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PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS

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FIG. 1

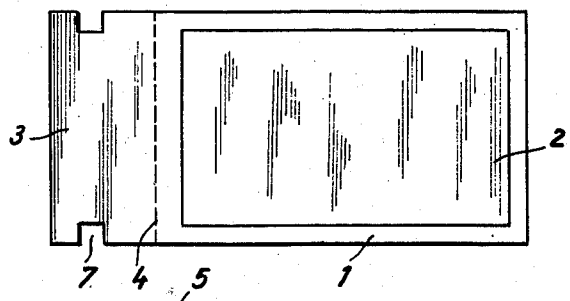


FIG. 2

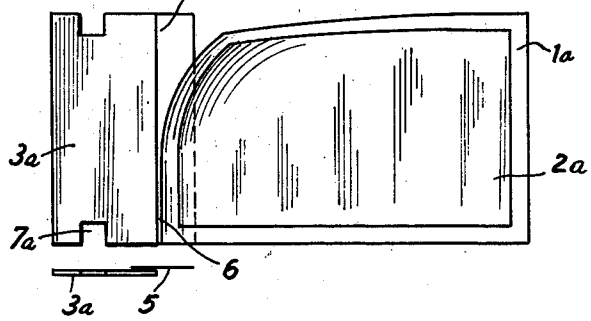


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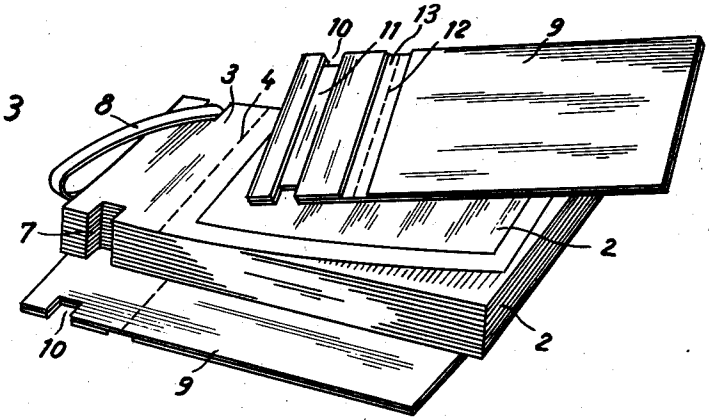
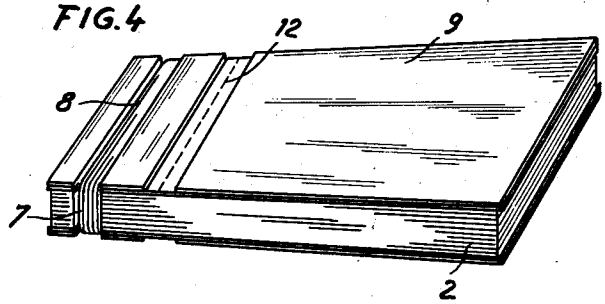


FIG. 4



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The invention relates to a photograph album with photographic prints and mounting tongues therefor forming directly the leaves of the album.

Photograph albums of this kind for assembling pictures of towns and the like have been proposed in which one edge of the photograph is formed with perforations which serve for receiving a spiral wire to loosely secure together the pictures, or they have been held by individual rings which loosely hold together the pictures. Albums of this kind have the disadvantage in that they are only considered as a make-shift fixing together of pictures and do not have the character of a book. In addition the fastening in and unfastening of a picture is quite complicated.

Heretofore it has been common practice to assemble photographic prints in conventional loose leaf registers or books and to provide the single sheets or leaves thereof with a special fixing edge. An inherent problem presents itself in that the turning of the leaves or the cover leaf of the registers or books has not been feasibly accounted for.

The present invention makes use of a novel arrangement for the formation of photograph albums in order to form and assemble albums quickly and simply from single photographic prints in which such prints can be easily added and removed and can also be readily and rapidly changed without being bound to a definite number of prints and which insures a handy book form. Therefore, the album of the present invention provides leaves with fastening edges stacked together one above the other which can be easily turned over and which does not have undesirable elements projecting from the outside covers.

The present invention comprises a photographic album for photographic prints forming the leaves thereof in which the photographic print is enlarged on one side by a mounting tongue formed with a notch in the edges, and an upper and lower leaf formed with notches in alignment with the notches in the mounting tongue and with a channel extending across the surface of the upper and lower leaves in alignment with the notches and a resilient band passing around the notches and seated within the channels so as to bind the leaves in book form, and a scored line or weakened portion being transversely provided in the mounting tongue and upper and lower leaves so as to facilitate the turning of the prints about the mounting tongue.

