

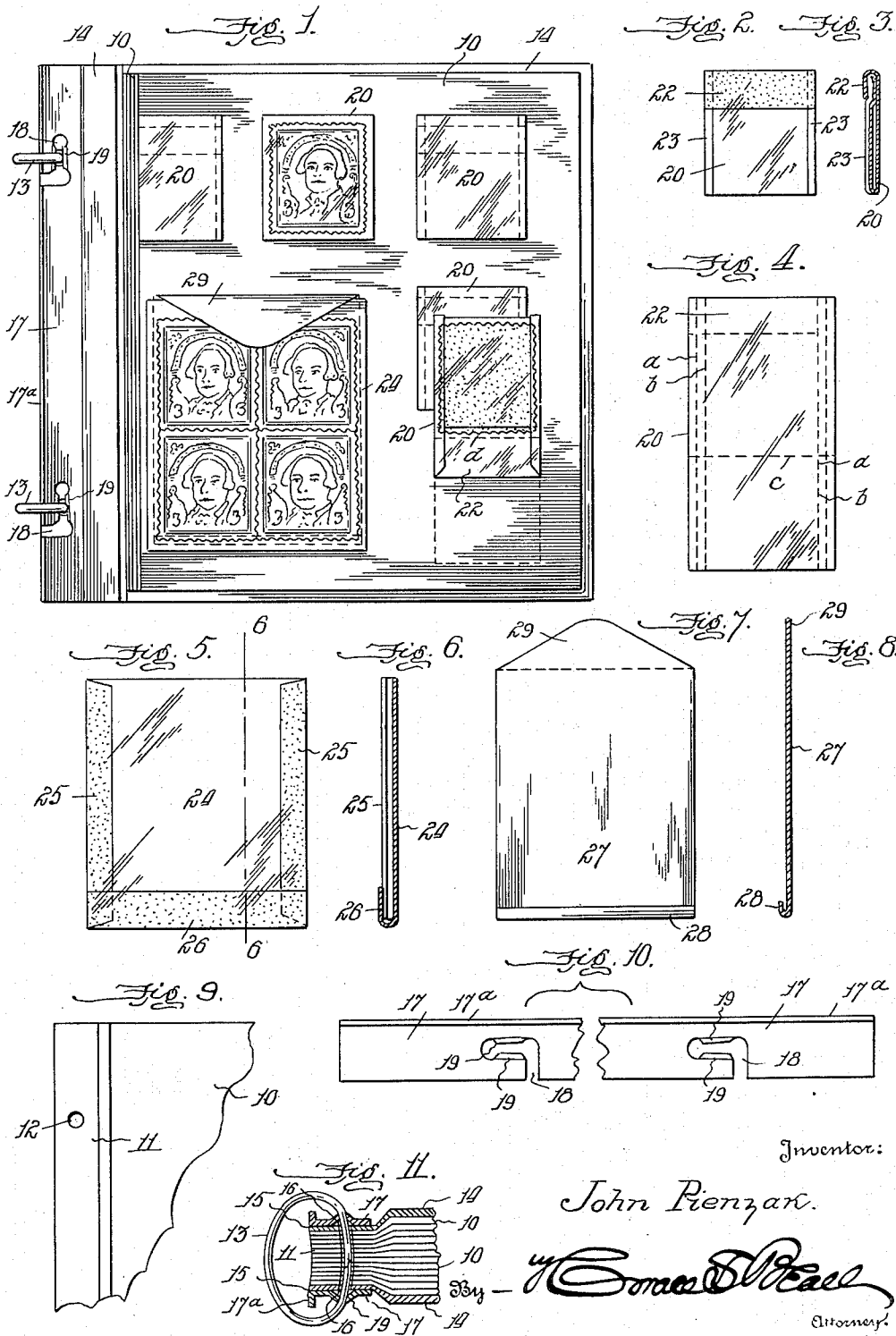
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My invention is an improvement in albums of that special type employed by philatelists and numismatists for their collections of stamps and coins.

5 In the collection of stamps it is customary for the collector to paste the stamps in the album in order to preserve the collection and have it convenient for inspection, and as it is desirable to keep all the stamps intact they are applied to the leaves of the album by short tabs or stickers, as well as by means of pockets as suggested in my prior Patent No. 2,078,542, permitting the pockets to be used also in the collection of coins.

