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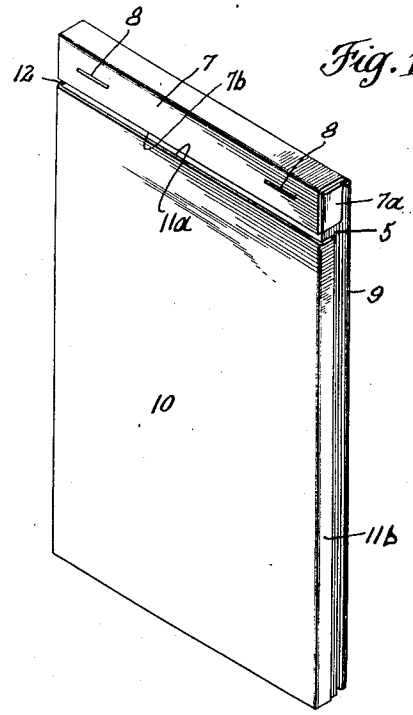
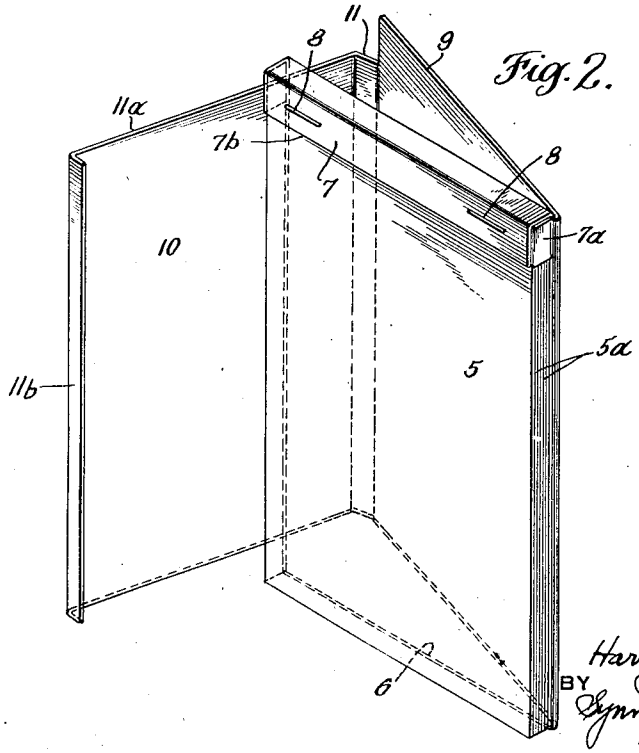


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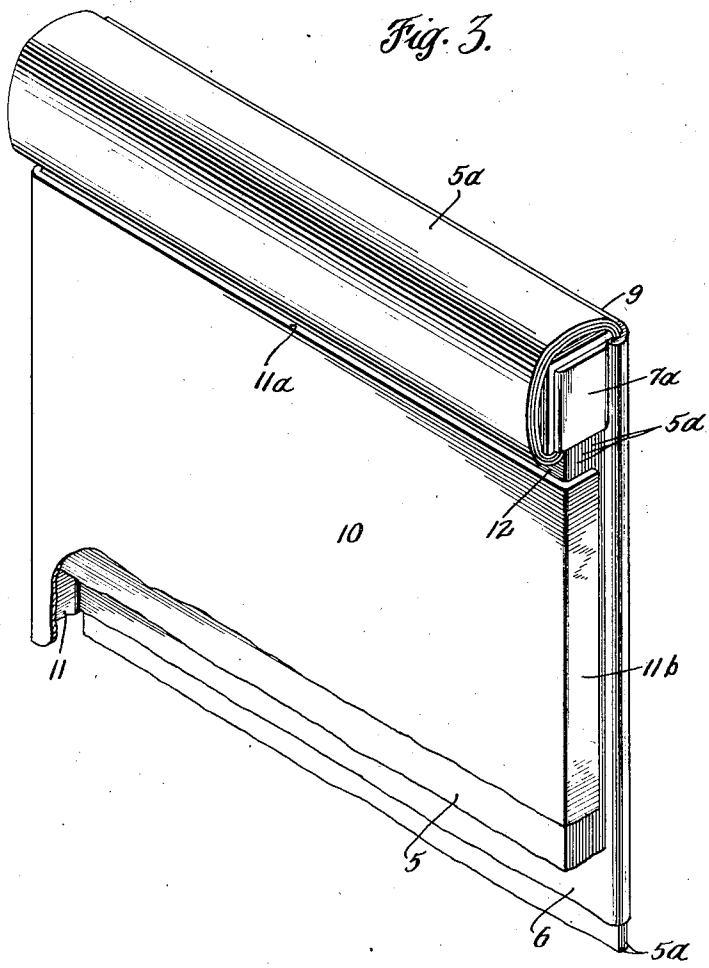
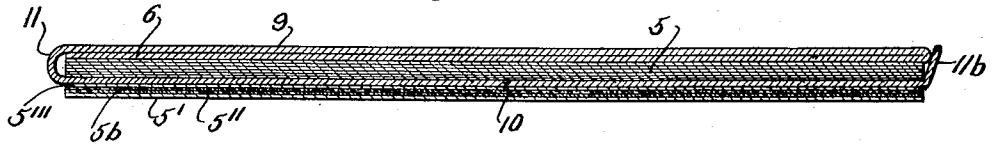


