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FIG. 1.

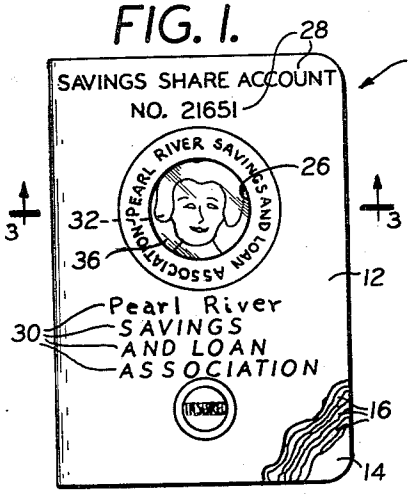


FIG. 2.

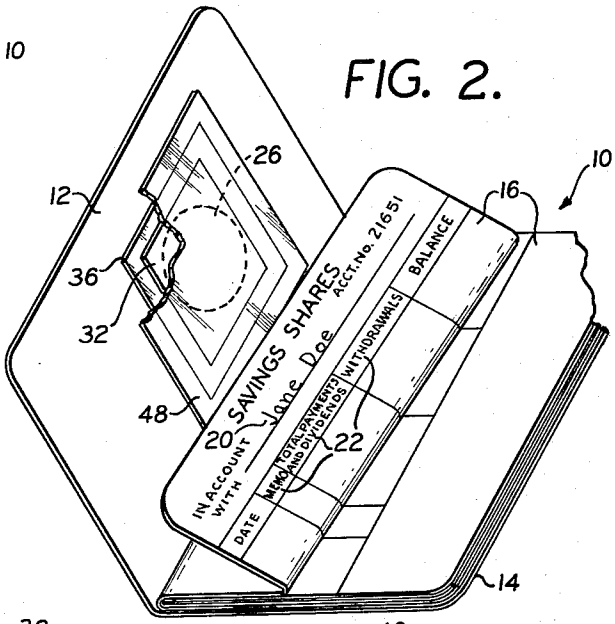


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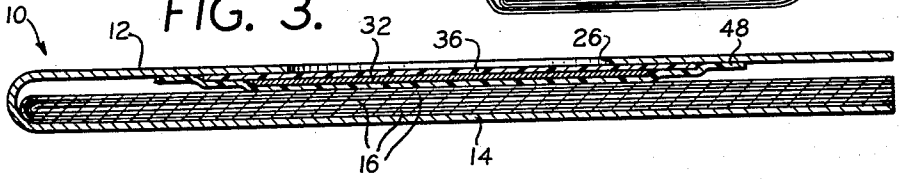


FIG. 4.

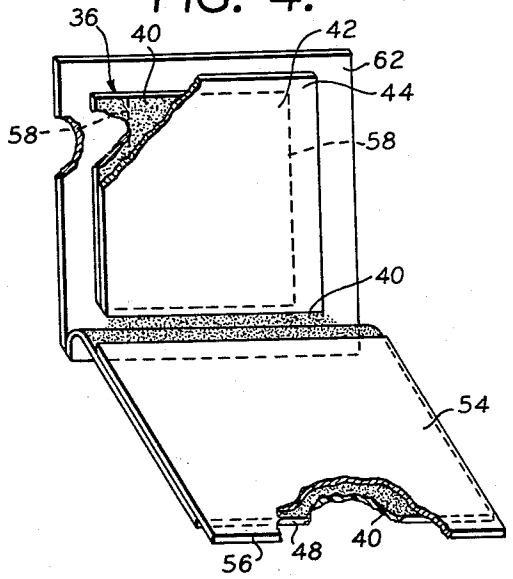
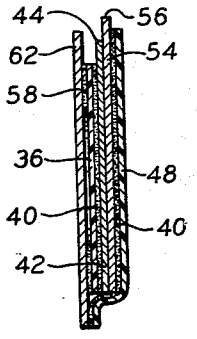


FIG. 5.



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This invention relates to the identification of individuals as owners of passports, licenses and account books for depositors such as the account books of savings banks and savings and loan associations. Features of the invention are suitable for any form requiring a photo identification to be attached. The invention will be described as applied to an account book. It makes an account book more personal in addition to improving the depositor identification which the book provides.

