

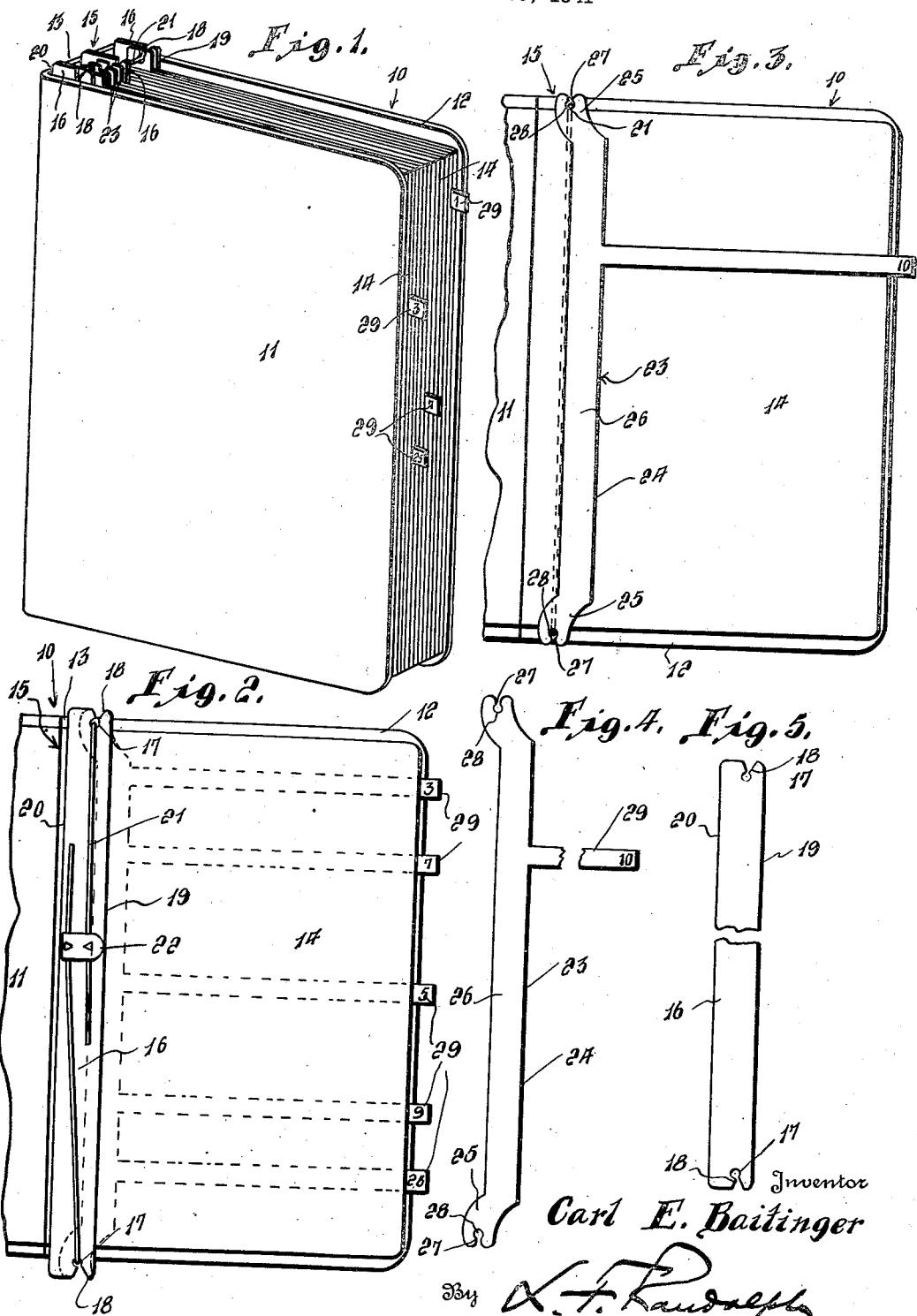
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This invention relates to an improved book marker constructed and arranged so that a plurality of page markers may be employed for marking a number of different pages of a book, said markers being readily removable and replaceable selectively for varying the pages to be marked.

More particularly, it is an aim of the invention to provide a book marker of the type heretofore described adapted for use with books of different dimensions and having means to prevent damage to the binding of the book, to which the marker is applied, by providing means for spacing the individual page markers away from the binding a sufficient distance so that they will not tend to spread the binding when the book is closed.