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to salesmen's order pads or similar books, and is especially concerned with books of this kind in which an original and one or more carbon copies are prepared at the time that the order or other entry is written up. In manifold record books of this type it is frequently customary, for example, to prepare triplicate copies, one of which (generally the original) is on white paper perforated along one edge for ready removal from the book; a second or duplicate of which is on parchment, not perforated so that the duplicate may remain firmly attached to the pad; and a third or triplicate of which (often on yellow paper) is also perforated for ready removal from the book so that it can be handed to the customer at the time that the order is made out. A common type of triplicate order book of this nature is arranged to utilize a single sheet of carbon paper between the parchment duplicate and the yellow triplicate, both sides of which sheet are carbonized so that the duplicate appears on the under side of the parchment, and, since my invention is particularly useful in a book of this type, the accompanying drawings and the following description will be directed to such a book although I wish it to be understood that the features of the invention are not necessarily limited thereto.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide a book of the general character described in which the edges of the pages are adequately protected when the pad is not in use so as to prevent their becoming frayed and torn in the pocket or carrying case of the user; to provide a pad in which any pages that are to be retained by the user may be folded back around an edge of the book and then adequately protected by means of a simple and convenient cover arrangement so as to prevent undue smudging, wrinkling, fraying or tearing of such retained pages—this feature being especially useful in connection with parchment duplicates which, as is well known, are rather fragile in nature and easily mutilated or torn; the provision of an order pad having means for protecting the edges of the pages when the book is closed as well as for retaining the sheet of carbon in its proper place between adjacent leaves; the provision of a manifolding book having a suitable backing member beneath the pad as well as both a bottom and a top cover member, the latter of which can be inserted between the pages of the pad in position to act as a place marker and/or as a writing base when entering an order—this latter feature being especially useful in books where more than the usual triplicate copies are prepared and/or where the individual pages may be unusually thin or relatively soft in character so as to permit the impression of the pencil to be made clearly evident throughout all of the pages involved in making the entry; and the provision of an order pad wherein any pages which are retained and folded back are arranged to project through a suitable slot-like opening located between the edge of the binding for the pad and the adjacent edge of the top cover.

How the foregoing, together with such other objects as are incident to the invention or may appear hereafter, are attained is illustrated in a preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawings wherein

Figure 1 is an isometric projection of my improved manifold book;

Figure 2 is a similar view with the cover members of the book shown in partially open position;

Figure 3 is a projection similar to that of Figure 1 but on a larger scale and showing the top portion of the book with some of the pages thereof turned over and around the top edge of the book with their free ends lying between the bottom of the backing member and the top of the bottom cover; and

Figure 4 is a cross section through my improved book, also on a scale larger than the scale of Figures 1 and 2, the section being arranged to illustrate the feature of my invention which enables me to utilize the top cover member as a writing base if so desired.

By referring to the drawings it will be seen that my improved book comprises the pad 5 composed of a plurality of pages 5*a* suitably bound together and secured along the top edge between a backing member 6 and the binding flap 7 formed, preferably, as an integral extension of the top edge of the backing member in position to be folded around the top of the pad 5, as shown to best advantage in Figures 1 and 2. The pad may be secured in this position by means of the staples 8 or by means of adhesive as may be desired. Small flaps 7*a* may be provided, if desired, at the ends of the binding flap 7 in order to finish and protect the upper side portions of the pad.

The pages 5*a* of the pad may consist of any desired arrangement of original and copies thereof and those pages which it is desired to retain in the book may be folded up and around the top edge of the pad over the binding flap 7 and then down in back of the back member 6 as shown in Figure 3.

Along an edge adjacent the edge around which

the pages are adapted to be folded, the backing member 6 is foldably connected with a bottom cover member 9, the backing member and the bottom cover member being, in effect, hingedly secured together so that they can be swung relative to each other as indicated in Figure 2. This is for the purpose of enabling the user to bring the free ends of the pages which are folded back to a position between the bottom of the backing piece 6 and the top of the bottom cover 9.

