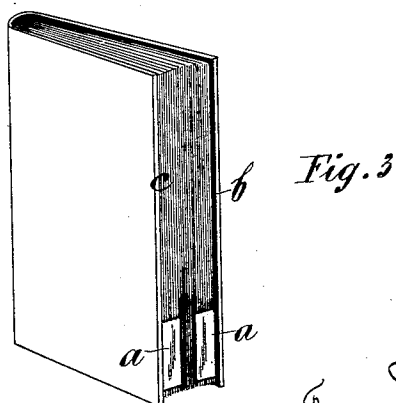
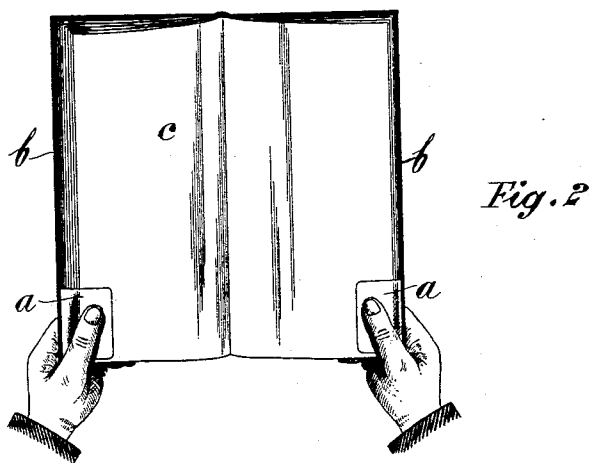
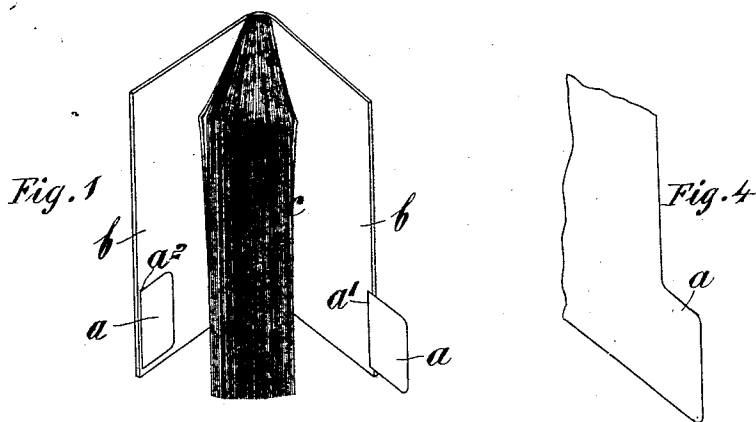


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WILLIAM SEARS, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 54 Lambton Quay, Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, have invented an Improved Book Protector and Marker, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to appliances used for protecting books from being soiled by the hands of the reader, as happens more particularly in the case of children attending school, and to markers used for indicating any page which the reader desires to find readily when taking up the book a second time; and the object of my invention is to provide a protector and marker which is always in position ready for use, is inexpensive to manufacture, and may be used for advertising purposes.

I carry the object of my invention into effect by attaching pieces of paper, buckram, leather, cloth, or other similar material to the covers of the book, and when turned inward these attachments will overlap, preferably, the bottom of the pages, so that the thumbs will rest upon the attachments when gripping the book, but when not required they may be folded upon the cover and between it and the pages.

In order that my invention may be easily understood by one skilled in the art to which it appertains, I will now describe the same in detail and shall refer to the accompanying drawings, whereon similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the views.

Figure 1 is a view of a book with my protectors and markers, one of which is shown folded back on the cover and the other opened out. Fig. 2 is a similar view, but showing the hands holding the book. Fig. 3 is a view of a book shown closed and with my attachments used as book-markers. Fig. 4 is a view of the attachment when formed out of the leaf of the book.

Referring to the views, *a* are the attachments, fixed by preference to the covers *b* of book *c* and made of buckram or any suitable material which is pliable and will bend over the pages, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or will fold back upon the cover, as shown in Fig. 1. The attachments *a* are preferably fixed during the process of binding and inserted between the cover and lining of the same for the sake of neatness, as shown at *a'*, Fig. 1, though they may be fixed to existing books by any suitable adhesive material applied to their edges, as shown at *a''*, Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 shows a portion of a leaf of the book shaped at its lower part to form the protector or marker *a*.

It will be obvious that the attachments may be extended up the sides as far as desired or that more than one may be affixed to each side of the book.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a book having a cover of approximately the size of the leaves and of substantially inflexible material, a flexible tab secured to the cover at or near its edge, said tab being free at its inner edge and of a width approximately equal to more than half the thickness of the book, said tab being sufficiently flexible to extend across the edges of the leaves and to fold inwardly over the margins of the opened leaves to protect the same while leaving the reading matter exposed, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a book, the protecting-tabs consisting of small pieces secured at the outer lower corners of the book and adapted in size to fold over only the margin of the book to leave the body portion of the page exposed, substantially as described.

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