Still a further aim of the invention is to provide a book marker having means whereby the pages adjacent the covers of the book can be readily opened without interference due to the marker being applied thereto.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter become more fully apparent from the following description of the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment thereof, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book equipped with the book marker comprising the invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the same showing the front cover thereof in an open position.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing the book opened to a marked page.

Figure 4 is a plan view of one of the marking strips, and

Figure 5 is a similar view of one of the elastic strand supporting strips.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, wherein like reference characters designate like or corresponding parts throughout the different views, 10 designates generally a book, shown for the purpose of illustrating the invention which will hereinafter be described, and which includes a front cover 11, a back cover 12, a binding 13 and pages 14.

The book marker, designated generally 15, includes three corresponding elongated strips of celluloid or a like material 16 which are provided with openings 17 adjacent the ends thereof and notches 18 which communicate with the openings 17 and which open outwardly of the ends of the strips 16. The notches 18 diverge toward their outer, open ends. As best seen in Figure 5, the openings 17 of each of the strips 16 are disposed in longitudinal alignment and adjacent to one longitudinal edge of the strip 16, designated 19 and remote to the other longitudinal edge 20 thereof. One of the strips 16 is adapted to be disposed between the front cover 11 and the first

or title page 14 adjacent thereto, another of the strips 16 is disposed between the back cover 12 and the last page 14, and the third strip 16 is disposed between the intermediate pages 14 at the center of the book 10. As best illustrated in Figure 2, the strips 16 are of sufficient length so that the distance between the openings 17 is substantially equal to the length of the pages 14 so that the openings 17 will be disposed just beyond the edges of the pages at the ends of the book 10 when the strips 16 are arranged longitudinally thereof, as illustrated in Figures 1 to 3. The strips 16 are disposed with one of their longitudinal edges bearing against the inner side of the binding 13, and with respect to the intermediate strip 16, it is disposed so that its longitudinal edge 20 is always innermost to bear against the binding 13 while the other two, outer strips 16 are, as illustrated, disposed also with their edges 20 innermost and against the binding 13 although under certain circumstances the edges 19 of these outer strips 16 are disposed innermost, as will hereinafter be explained.

An elastic strand 21 is disposed around the pages 14 and engages the openings 17 of the three strips 16. The ends of the strand 21 are detachably and adjustably engaged by a clip or clamp 22, which is formed from a piece of thin metal which is bent upon itself and the ends of which will retain the positions in which they are placed relatively to one another. The clip 22 is disposed between the front cover 11 and the strip 16 which is adjacent thereto and it will be obvious that the ends of the strand 21 may be adjusted relatively to each other and to the clip 22 for adjusting the tension of the strand.

A plurality of page markers 23 are adapted to be selectively arranged between certain of the pages 14 and to be retained in place therein by the strand 21 and the supporting strips 16. Referring particularly to Figure 4, each of the page markers 23 includes an elongated strip 24 of celluloid or the like having corresponding arcuately shaped ends 25 which are curved transversely of the intermediate portion thereof so that the portion 26 is offset laterally relatively to the ends 25. The ends 25 are provided with outwardly opening notches 27 having enlarged circular portions 28 forming their inner, closed ends and which correspond to the openings 17. The distance between the portions 28 of each of the page markers 23 corresponds to the distance between the openings 17 of each of the strips 16 and the openings 28 are adapted to engage complementary end portions of the strand 21, as best illustrated in Figure 3, for attaching the marker 23 thereto and for positioning the marker so that the intermediate portion 26 thereof is offset away from the binding 13. It will be obvious that

the strand 21 can be stretched sufficiently to engage the notches 27 and their portions 28 and the strips 24 are preferably sufficiently yieldable to permit them to be flexed sufficiently to detach them from or attach them to complementary end portions of the strand 21. The page marker 23 is provided with an integral tab 29 which projects from the outer edge of the intermediate portion 26 and which is of sufficient length to extend beyond the outer edges of the pages 14. The exposed portions of the free ends of the tabs 29 are adapted to contain numbers or other indicia for identifying the pages marked thereby with reference to the other marked pages 14.