An alternate embodiment of my invention provides a combination whereby the photographic prints are formed in two parts each separate from the other and which are subsequently united together by an adhesive connecting strip. Thus the uniting of the mounting tongues to the photographic prints may be effected by means of a permanent adhesive connecting strip which at the same time uniquely forms the scored or weakend line for facilitating the turning of the prints about the mounting tongue. The adhesive connecting strip may be attached to the mounting tongue and conventionally gummed. This alternate embodiment of my invention has the advantage that the album may be pre-prepared to a certain extent in order that subsequently photographic prints may be added whereby the advantage of putting together the

album as desired or the exchanging and removal of prints is uniquely provided.

These and further objects and advantages of the invention will become more apparent upon reference to the attached specification and claim and appended drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 shows in plan a photograph formed as a leaf of an album.

FIG. 2 illustrates in plan a modified photograph leaf, the picture part of which is subsequently united to the fastening part.

FIG. 3 illustrates in perspective the placing together of the leaves to form an album.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of an album.

Referring to FIGURE 1, the leaves of the album are formed from photographic prints 1, a picture 2 and a mounting tongue 3. The mounting tongue 3 and the print 1 are in one piece, but are provided with a scored line 4 which facilitates turning over of the print 1.

Referring now to FIG. 2 the print 1 and picture 2*a* forming the photograph 1*a*—2*a* and the mounting tongues 3*a* are separate from one another. The photograph 1*a*—2*a* is subsequently attached to the tongue 3*a*. The tongue 3*a* is provided with a gummed strip 5 on to which the photograph 1*a*—2*a* is attached. Due to a gap 6 remaining between the mounting tongue 3*a* and the photograph 1*a*—2*a* the adhesive strip 5 forms a weakened fold line similar to the scored line 4 of FIGURE 1. The attachment of the photograph 1*a*—2*a* to the gummed strips 5 with gap 6 formed thereby is done in order to prevent the pictures from penetrating too near the mounting tongues 3*a* which could adversely affect the unique turning feature of the present invention.

The tongues 3 or 3*a* are provided with the rectangular notches or recesses 7 or 7*a* which serve for receiving an elastic band 8, for example, of rubber which after the stacking of the photograph leaves one above the other and the placing of cover leaves above and below the stack and seated within the notches and channels is looped around the stack.

Referring now to FIGS. 3 and 4, the cover leaves 9 have notches 10 corresponding to the notches 7 and 7*a* of FIGS. 1 or 2 and are provided with a channel 11 in alignment with the notches 10 into which the band 8 is placed and is thus countersunk. The cover leaves are provided in alignment with either the scored line 4 of FIGURE 1 or the weakened fold line of FIGURE 2, whichever is the case, a weakened portion 12 formed in a second channel 13 similar to channel 10 which permits turning over of the leaves.

I claim:

A photographic album having a plurality of mounting tongues with respectively connected photographic prints which tongues and prints, when connected together, form the leaves of said album, comprising: a plurality of rectangular mounting tongues having parallel faces and being stacked one above the other so as to provide an upper and lower tongue; a plurality of rectangular photographic prints; a plurality of rectangular connecting strips each having parallel faces and having a portion of one of its faces respectively connected to one face of one of said tongues and the remaining portion of said one face of said strips being coated with an adhesive; each of said prints being connected to its respective tongue by said adhesive of its respective strip; a first transverse fold line formed in each of said strips between its respective tongue and print so as to define a weakened transverse portion; a first set of notches formed in the opposed edges of each of said tongues; an upper and lower cover each having parallel faces and being positioned above said upper tongue and below said lower tongue, respectively; a sec-

ond set of notches formed in the opposed edges of each of said covers and being in alignment with said first set of notches of said tongues; a first transverse channel formed in the outer faces of each of said covers and having side walls and a bottom surface; said bottom surface of said first channel being in alignment with said aligned first and second set of notches; a second transverse channel formed in the outer faces of each of said covers and having side walls and a bottom surface; said second channel being spaced laterally away from said first channel and in alignment with said first fold line; said bottom surface of said second channel being substantially wider than said first fold line; a second transverse fold line formed in said bottom surface of each of said second channels and also being in alignment with said first fold line; and a resilient band passing around and within said first and second notches and said first channels for binding said tongues and their respectively connected prints so as to form said photographic album.

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