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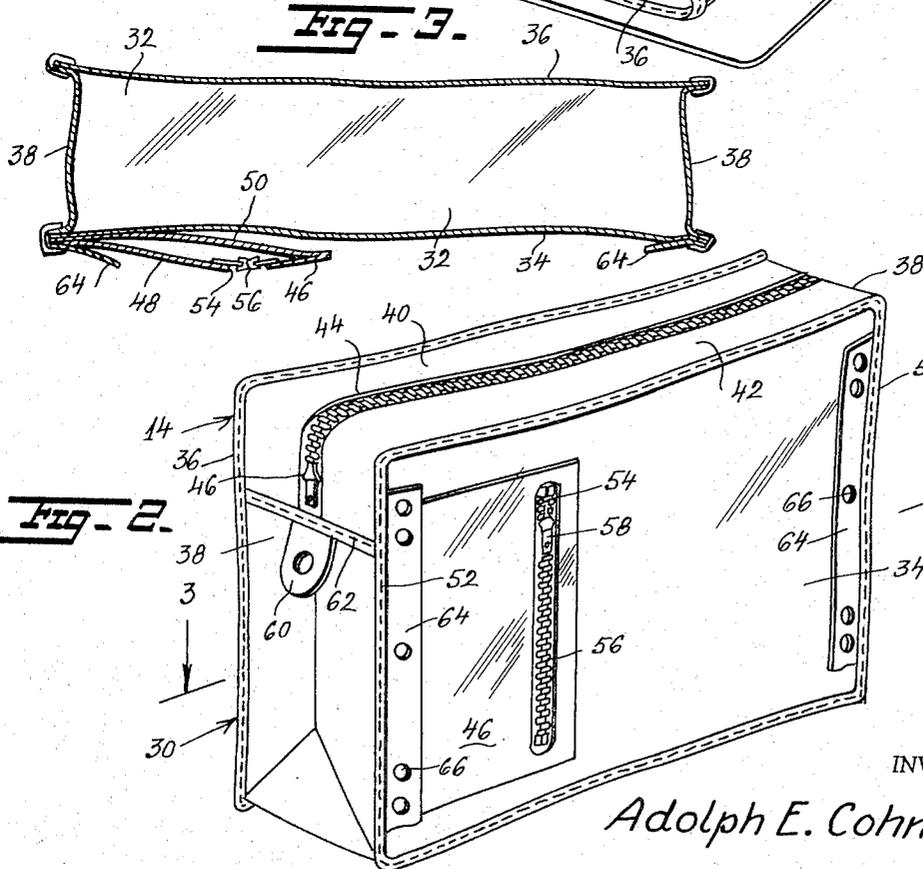
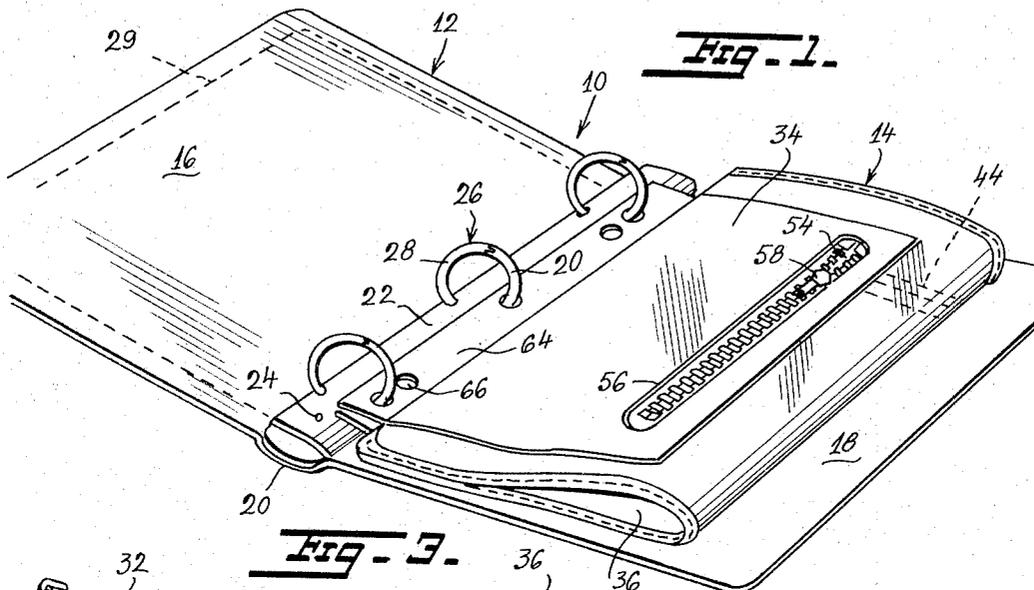
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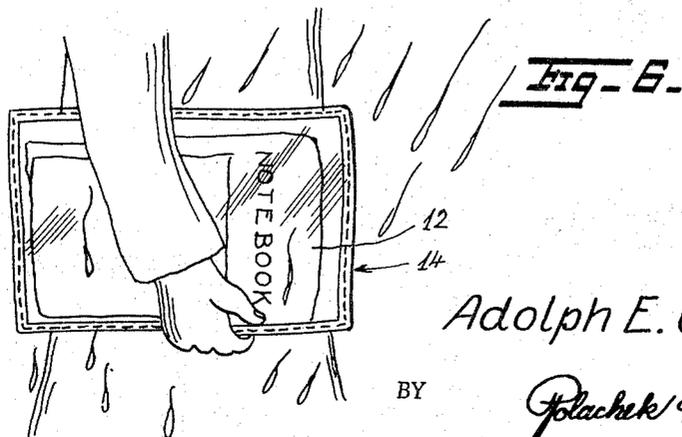
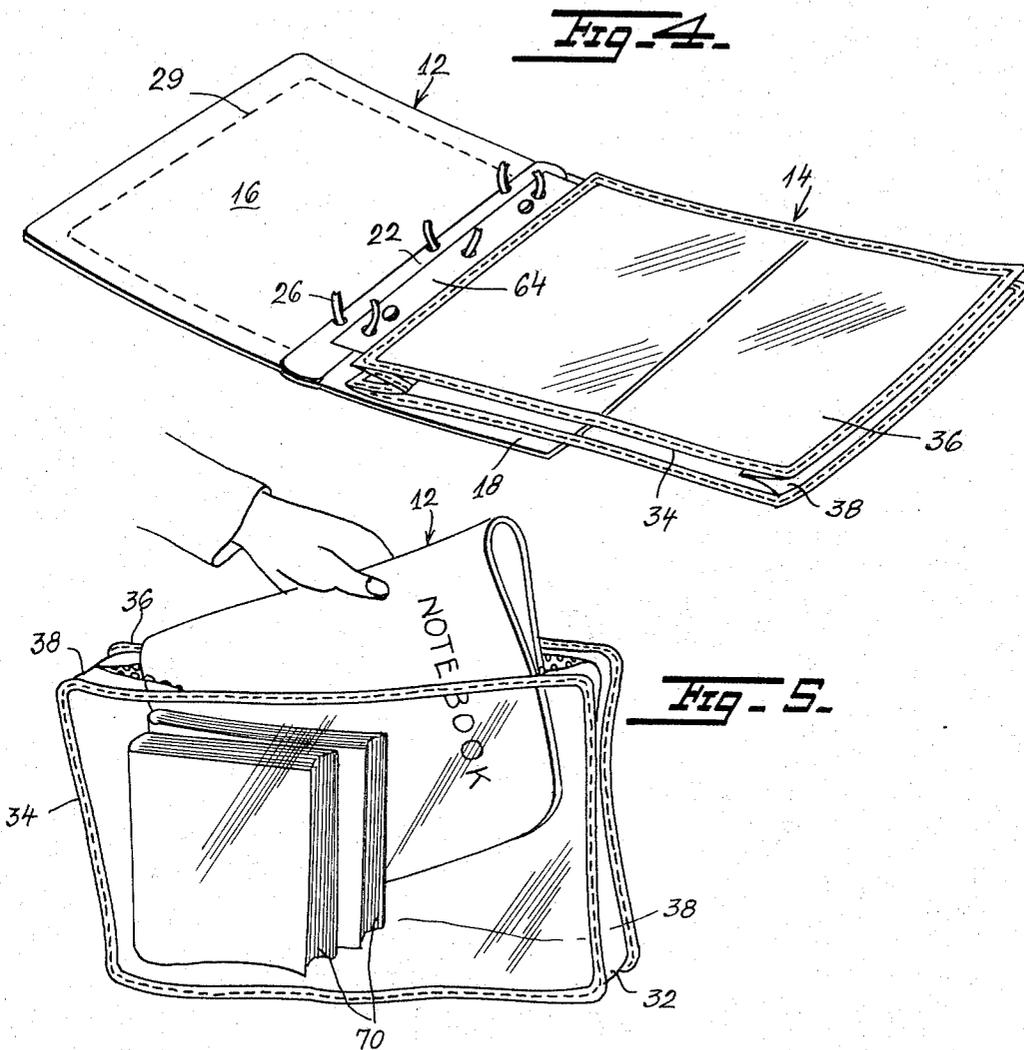