The book protector marker holder 15 is especially adapted for use with the book entitled "Science and Health" which is a text book of Christian Scientists, portions of which are read and studied daily to cover weekly assignments of sections contained in various portions of the book and which are read in a certain order. It will therefore be obvious that the page markers 23 are readjusted weekly. The manner of employing the tabs 29 for locating previously marked pages 14 is considered to be clear and needs no explanation. The strip 16 which is disposed between the center pages of the book 10, as previously stated, is disposed so that its edge 20 is adjacent to and bears against the binding 13 to space its openings 17 remotely to the binding 13 to thereby space corresponding portions of the strand 21 substantially away from the binding 13 so that all portions of the page markers 23 which are anchored by the strand 21 will be spaced sufficiently from the binding 13 so as not to spread and damage the binding when the book 10 is closed. The other two, outermost strips 16, on the other hand, are ordinarily disposed so that their edges 19 abut against the inner side of the binding 13 so that the portions of the strand 21 which are disposed adjacent to the upper and lower edges of the first few and last few pages 14 will be adjacent to the binding 13 so as not to interfere with opening the book 10 to the pages 14 near the beginning or end of the book. However, when the page markers 23 are to be moved and replaced the two outermost strips 16 are first removed and replaced with their edges 20 adjacent the binding 13, as illustrated in Figure 2 so that all portions of the strand 21 will be substantially the same distance from the binding 13 to permit the page markers 23 to be more readily removed and reapplied.

Various modifications and changes are contemplated and may obviously be resorted to as only a preferred embodiment of the invention has been disclosed.

I claim as my invention:

1. A book marker comprising a plurality of elongated strips of Celluloid or the like including a strip disposed between the first page and the front cover of a book, a strip disposed between the last page and the rear cover of the book, and a strip disposed between the pages at the center of the book, said strips being arranged adjacent the binding of the book and extending lengthwise thereof and being of a length slightly greater than the length of the book pages, said strips being provided with openings adjacent their ends, said openings being disposed adjacent to and beyond the ends of the pages, said strips having notches therein communicating with said open-

ings, the openings of each of said strips being disposed in longitudinal alignment and adjacent one longitudinal edge of the strip, a strand of flexible, elastic material disposed around said strips and the pages of the book and seated in the openings of the strips, said strips forming a support for holding the elastic strand, when under tension, out of engagement with the pages of the book, a plurality of strips of Celluloid adapted to be disposed between the pages and having notched ends for engaging portions of the elastic strand for detachably anchoring said last mentioned strips between the pages, said notched ends being offset relatively to the intermediate portions 15 of said last mentioned strips so that said intermediate portions will be spaced outwardly from the book binding, and said last mentioned strips having transparent tab portions projecting laterally therefrom and extending beyond the free edges of the pages, and the openings of the first mentioned strips and the notched ends of the last mentioned strips being so arranged with respect to the longitudinal edges of their respective strips in a manner to hold the last mentioned strips away from the binding of the book.

2. A book marker as in claim 1 the longitudinal edge, of the first mentioned strip, which is disposed in the center of the book, and which is remote to the openings in said strip, being disposed adjacent the binding of the book for spacing the portions of the elastic strand extending through the openings in said strip, substantially away from the book binding to thereby space and retain the last mentioned strips away from the book binding.

3. A book marker as in claim 1, the longitudinal edge of each of the outermost strips of said first mentioned group of strips, and which is disposed adjacent to said openings thereof, being normally disposed adjacent the binding of the book to permit the book to be more readily opened to the pages adjacent the covers of the book, said aforementioned outer strips being reversible to position the openings thereof away from the binding for detaching and attaching the last mentioned marker strips to and from the elastic strand, and the central strip of the first mentioned strips being disposed with its longitudinal edge, which is remote from the openings, adjacent the binding.

4. A book marker comprising an elastic band disposed under tension around the pages of a book and adjacent the book binding, a plurality of page marker strips disposed between pages of the book, longitudinally thereof, the ends of said marker strips projecting beyond the ends of the pages and being provided with notches opening outwardly of said ends for engaging the band, a strip disposed between the front cover and the first page of the book, a strip disposed between the back cover and last page of the book, and a strip disposed between the center pages of the book, said last mentioned strips extending longitudinally of the pages and beyond the ends thereof and having outwardly opening notches in said ends for engaging the band, the notches of each of the last mentioned strips being disposed adjacent one of its longitudinal edges, and said last mentioned strips being adapted to be disposed with either of their longitudinal edges adjacent the book binding for varying the position of the marker strips relatively to the book binding.

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