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FLY BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

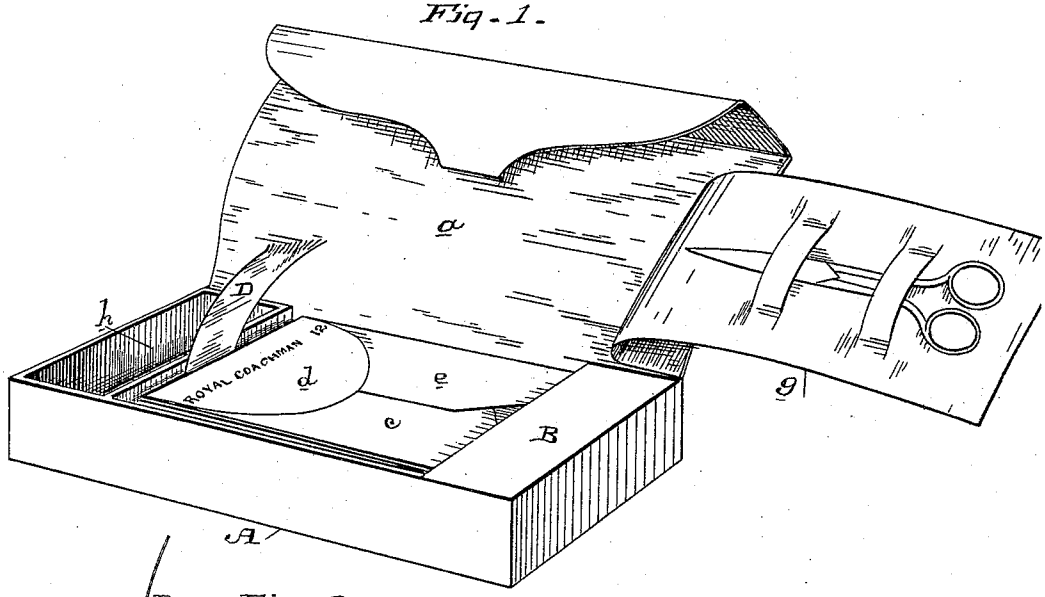


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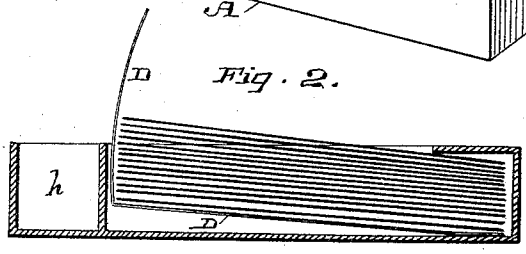
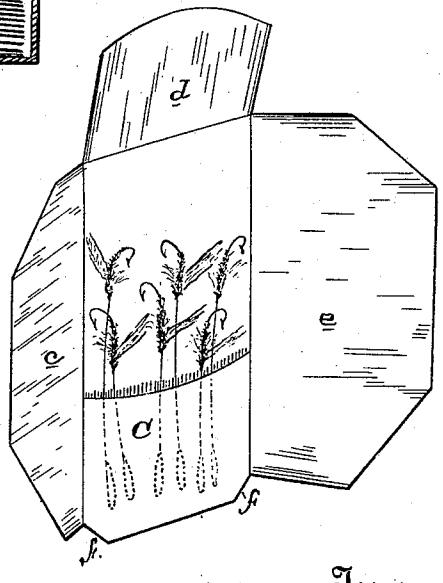


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. BENN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Fly-Books; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a book or case for carrying artificial flies for fishing; and it consists of a book or case having removable pocketed leaves or envelopes of peculiar construction so fitted in the book as to be readily examined and opened.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is an exterior rim of my book with the flap opened. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section. Fig. 3 is a rim of one of the envelopes open.

