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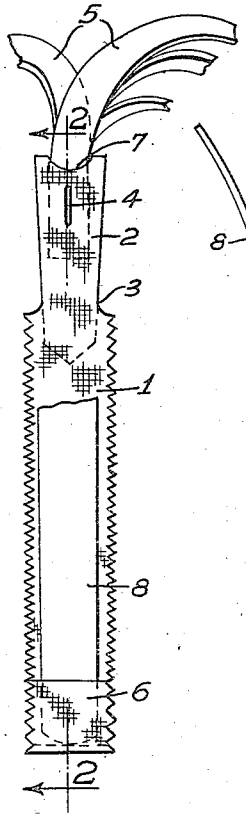


FIG. 1

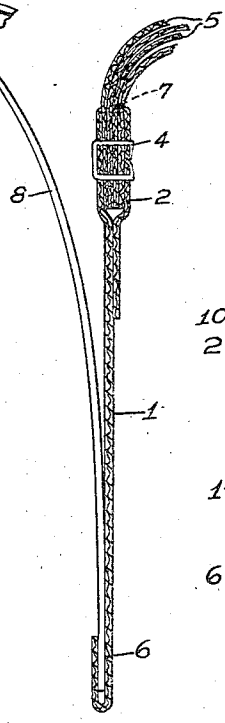
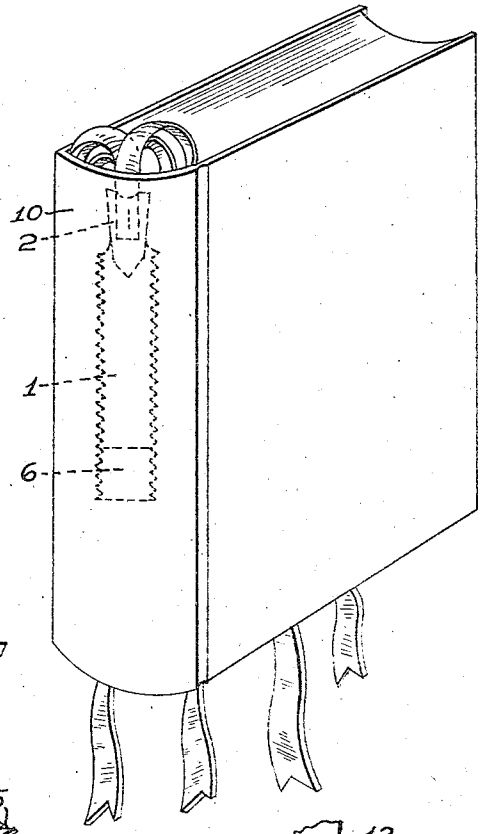


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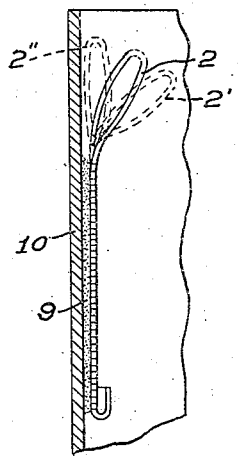


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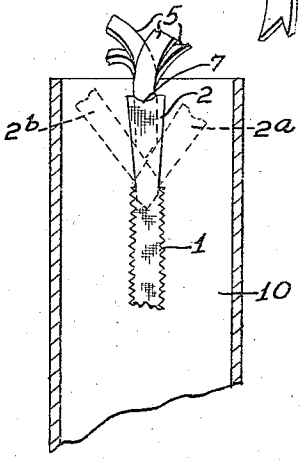


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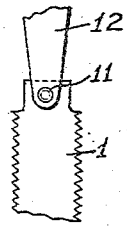


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to bookmarks and has for its general object to provide an improved bookmark which may be easily inserted in any size book and which, when once inserted, will remain permanently.

A further object is to provide a bookmark which may be used with any conventionally fully bound book having a cover of paper, cloth, or leather.

Previous bookmarks have usually followed one of three general types. One type consists of a loose, completely detachable single marker such as an ornamental card or strip. A second type comprises a device which is removably clamped to part of the book and which has some kind of indexing means to hold open or mark one or more pages. Still a third type includes a strip of metal or wood which slips down between the back binding and the edges of the leaves of the book and which has cords or ribbons attached for marking purposes. This latter type is also removable.

In its preferred form, my invention comprises one or more flexible finders, such as colored ribbons, for insertion between the book leaves, and a specially constructed anchoring means intended to be glued to the inner face of the back binding of the book.

The anchoring means may be constructed of paper or leather but is preferably made of stiffened cloth such as the mending cloth commonly used in repairing books and book covers. This cloth is provided with adhesive on one side so that it may be glued to the back binding as above mentioned. On the other side, at the end which becomes the lower extremity when the bookmark anchoring strip is inserted in a book standing right side up, is formed a shallow pocket. This pocket may be formed either by folding over part of the strip and sewing or, preferably, gluing the edges and is for a purpose which will be described later.

