaps have flexible sections 24 and 25, respectively, where they are united with the back, the main part of the flap being stiff and adapted to fold over flatly upon the stacks of samples 17, which are placed on this panel. These flaps completely close the ends of the respective stacks of samples and protect the same. The panel 7, adjacent to the innermost panel 8, is likewise provided at its ends with flaps 26 and 27, having flexible sections 28 and 29, respectively, which flexible sections are sufficiently long to span three thicknesses of superposed stacks of samples.

In folding up the device the end panel 5, is turned over upon the adjacent one 6, and these

two superposed panels are then turned over upon the next adjacent panel 7, and under this condition the samples are completely enveloped and protected, except as to the ends, which ends are then closed by the flaps 26 and 27, respectively, which are turned over upon the three folded panels, as indicated in Fig. 2. When the three folded panels are thus inclosed by the flaps 26 and 27, they are then folded over upon the inner section 8, the flaps 22 and 23, of which are turned in. When the parts are thus folded together the end flap 2 is turned over upon the outside of the folded panels and its releasable fastening device 3 is locked and the device is in secure closed condition, as shown in Fig. 3.

The flaps 22 and 23 and 26 and 27, are formed from portions of the back sheet 18, and the facing material 21, these parts being integral with the main section of the respective sheets of material. Likewise the end flap 2, is formed from the sheet of back material 18, and the facing material 21, with a suitable strip of stiffening material interposed between these layers of material near the outer end of the flap, as indicated in dotted lines at 30, thereby leaving a wide flexible section 31 for passing around the edge of the folded case.

The samples of material, such for example as fabrics, are arranged in stacks 17, there being as many pieces in each stack as can be conveniently handled and placed in the portfolio. They are trimmed to the same size, and preferably the same number of samples are in each stack, though of course this may vary as circumstances require. The stacks of samples are bound together at one end by means of suitable fasteners 32 and 33, the heads of which lie to the outside of the stacks with the prongs passing through to the back, and thence through a tongue or suspending piece 34, which in some cases is made of ordinary card-board, and when so made, it is provided with metallic eyelets or washers 35 and 36, through which are passed the prongs of the fasteners 32 and 33, respectively, which prongs are flattened out, as indicated in Fig. 5, to firmly bind the parts together. A strip of suitable material 37, is placed across the front of each stack of samples at the top edge, and its respective ends are pierced by the fasteners 32 and 33, so that the strip serves as a clamping or binding member, and at the same time is used for a label holder on which ordinary labels may be placed stating the style of the particular sample, or giving other desired information. The samples being thus bound together, each stack may be conveniently handled and the different samples opened out on the order of a book.

In the illustration herewith given, the re-

spective dimensions of the portfolio and the stacks of samples are such that four stacks of the samples may be placed side by side on each panel so as to fill it, the samples being placed side by side in an even row by inserting the tongue or suspending device 34, of each stack in the rack or pocket of the particular panel. In order to keep the rack or pocket from bulging out, the same is secured at uniform intervals across the same by means of suitable rivets 38, three of which are used, thereby dividing the rack or pocket into four compartments. The suspending device or tongue 34, has its upper end made slightly narrower than the width of the sample, and when it is inserted in the rack it fits snugly and prevents its lateral displacement. The tongue 34, is also tapered somewhat at its end to facilitate its insertion in the rack.

From the foregoing description the use of my improved device will be readily understood. The stacks of samples are removably mounted and placed on their respective panels by inserting the suspending device 34, in the particular rack on the panel, and they are arranged in even rows in parallelism. Any desired legend or descriptive matter may be placed on the strips 37, which show on the face of each stack, and which are shown as being made ornamental in shape, as indicated more particularly in Fig. 1, wherein one of the stacks of samples in the innermost row shows a legend on the strip 37. The stacks of samples are themselves displayed when the case is open, as indicated in Fig. 1, and each piece of material in any stack may be exhibited by grasping the end of the stack and running it off with the thumb. In doing this, the particular stack may, if desired, be removed from its rack. If necessary, a complete new stack may be substituted for any one that is to be discarded, or any particular piece in a stack may be readily removed and replaced by a new sample, if required.

My improved portfolio may be made to contain a large number of stacks of samples, and yet at the same time it can be folded up so as to form a compact package of very handy size for a person to carry, and when closed the samples are completely housed and protected not only from view, but against being mutilated or frayed in handling the closed portfolio.

By virtue of the pocket-shaped racks, the portfolio itself is given additional strength, and at the same time this part of the structure is perfectly flat and with little thickness, so that it adds to the neat character of the device.

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

1. In a portfolio for displaying samples,

the combination of a back provided with tongue-receiving racks, and stacks of flexible samples, each stack being provided upon its back with a broad flat tongue detachably secured thereto near one end of the stack, the detachable securing means for said tongue comprising a binding-strip disposed upon the front of said stack near one end and releasable fasteners extending through said strip and one end of said tongue, said tongue serving as a backing for said stack when the latter is dismounted from its rack and adapted to be placed in and removed from a rack by a sliding movement substantially parallel with said back, substantially as described.

2. In a portfolio for displaying samples, the combination of a folding back comprising a series of panels with flexible sections between adjacent panels, a strip of material secured upon each of said panels and forming a pocket for suspending sample holders, and also serving to reinforce each of said panels, and sample holders provided with means for detachably engaging said pockets

for mounting the sample holders upon the exterior thereof, substantially as described.

3. In a portfolio for displaying samples, the combination of a folding back comprising a series of transversely arranged sample bearing panels having flexible sections between adjacent panels and adapted to be folded one upon the other, the panel at one end being provided with laterally projecting flaps adapted to be folded over upon the said panel to cover the contents thereof, the said panel adjacent said end panel being also provided with lateral flaps adapted to fold over upon the tier of the folded remaining plurality of panels and cover the ends of the same and then to fold over upon the first mentioned panel, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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