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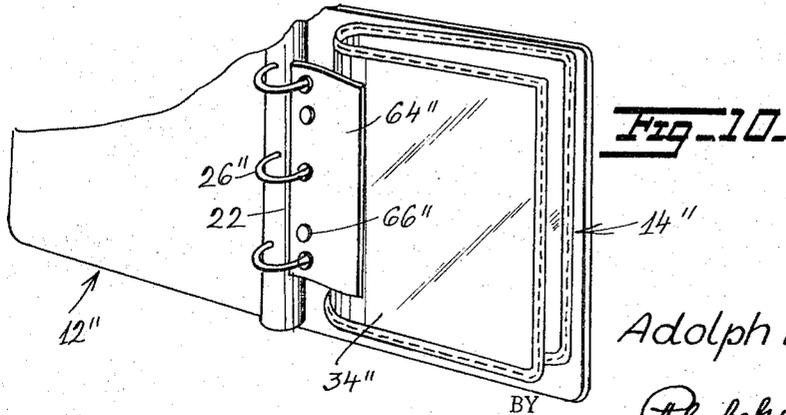
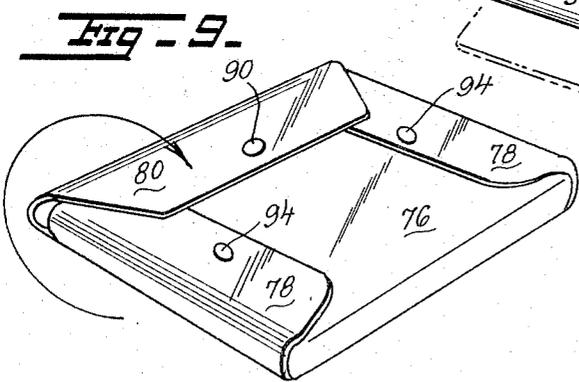
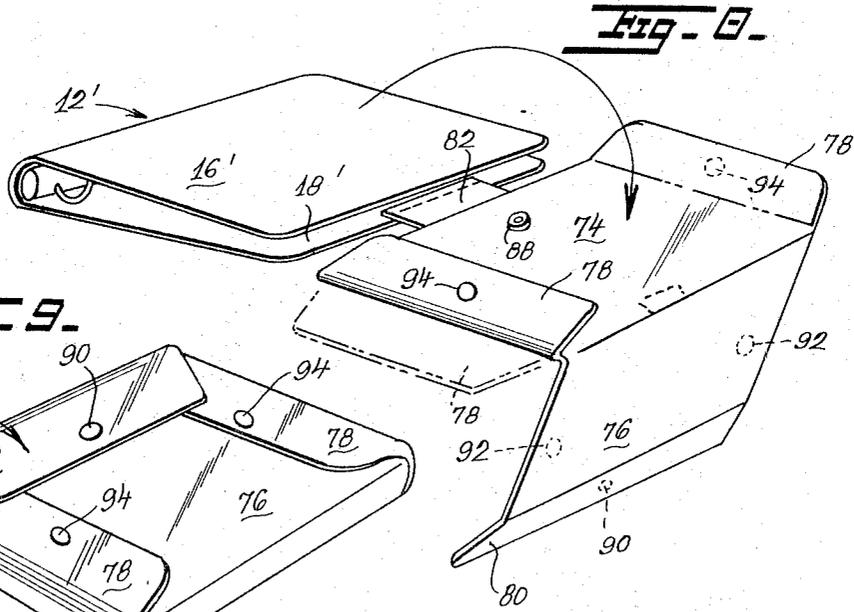
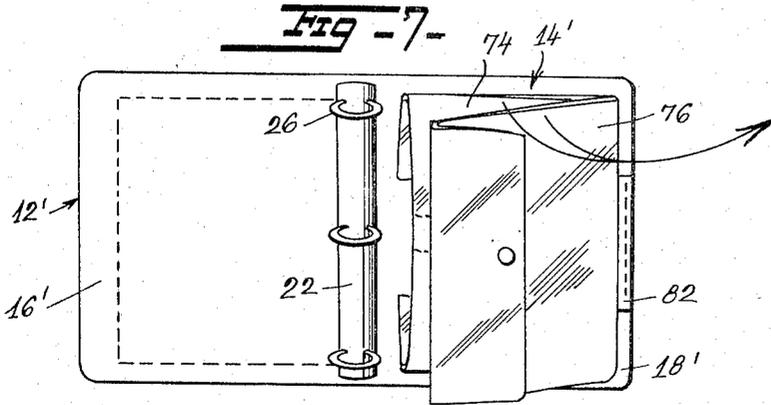
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This invention relates to a combined notebook and self-contained flexible bag closure therefor to protect the notebook and other schoolbooks from the weather.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide a notebook with a built-in flexible bag enclosure therefor, the bag closure adapted to contain the notebook and various schoolbooks to protect the books from the weather.