At its opposite edge the bottom cover 9 is foldably connected to the top cover 10, there being a small section 11 at the side which is adapted to provide accommodation for the thickness of the pad 5. In effect, therefore, the narrow strip 11 acts as a hinge between the bottom cover 9 and the top cover 10.

The free edge of the top cover 10 carries a closing strip 11b which, also, is foldably secured so that it can be bent down or at right angles to the cover 10 in order to protect the free edge of the pad at the side opposite the strip 11 as shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4.

The free edge 7b of the binding flap 7 and the adjacent edge 11a of the top cover 10 are arranged so as to provide a narrow slot or gap 12 through which any pages of the pad which are to be retained, may be folded back. This prevents undue bulging of the book at this point which might otherwise occur if the edges 7b and 11a actually or approximately abutted.

In Figure 3 the top cover 10 is broken away to illustrate the manner in which the pad 5 lies between the under-side of the cover 10 and the upper side of the backing member 6. This view also shows a number of the pages (generally parchment duplicates) as folded over and around the top edge of the pad and the backing member 6 in position to be embraced between the bottom of the backing member and the top of the bottom cover 9. With the pad covers closed it will be seen that the turned-back pages 5a, as viewed in Figure 3, are very well protected against damage when carried in the pocket or brief case of the user. Of course, a relatively small area of these pages is still exposed in the region of the bend but damage is not so likely to occur over this small area especially where the long free ends of the pages are firmly held and protected in the manner indicated.

When the book is closed, as shown in Figures 1 and 3, the edges of the pad are fully protected against tearing or fraying and the sheet or sheets or carbon paper normally employed in books of this kind are kept in place between any pair of pages where they may be placed.

In Figure 4 I have shown how the top member 10 of my improved cover can be used either as a place marker or as a writing base in entering an order. It is simply slipped into any desired position between the pages of the pad 5. This is provided for by virtue of the fact that the upper edge 11a of the top cover member 10 is cut back, as described above, so as to clear the adjacent edge 7b of the binding flap 7, thus permitting the cover 10 to be introduced between the pages of the book as illustrated in Figure 4 where I have shown, by way of example, an original 5', a parchment duplicate 5'', a yellow triplicate 5''', and a double-faced sheet of carbon paper 5b which has been placed between the back of the parchment duplicate 5'' and the front of the yellow triplicate 5'''. The arrangement of Figure 4 will give a firm writing base upon which to make the entry so that the impression of the pencil is clearly carried to all of the pages involved, and it will be understood, of course, that this arrangement is particularly useful where more than three copies are to be prepared and especially so where the paper must be relatively thin and soft in order to make possible the production of a multiplicity of copies.

It will be seen that, although exceedingly simple in character, my improved order book will provide for greater protection of the pages, especially of any retained parchment duplicates, as well as for greater clarity and cleanness in all copies of the entry.

What I claim is:

1. A salesman's order book or the like including a backing member having a binding flap along an edge thereof, a pad an edge of which is bound within said flap, said binding flap being folded upwardly around an edge of the pad and then downwardly a short distance over the top face of the pad, pages of the pad being adapted to be turned over and around said binding flap to lie at the back of the backing member, and a top cover member foldably mounted along an edge adjacent to said binding flap, the adjacent edges of the flap and of the top cover member, when the cover member is closed, being formed to provide a narrow slot for the accommodation of turned back pages and for permitting the insertion of the top cover member between pages of the pad.

2. A salesman's order book or the like including a backing member, a pad, means binding the pad and the backing member together along one edge thereof, pages of the pad being adapted to be turned over and around said binding to lie at the back of the backing member, and a cover member foldably mounted along an edge adjacent to said binding, the top edge of the cover member being cut back to provide a clearance space between said edge and said binding, said clearance being adapted to accommodate any turned back pages and to permit the insertion of the cover member between unused pages of the pad.

3. A salesman's order book or the like comprising a backing member having a binding flap along an edge thereof, a pad, said binding flap being folded upwardly around an edge of the pad and then downwardly a short distance over the top face of the pad and pages of the pad being adapted to be turned over and around said flap to lie at the back of the backing member, a bottom cover member foldably secured to the backing member along an edge thereof which is adjacent said flap, and a top cover member foldably secured to the opposite edge of said bottom cover member, the adjacent edges of the flap and of the top cover member being formed to provide a narrow slot, when the cover is closed, for the accommodation of the turned back pages of the pad and to permit the top cover member to be inserted between the unturned pages of the pad.

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