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved construction for combining a picture, such as an identification photo, with a form or document with which identification of an individual is desirable.

It is another object of the invention to provide an account book for a depositor with a picture of the depositor exposed through an opening in the front cover of the book. Another object is to provide such a book with improved means for securing the picture to the front cover and for protecting the picture.

The preferred embodiment of the invention has the picture protected in front by a transparent plastic sheet, and protected in back by a cover sheet; and the invention provides an attaching compact, and an improved method for securing the picture to the book in a convenient and effective manner.

Another object of the invention is to provide an account book with identification of the character indicated and to prevent substitution of pictures by embossing the area around the opening in the cover with the seal of the institution issuing the book, the embossing extending also through edges of the picture which are beyond the opening in the cover.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved method for securing identifying pictures to deposit account books; and the preferred method utilizes the seal of the issuing institution to apply the necessary pressure for bonding the sheets and picture to the book cover and for embossing the seal of the institution on the picture and cover in the same operations with the bonding.

Other objects, features and advantages of the invention will appear or be pointed out as the description proceeds.

In the drawing, forming a part hereof, in which like reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views:

FIGURE 1 is a front view, partly broken away, of a deposit account book made in accordance with this invention;

FIGURE 2 is a fragmentary view of the deposit account book shown in FIGURE 1, but with the front cover in an open position;

FIGURE 3 is a greatly enlarged view taken on the line 3—3 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is an isometric view of the compact used for mounting the picture in the manner illustrated in FIGURES 1–3; and

FIGURE 5 is a sectional view through the compact shown in FIGURE 4 but with the sheets parallel to one another.

FIGURE 1 shows a book **10** having a front cover **12**; a back cover **14** and account pages **16** located between the covers **12** and **14** and bound into the book in any suitable manner. The account sheets **16** have legends thereon with a space that includes legends **20** identifying the depositor to whom the book has been issued. There are other legends **22** indicating columns for dates, payments, dividends, withdrawals, balances, etc., in accordance with conventional practice.

The front cover **12** has an opening **26**. For joint accounts, two openings can be provided, or one opening in the front cover and another in the back. This opening **26** is preferably circular and of a size having a diameter equal to the inside diameter of the wreath portion of a conventional corporate seal. On the outside of the cover **12** there are legends **28** identifying the book and other legends **30** identifying the issuing institution.

A picture **32**, which is preferably a photograph of the depositor, is located in position to be displayed through the opening **26**. The picture is usually rectangular, and preferably square. Passport photographs can be used. Thus a substantial part of the photograph extends beyond the edge of the opening **26** and covers part of the inside surface of the front cover **12**.

In order to protect the picture **32** from becoming soiled. scratched or otherwise damaged, there is a transparent plastic sheet **36** located in front of the picture **32**; and this transparent plastic sheet **36** is made large enough to extend beyond the picture **32**, preferably beyond all edges of the picture **32**.

To facilitate the locating of the picture **32** on the plastic sheet **36**, and to hold the picture in place on the plastic sheet, the inside face of the transparent plastic sheet **36** which confronts the picture **32**, is preferably coated with pressure-sealing adhesive **40** (FIGURE 4). Before the transparent plastic sheet **36** is used for holding the picture, the pressure-sealing adhesive **40** is covered with a protecting sheet **42**. This protecting sheet **42** covers the entire area of the adhesive **40** and extends beyond the transparent plastic sheet **36** far enough to form a tab **44** by which the protecting sheet **42** can be initially gripped with the fingers to peel it back from the area coated by the adhesive **40**.

Referring again to FIGURE 2, a backing sheet **48** is placed over the picture **32** and the transparent plastic sheet **36**. This backing sheet **48** is of larger area than the picture **32** and the transparent plastic sheet **36**, and preferably contacts with the inside surface of the front cover **12** around all sides of the picture **32** and transparent plastic sheet **36**. The backing sheet **48** is coated with adhesive, preferably pressure-sealing adhesive, so as to bond the picture **32** and the transparent plastic sheet **36** to the front of the backing sheet **48**, and to bond the edge portions of the backing sheet **48**, which are beyond the transparent plastic sheet **36**, to the inside surface of the front cover **12**. Thus the picture **32** and transparent plastic sheet **36** are held in a fixed relation with the opening **26**.