Another object of the invention is to provide a notebook of the loose leaf type with a flexible collapsible protective schoolbook bag detachably carried between the covers of the notebook, the bag when detached adapted to contain the notebook and various schoolbooks to protect the books from the weather.

For further comprehension of the invention and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIGURE 1 is a top perspective view of a notebook in flatwise condition and a protective flexible bag therefor embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the protective bag in extended closed condition.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a view similar to FIG. 1 showing a step in the removal of the protective bag from the notebook.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the protective bag removed from the notebook and showing the notebook being inserted into the bag for protective purposes, other schoolbooks being shown in the bag.

FIG. 6 is a side elevational view showing the protective bag with notebook inside being carried by a user.

FIG. 7 is a top plan view of a notebook and protective bag embodying a modified form of the invention.

FIG. 8 is a top perspective view showing the notebook closed and the protective bag extended, parts being shown broken away.

FIG. 9 shows the protective bag in extended condition with the notebook enclosed thereon.

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of a notebook in flatwise condition and a protective flexible bag therefor embodying another modified form of the invention.

Referring now in detail to the various views of the drawings, in FIG. 1 a combined notebook and protective bag therefor is shown and designated generally at 10. The device 10 includes a notebook 12 and a protective bag 14 detachably attached to the notebook.

The notebook 12 comprises a pair of rectangular semi-rigid covers 16 and 18 connected at their adjacent long sides by an elongated integral back 20 slightly curved in cross-section. The covers and back are formed of leather, plastic, or other suitable material. A metal plate 22 is secured to the inner surface of the back 20 by means of rivets 24. Spaced split rings 26 are supported on the plate 22. The rings have pivotal sections 28, 28 adapted to be swung away from and toward each other, with a snap action. Sheets 29 of note paper are shown in the notebook supported by the rings 26.

The protective bag 14 is composed of flexible trans-

parent plastic material and has a rectangular shaped hollow body 30 having a bottom wall 32, front and rear walls 34 and 36, respectively, as viewed in FIG. 2 end walls 38, 38 and a sectional top wall formed by sections 40 and 42. The sections of the top wall are connected by a zipper closure 44, controlled by a slider 46 for opening and closing the bag.

An auxiliary pocket 46 is formed on the outer surface of front wall 34 and is formed of a pair of rectangular shaped plastic sheets 48 and 50 secured along one long edge to the junction between the front wall 34 and one end wall 38 by a row of stitching 52 that secures the front wall to the end walls. The other long edge of the pocket is unattached. An elongated opening 54 is formed in the sheet 48 of the pocket 46 along its elongated free edge which opening is closed by a zipper closure 56 controlled by a slider 58. Opposed perforated tabs 60 are secured to the junction between the side walls and top wall by means of stitching 62. Elongated rectangular shaped tapes 64 of plastic material are positioned along the ends of the body of the bag on the front wall 34 and secured in position along one long edge thereof by the stitching 52. Spaced holes 66 are formed in the tapes.