10 The collector of stamps oftentimes accumulates duplicates which are usually kept loosely between the leaves of the album containing that particular series of stamps, and of course it is desirable that convenient means be provided for taking care of these extra stamps in such manner that they may be kept in a more orderly manner as well as easily accessible for inspection, the construction of the album being also an important desideratum in providing a device of this kind for the collector of stamps or coins.

15 The principal object of my invention therefore is to provide an album for the collection of stamps and coins that will not only facilitate mounting the stamps comprising the collection, including duplicates, on the leaves of the album, but will also permit the stamps to be seen without removing them from the pockets, obviating the handling of the stamps for a better preservation of the collection, while the construction of the album will allow it to lie flat on the supporting surface when opened.

In the drawing:

20 Figure 1 is a view of an album constructed in accordance with my invention, open to expose one of the leaves having the pockets for the collection.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of one of the smaller pockets.

25 Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the same.

Fig. 4 is a view of the blank from which the pocket is formed.

30 Fig. 5 is a rear view of the pocket for containing extra stamps.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the pocket.

Fig. 7 is a detail view of the slide used in connection with this pocket.

35 Fig. 8 is a longitudinal sectional view through the center thereof.

Fig. 9 is a fragmentary view of one of the leaves of the album.

Fig. 10 is a detail view of one of the plates used for the binding of the leaves and covers together, and

Fig. 11 is a sectional view through the binding.

40 In the construction of my improved album the leaves 10, of stiff paper or cardboard, are bound together after the manner of a loose-leaf binder, in the present instance the leaves having narrow thin strips 11 (Fig. 9) pasted to the inner edges thereof with spaced apart holes 12, to receive the fastening means, as rings 13. The thin strip attached to each leaf of the album is made of paper, fabric, or other suitable material, and is doubled on itself with the longitudinal edges pasted at opposite sides of the inner edge of the leaf 10, it being essential that the thickness of the strip shall be less than the thickness of the cardboard so that when the leaves are bound together in the particular manner hereinafter described the binding will be thinner than the body portion of the album to permit the latter to lie flat when opened. Though the strips are referred to as attached to the leaves it will be understood they may be a part of the leaf as an extension thereof. The covers 14 are also provided with comparatively thin strips 15 at their binding edges having holes 16, corresponding with those in the strips attached to the leaves, and to cooperate with this arrangement I employ narrow metal plates 17 at opposite sides of the binding, said plates having slots 18 of a peculiar shape to receive the rings or other fastening means and intimately engage the same for tightly clamping the binding strips together. As will be noted by reference to Fig. 10 the slots are in the form of bayonet-slots opening out at the outer edge of the plate with that portion thereof extending parallel with the edge having opposing out-turned lips 19, 19, between which the fastening means or ring is securely held, the space between the lips or spring members being gradually contracted to grip the ring, rod, or other similar fastening means employed in connection with the holes in the leaves and covers of the album.

45 For increasing the utility of the album in adapting it for collections of stamps and coins I provide special pockets of transparent material so that the contents of each pocket, as stamps or coins, may be readily seen without the necessity of removing them. In one instance the pocket, 20, is of such size as to receive a single stamp or coin, or may be larger for blocks of stamps and

first day mail covers, while in the other instance pocket, 24, is constructed especially to receive a block of stamps, or duplicates, commonly called stock.

5 The construction of each pocket to receive a single stamp is such that it is attached to the leaf of the album by a hinge-flap 22, formed by an extension of the front of the pocket, so that
10 of the body portion, whereby to insert the stamp it is necessary to swing said body portion upwardly, as illustrated in the lower right hand corner of Fig. 1, and when the pocket is returned to its normal position the stamp will be securely
15 retained or mounted in the album. It will be understood that in placing the stamp in the pocket, with the latter turned up, the back of the stamp is outward so that when the pocket is turned down the face of the stamp will then be
20 outward, and said pocket being made of transparent material the stamp can be readily inspected without removing it from the pocket. To provide this arrangement of pocket, and to better protect the stamp placed therein, said
25 pocket has reinforced side edges 23 formed by folding the material upon itself, preferably a double fold, in the accomplishment of which the pocket is formed from a blank shown in Fig. 4; that is, a rectangular sheet of material is double
30 folded at its longitudinal edges on the dotted lines *a*, *b*, after which said blank is folded lengthwise on the dotted line *c* to form the pocket and leave the flap 22 beyond the open end *d* thereof. As the pocket is made of acetate Celluloid,
35 acetate cellulose, or other tough transparent material with the double fold tightly creased its stability will be maintained to protect the stamp and permit the body portion of the pocket to be swung back and forth on the flap or hinge 22. It will be noted that when the blank forming the
40 pocket 20 is double folded at its longitudinal edges for reinforcement the blank is then folded upon itself so that the folds at the edges will be within the pocket, and that the hinge-flap is an extension of the front of the pocket and is folded
45 over the back with the outer surface gummed for attachment to the leaf of the album.