In making the assembly, the picture **32** and transparent plastic sheet **36** are shifted as necessary to bring the picture **32** into position to make the most advantageous exposure of the picture through the opening **26**, and with the picture held in such position, the backing sheet **48** is applied lightly to the inside surface of the cover **12** and to the back of the picture **32** and transparent plastic sheet **36**. It thus remains possible to make any desirable last-minute adjustment in the location of the picture **32** with respect to the opening **26**.

For the final bonding of the assembly, the front cover **12**, with the picture **32**, transparent plastic sheet **36** and backing sheet **48** are placed between the confronting die faces of the corporate seal of the institution issuing the book; and the seal is closed to apply final high pressure to the front cover **12**, picture **32**, transparent plastic sheet **36** and backing sheet **48**. This pressure not only forces the elements together with the pressure required to secure a firm bond of the pressure-sealing adhesive, but it also embosses these parts so that a new picture can not be

substituted without detection. FIGURE 1 shows an annular seal, but seals of other shapes can be used.

FIGURE 4 shows a conventional compact for attaching pictures in the manner already described. The protecting sheet **42** does not extend all the way to the bottom of the transparent plastic sheet **36**. There is, therefore, an area of adhesive **40**, on the lower portion of the transparent plastic sheet **36** below the protecting sheet **42**. The backing sheet **48** has most of its area covered by a protecting sheet **54**; but there is a relatively small area of the backing sheet **48** beyond the bottom of the protecting sheet **54** which is exposed and which is bonded to the exposed confronting face of the transparent plastic sheet **36**; this construction being illustrated in FIGURE 4. The protecting sheet **54** has a cut off edge which provides a tip **56** for peeling back the sheet **54** when the backing sheet **48** is to be applied to the assembly in the manner previously described.

In addition to the adhesive **40** on the back of the transparent plastic sheet **36**, the transparent plastic sheet **36** may also have pressure-sealing adhesive along edges of its front face, for example in as far as the area indicated by dotted lines **58** in FIGURE 4. These limited areas of adhesive are beyond the opening through the front cover and they facilitate the initial positioning of the transparent plastic sheet **36**, though they are not essential to the final assembly. Another protecting sheet **62**, of approximately the same width as the backing sheet **48**, is located in front of the transparent plastic sheet **36** and in front of the portions of the backing sheet **48** which are exposed below the bottom limit of the protecting sheet **54**. Thus the protecting sheet **62** covers any pressure-sealing adhesive on the front of the transparent plastic sheet **36**, such as the plastic bands extending into the dotted lines **58**, and also covers the otherwise unprotected adhesive faces of the backing sheet **48** beyond the lower limits of the protecting sheet **54**.

In using the compact to attach a picture to a book, the protecting sheet **42** is first removed and the picture is placed on the exposed adhesive **40** in a position which has the picture generally centered on the area of the transparent plastic sheet **36**. The protecting, sheet **62** is then removed from the front surface of the transparent plastic sheet **36** and, the sheet **36**, with the picture on it, is positioned on the inside surface of the front

cover of the book in the most advantageous position for exposing the picture **32**, as previously explained. The protecting sheet **54** is then removed from the backing sheet **48** and the backing sheet **48** is placed over the picture and transparent plastic sheet **36**, as previously described.

The preferred embodiment of the invention has been illustrated and described, but changes and modifications can be made and some features can be used in different combinations without departing from the invention as defined in the claim.

What is claimed is:

An account book for a depositor including front and back covers, account pages between the covers, the front cover having front and back surfaces and an opening therethrough, a picture being located behind the back surface of the front cover and having edge portions that extend beyond the edges of the opening, and a backing sheet clamping the edges of the picture against the back surface of the inside cover, said backing sheet extending across the back of the picture and beyond the edges of the picture, and an adhesive on the backing sheet in contact with the back of the picture and the inside surface of the front cover of the book beyond the edges of the picture, said account book being characterized by a transparent plastic sheet covering the opening and the portions of the inside surface of the front cover adjacent to the opening and between the picture and the inside surface of the front cover, the backing sheet being of larger area than the transparent plastic sheet and extending across the inside surface of the front cover beyond the edges of the transparent plastic sheet.

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