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Fig. 1.

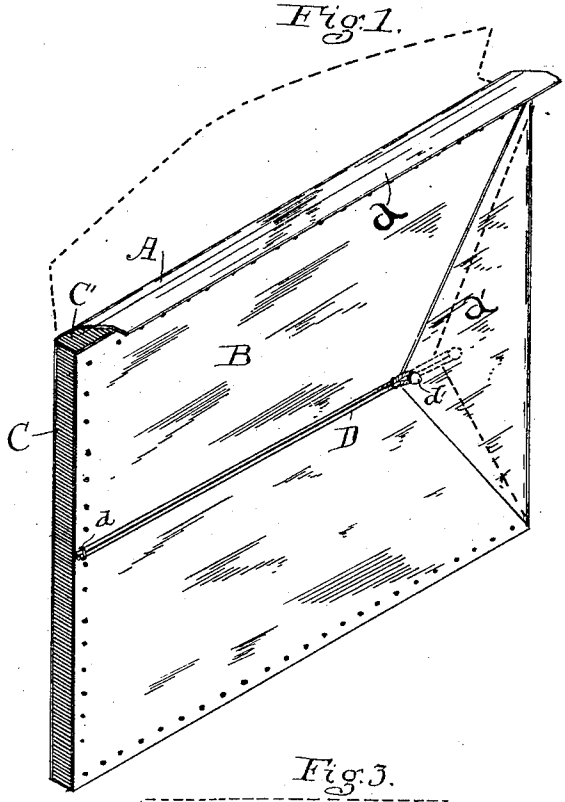


Fig. 2.

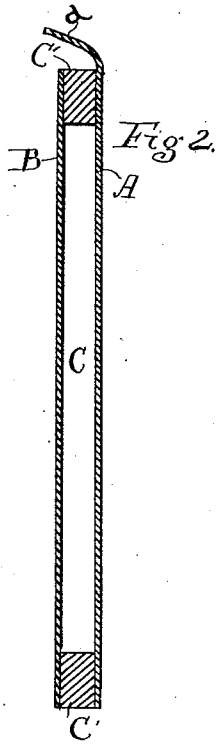
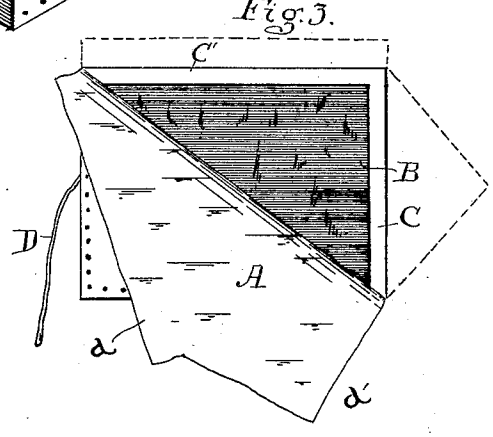


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLOMON W. BATES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portfolios; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to portfolios; and it consists in the construction of a portfolio having a single stiffening-frame, to one side of which is tacked or otherwise secured a piece of enamel cloth or other flexible material, and to the other side is secured a piece of similar fabric, permanently secured to the frame by two of its edges, the remaining two edges forming flaps to close the portfolio or case.

In the accompanying drawings, which show a portfolio illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section. Fig. 3 is a front view with flaps thrown back.

C and C′ are the side and end pieces, respectively, of the frame, which is suitably connected at the corners. A piece of enamel cloth or other like material, B, is secured permanently to one side by means of tacks driven around the four edges of the cloth. A similar piece of material, A, is secured to the other side of the frame by means of tacks placed along two adjacent edges of the piece A. One of the remaining edges is provided with a flap, *a*, adapted to fold over the side of the frame, and the other edge, *a′*, is formed into a pointed flap, which passes around to the other side of the frame, and is there connected to the frame by means of an elastic cord, D, one end of which is attached to the frame, while the other end is provided with a loop, which fits over the button *d′*.

My portfolio is designed as a receptacle for prints, photographs, &c., which are slipped into places between the pieces A and B. In removing the contents of the portfolio the flap *a* may be drawn back from the frame, the cord D stretching, as seen in dotted lines in Fig. 1. A space is thus formed between the frame and the covering, into which the hand can be thrust to grasp the contents of the case. If more room is desired to examine the contents, the cord D is disengaged from the button *d′*, and one-half the covering A is folded diagonally back, thus giving free access to the interior of the case.

The cord D may be non-elastic; but I prefer to use an elastic cord.

I am aware that a portfolio has been constructed having a back piece and a face, having a deep re-entering notch, secured to said back by two edges, and a flap or leaf united to said back along one edge; but I do not claim such construction.

I claim—

1. A portfolio or case composed of a single stiffening-frame, a piece of enamel cloth or other like material permanently secured to one side of the frame by its four edges, and a piece of similar material permanently secured by two adjacent edges to the other side of the frame, one of the two remaining edges being formed into a flap to fold over the frame, the other edge forming a pointed flap and secured by an elastic or other cord to the other side of the frame, substantially as described.

2. A portfolio or case composed of a single stiffening-frame, a piece of enamel cloth or other like material permanently secured to one side of the frame, and a piece of like material secured to the other side of the frame by fastening two of its edges to said frame, the remaining edges being left free, substantially as shown.

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

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