For mounting stock, or duplicate stamps, as for instance blocks of four stamps, I prefer to
50 construct the pocket as illustrated in detail Figs. 5 and 6 in which a fixed pocket, 24, is provided having inwardly turned side and bottom edges 25 and 26, respectively, gummed so as to be pasted to the leaf of the album, and in connection with this pocket I employ a slide 27 having
55 the lower end 28 thereof upturned to hold the block of stamps in connection therewith while being inserted and withdrawn, the manipulation of the slide being facilitated by a flap 29. This slide provides a convenient means for inserting
60 the block of stamps in the pocket, and by handling them in this manner there is no possibility of their being torn apart or otherwise damaged.

65 The plates 17 forming part of the loose-leaf binder for the leaves of the album are preferably reinforced by an outwardly projecting flange or rib 17a at its rear edge, the outer edges of the gripping members 19 being below the plane of the outer edge of said flange or rib, and as the
70 strips 11 and 15 are very thin compared with the thickness of the leaves and covers the binding is such as to allow the album to lie flat when opened.

Although I have referred to the pockets as being especially adapted to contain stamps it will be understood that an album constructed as herein shown and described may be adapted also for the collection of coins, snap shot pictures, and
5 other things it is desired to keep in an album, the transparent pockets providing not only for the protection of the mounted stamps, coins, or pictures, but permitting inspection without disturbing the collection.

10 From the foregoing description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be apparent that I provide an album for collections of various kinds that will not only keep the collection in an orderly manner and exposed
15 through the transparent pockets for inspection, but also fully protects a complete collection of stamps, etc., from being soiled or otherwise damaged.

I claim:

20 1. In combination with an album for use in the collection of stamps and coins, of a pocket of transparent material to receive the stamp or coin, said pocket being formed from a single sheet folded upon itself to provide an extension of one
25 of the folded portions beyond the outer end of the other folded portion, and the side edges of the folded material folded and glued together to close the side edges of the pocket, the aforementioned extension forming a hinge integral
30 with the front of the pocket and folded over the back with a coating of adhesive substance on the outer side thereof when folded, whereby when the pocket is attached to the leaf of the album the body is swung on the hinge to expose the
35 open end of the pocket.

2. In combination with an album for use in the collection of stamps and coins, of a pocket of transparent material to receive the stamp or coin, said pocket being formed from a single
40 sheet folded upon itself to provide an extension of one of the folded portions beyond the outer end of the other folded portion, and the side edges of the folded material folded and glued together to close the side edges of the
45 pocket with said folded side edges continued at opposite sides of the aforementioned extension, the latter forming a reinforced hinge integral with the front of the pocket and folded over the back with a coating of adhesive substance on
50 the outer side thereof when folded, whereby when the pocket is attached to the leaf of the album the body is swung on the hinge to expose the open end of the pocket.

3. In combination with an album for use in the collection of stamps and coins, of pockets of transparent material attached to the leaves of the album to receive the stamp or coin, each
55 pocket being formed from a single sheet folded upon itself to provide an extension of one of the folded portions beyond the outer end of the other folded portion, and the side edges of the folded material double-folded and glued together to close the sides of the pocket and said double-fold continued to include the opposite sides of the
60 aforesaid extension, the latter forming a hinge integral with the front of the pocket and folded over the back with a coating of adhesive substance on the outer side thereof when folded, whereby to expose the open end of a pocket the
65 body portion thereof is swung on the hinge.

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