Ordinary "fly-books" for carrying the artificial flies used by fishermen are comprised of leaves of parchment and of flannel. The parchment leaves are usually arranged with two or more transverse pockets into which the looped ends of the snells or guts of the fly-hooks are tucked, so as to keep the fly-hooks in place, or else the fly-hooks themselves are tucked in these pockets, leaving the gut ends projecting. In one case the patterns of the flies are concealed and the hooks have to be withdrawn for examination, and in the other case, where the fly-hooks project, they are apt to become entangled. These fly-hooks are also often provided with ordinary parchment envelopes with a single flap bound on as leaves. For greater convenience fly-books have been made with springs on the books to extend the gut and keep it straight, or with other devices to keep the fly-hooks in view and in place, so that ready selection and removal of any desired pattern can be made by the fisherman while on the stream. Most of these books are more or less bulky, since to carry any considerable number and variety of artificial flies a large number of leaves must be used.

I have so constructed my improved fly-book that the flies are readily accessible, while at the same time a large number can be carried in a small space. Each variety can be kept separate in its separate receptacle, and by indexing and numbering only the envelope desired need be opened and examined.

A is the book or case, made preferably of leather, with stiff ends, and having a flap or cover *a*, which may be secured with an ordinary catch or clasp. At one end of the inner portion of the book or case a short partition B is formed, extending from side to side, so as to leave an open space under it in the case. The envelope, preferably of parchment, has a pocket C, formed at one of its ends inside, and the leaves *c d e*, which fold together. The looped ends of the guts or snells of the fly-hooks are tucked into the pocket C, leaving the fly-hooks project; but by folding the leaves *c d e* over them the fly-hooks are covered and prevented from entangling anything. On the upper flap *d* of the envelope is stamped or written the number of the hook on which the fly is tied, and the name of the variety of the fly is written or stamped under the number.

Secured to the inner bottom of the book or case under the partition B is a thin strap or ribbon D, which lies along the bottom of the case and extends over the edge to the outside.

The envelopes being filled with the fly-hooks, their numbers and varieties of patterns are indicated on the outside, as described. Then the dozen or more labeled and numbered envelopes are placed in the book, the ends having the pockets C being pushed under the partition B. By drawing on the ribbon or strap D the upper ends of the envelopes are raised from the book, and by dropping one envelope at a time the one with the desired number of hook and pattern of fly is selected and withdrawn. The envelope is then opened and the fly taken out for use. This envelope is then pushed back on top of the others, its end being tucked under the partition B, and the cover of the book closed and clamped. The inner ends of the envelopes are beveled or tapered, as shown at *f*, so that they will easily slip under the partition or diaphragm B without the corners being caught. By this construction of the fly-book a gross of flies may be carried in small compass, each variety by itself, with no liability of being mixed. By having each envelope removable it is readily accessible without disturbing the others.

Inside the flap or cover *a* is fixed a supple-

mental fly-leaf *g*, having loops or pockets for the reception of scissors or other tools which it is convenient to carry. Upon the end of the case is found an independent compartment *h*, which is useful to contain spoons, &c.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An artificial-fly book consisting of the exterior case with a folding flap or cover and a transverse partition or strap at one end, the independent envelopes fitting the interior of the case, with one end extending beneath the partition, and the flexible lifting strap or ribbon having one end fixed in the bottom of the case and the other end passing above the envelopes at the opposite end, substantially as herein described.

2. An artificial-fly book consisting of the exterior case with a folding flap or cover, a transverse partition or strap at one end, the independent envelopes fitting the interior of the case, with one end extending beneath the partition, a flexible lifting strap or ribbon having one end fixed in the bottom of the case beneath the partition and the other end passing above the envelopes at the opposite end, a supplemental fly-leaf fixed within the flap or cover of the case, and an independent compartment forming an extension at one end of the case, substantially as herein described.

3. An artificial-fly book consisting of the exterior case with a folding flap or cover and the supplemental leaf and independent compartment, a transverse partition extending across the top of one end of the case, the independent folding envelopes adapted to contain the hooks and flies, fitting within the interior of said case, and having the ends cut away or beveled so as to be entered beneath the partition, and a strap beneath the envelopes, having one end secured to the case and the other end for lifting the upper ends of the envelopes out of the case, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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