In use, the protective bag 14 is collapsed by folding the body upon itself and positioning the tapes 64, 64 in juxtaposition with the holes 66 therein aligned. With the rings 26 of the notebook 12 in open position as shown in FIG. 4, the aligned holes 66 are slipped over one of the sections of the ring, for example section 29 as shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 4. The other sections 28 of the rings are then snapped into position against the section 29 preventing displacement of the bag on the notebook. The leaf 16 of the notebook is then swung over the bag 14 covering the bag, when the notebook and bag are ready to be transported as shown in FIG. 6.

When inclement or rainy weather is encountered and it is desired to protect the notebook 12 from the weather, the notebook is opened and rings 26 spread apart and the bag 14 unfolded to the condition shown in FIG. 4, whereupon the bag may be readily detached from the rings and removed from the notebook for extended or erected condition as shown in FIG. 2. The handles or tabs 60 facilitate erection of the bag. The erected bag may readily be opened by means of the slider 46 on the zipper closure 44 and the notebook 12 inserted therein as various other schoolbooks 70 for transportation and protection from the weather as shown in FIG. 6.

In FIGS. 7 to 9, inclusive, a notebook 12' with a modified form of protective bag 14' of the wrap-around type is shown. The bag 14' is composed of flexible plastic material and has a body formed of a pair of rectangular shaped sheets 74 and 76 integrally and flexibly joined along one long edge thereof. Sheet 74 is formed with flaps 78, 78 along the ends thereof and sheet 76 is formed with a flap 80 along its free long edge. An integral tab 82 is formed along the free long edge of sheet 74 and its free end is permanently secured to the long edge of cover 18' of the notebook 12'. Sheet 74 is provided with a female snap fastener element 88 on its upper side adjacent the tab 82 and the flap 80 on the sheet 76 is provided with a male snap fastener element 90 to coact with the element 88. Sheet 76 is also provided with female snap fastener elements 92, 92 at the ends thereof on its upper side to coact with male snap fastener elements 94, 94 on the flaps 78 on the ends of the sheet 74.

In use, with the parts as shown in FIG. 7, the bag 14' is swung in the direction of the arrow, on the tab 82, to the position shown in FIG. 8 where the sheet 74 is free of sheet 76. The cover 16' of the notebook 12' is swung over cover 18' to collapse the notebook whereupon the notebook is swung in the direction of the arrow in

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FIG. 8 to a position on the top surface of sheet 74. Sheet 76 is then folded over the notebook, the flaps 78 secured to the sheet 76 by means of the coating fastening elements 92 and 94, resulting in a compact wrap-around bag completely enclosing the notebook 12' as shown in FIG. 9.

Still another modified form of flexible protective bag 14" for use with a notebook 12" such as the notebook 12 of FIG. 1 is shown in FIG. 10. The bag 14" differs from the bag 14 merely in the manner of attachment to the notebook 12". In bag 14" a flexible rectangular plastic strip 64" with spaced holes 66" is secured along one long edge to sheet 34" of the body of the bag adjacent the fold line of the folded bag. The strip 64" is detachably secured to the rings 26" by opening the rings and slipping the holes 66" thereover and reclosing the rings.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In a combined notebook and protective flexible bag therefor, a notebook including a pair of covers connected by a back portion, an elongated metal plate secured to the inner surface of the back portion, sectional rings supported on the plate, the sections of the ring being swingable to and away from each other, a plastic foldable flexible bag detachably attached to the rings, said bag having a rectangular shaped body with bottom wall, sectional top wall, front wall, rear wall and end walls, a zipper device for connecting the sections of the top wall, means for detachably connecting the body of the bag when folded to the rings, the means for detachably connecting the body of the bag to the rings consisting of

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plastic tapes secured along the end walls of the body at the juncture thereof with the front wall, said tapes having spaced holes, said body being folded transversely midway the ends thereof for aligning the tapes and holes for receiving one section of the rings, said end walls being of less length than said back portion but longer than the width of each cover, and the width of each cover being greater than one-half the length of the top and bottom walls and the length of the top and bottom walls being greater than the length of each cover, whereby said bag when folded and mounted on the rings of the notebook and fully disposed within the perimeter of the closed notebook and when unfolded the bag is larger than the notebook so that when the bag is detached from the notebook, the latter may be placed into the bag and protected thereby.

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