Attached to the other end of the anchoring strip by means of a flexible joint is a head, which may also be made of stiffened cloth although other materials such as paper may obviously be substituted, to which the finding means are attached. The head has no adhesive and is not intended to be glued to the book binding. Thus it may swivel more or less freely and allow the finders to be stretched to one side or the other without tearing the anchoring strip. This head with its jointed attaching means constitutes one of the most important improvements of my bookmark over all previous devices of this nature. The finders may be merely stapled to the head or they may be glued or sewed. Preferably the finders are made of variously colored ribbon but cords or tassels may just as easily be used.

The invention will now be more particularly described with reference to the figures shown in the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a flat view of one modification of the bookmark also showing how the inserting tool is placed.

Fig. 2 is a side view showing how the inserting tool is used and how the finders may be stapled to the head.

Fig. 3 is a view of the back of a conventionally bound book with the anchoring strip of the bookmark glued in place inside the book binding.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the bookmark anchoring strip glued to the back binding showing in particular how the head may swing freely back and forth.

Fig. 5 is a flat view showing how the head may also swivel from side to side.

Fig. 6 is a detail view of a modification of the flexible joint between anchoring strip and head.

The anchoring strip **1**, of my device, may be made of stiffened cloth as previously mentioned. The strip has adhesive on one side as shown at **9** of Fig. 4. The edges may be serrated to provide better anchorage as shown in the drawing, although this may be omitted if desired. In the lower end of anchoring strip **1** is a pocket **6** into which an inserting tool **8** is designed to be temporarily placed when the bookmark is attached to a book.

At the opposite end of the anchoring strip is a head **2** connected by a flexible joint indicated at **3**. In one embodiment of my invention, anchoring strip and head are formed from the same piece of cloth, the upper end of the piece being folded back upon itself as shown best in Fig. 2 and tapered back down into the anchoring portion of the strip as best shown in Fig. 1. The change from double to single thickness of cloth and the tapering below the point **3** forms a flexible joint which allows the head to swivel in almost any direction. A modification of this joint is shown in detail in Fig. 6 where **12** designates a head corresponding to **2** in the other figures and **11** is an eyelet for joining the head to the anchoring strip **1**.

The finders **5**, which may be either colored ribbons, cords, or the like are inserted in head **2** through a cut out slot **7**. A staple **4** is used to hold the finders to the head. Glue may also be

used in place of the staple or the finders may be sewed to the head.

To insert the device in a book, the book is preferably opened to better expose the space between the back edges of the leaves and the back binding 10. The glue side of the tape is moistened, or activated in some other way depending upon the type of glue used. The glue side is placed toward the inner face of the back binding, a strip of cardboard, Celluloid, or even a nail file is inserted in pocket 6 and the device is slipped down inside the back of the book as in Fig. 3. The tool 8 is removed, the book is closed and pressure is exerted along the back edge of the book to set the adhesive firmly.

The finders 5 may be placed inside either cover when not in use. When pages are desired to be marked for reference, one of the finders is merely inserted between the desired leaves so that the book may be quickly opened at the selected point. Different colored ribbons make quick selection of several pages easier.

The construction described is a distinct improvement over previous bookmarks since the head to which the finders are attached may swing back and forth to positions such as 2′ and 2″ shown in Fig. 4, or from side to side to positions shown at 2*a* and 2*b* in Fig. 5. This prevents tearing of the anchoring strip and makes possible use of the marker with any size book. Also, by gluing the anchoring strip to the back binding it will not wrinkle and come loose as it would if glued to the edges of the book leaves. Finally, because of its light weight construction it adds almost nothing to the weight or bulkiness of a book.

I claim:

1. A fully bound book of the conventional type having a bookmark permanently attached to the inner face of the back binding said bookmark comprising an anchoring strip of stiffened fabric having a pocket formed in the lower extremity and a head flexibly attached to said anchoring strip, with a plurality of finders attached to said head.

2. A bookmark, adapted to be permanently attached to the inside of the book binding of a conventionally bound book, comprising an anchoring strip of stiffened fabric having adhesive on one side and a pocket in one end, a head flexibly attached to the anchoring strip at the end opposite said pocket, and a plurality of finders attached to said head.

3. A bookmark, adapted to be permanently attached to the inside of the back binding of a conventionally bound book, comprising an anchoring strip of stiffened fabric having adhesive on one side and a pocket in one end, a head flexibly attached to the anchoring strip by means of an eyelet, and a plurality of finders attached to said head.

4. A bookmark, adapted to be permanently attached to the inside of the back binding of a conventionally bound book, comprising an anchoring strip of stiffened fabric having serrated edges and adhesive covering one side, a pocket in one end of said strip, a head flexibly attached to the anchoring strip and a plurality of finders comprising distinctively colored ribbons attached to said head.

5. A bookmark, adapted to be permanently attached to the inside of the back binding of a conventionally bound book, comprising an anchoring strip having adhesive on one side and a pocket in one end, a swivelling head flexibly attached to the anchoring strip at the end opposite said pocket, and a plurality of finders attached to said head.

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