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Fig. 1.

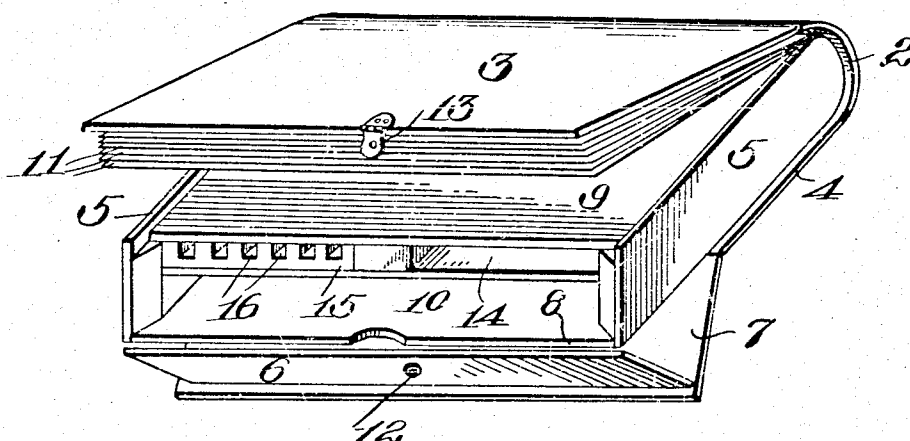
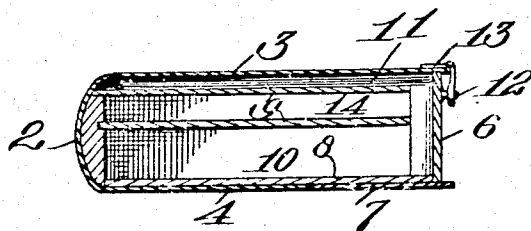


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES DARWIN CHICHESTER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compartment Record-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to what I shall for convenience term a "compartment record-book," for the reason that its casing is preferably of such a character as to simulate a book and is provided interiorly with record-receiving means; but the invention of course is not limited in these respects. The record-receiving means may be of any desirable character. The casing has compartments to removably receive such record-receiving means and writing articles, such as pens, pencils, or their equivalents.

The device is simple in construction, and its advantages will be set forth at length in the following description, while the novelty of said invention will constitute the basis of the claims succeeding such description.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification I have clearly illustrated one effective adaptation of the improved article, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the same with the cover up and the drop-down section of the bottom lowered in order to obtain access to the interior of said article. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same.

Like characters refer to like parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the device comprises in its construction a casing, which is made in the form of a book, and that it has a back 2, a top 3, a bottom 4, ends 5, and a front 6, the ends 5 of course being in parallelism and being rigidly united in some suitable way to the back 2. The top 3 is hingedly connected in some suitable way to the upper side of the back 2, so that it can be opened or closed. The bottom 4 is made in two parts, the front part 7 of which is hingedly connected to the rear part in order that it may be dropped down, for a purpose that will hereinafter appear. The rear part of the bottom is suitably united to the ends 5 and back 2, respectively. The front here-

inbefore mentioned is united to the drop-down section 7 of the bottom and when in its normal condition is adapted to close a chamber and a space in the casing.

The outer side of the top and bottom and the back may be covered with cloth or other like material ornamented in any desirable way to represent a book, the corresponding portions of the ends 5 and front 6 being colored or otherwise suitably prepared to imitate the leaves of such book.

Within the box-like casing are the false bottom 8 and the false top 9, which extend between the ends 5. The fronts of the ends 5 and false bottom 8 are flush with each other, so that the front 6 when the drop-down section 7 of the bottom is closed can fit against said parts. The false bottom 8 and false top 9 are separated from each other in order to provide a chamber or compartment 10 for the reception of sheets of paper or any other articles that it may be desired to store within the casing.

The false top 9, it will be seen, consists of superposed parts, the upper one of which is longer than the lower one and the projecting ends of which rest upon shoulders formed on the inner sides of the ends 5 below their upper edges. The false top 9 is set below the upper edges of said ends in order to provide a space for the leaves 11, fastened in some suitable manner to the hinged top 3, back 2, or false top 9. These leaves in the present instance are shown fastened in some suitable way to the inner rear side of the top 3 and are adapted to contain printed or any other desired matter.

When the drop-down section 7 of the bottom 4 is in its normal position, it will be in line with the rear stationary part of said bottom, at which time the front 6, which, it will be remembered, is carried by said drop-down portion, will extend across the open forward side of the chamber 10 and the space in which the leaves 11 lie when the top 3 is down. The said parts may be held in their normal position by means of a suitable fastening, the parts of which are ordinarily connected with the front 6 and top 3 and may consist of a headed pin 12 and catch 13. This fastening is a well-known one, and of course one of a different kind may be substituted therefor.

It will be remembered that the top 9 has been described as consisting of two parts. The sections of said parts are separated from each other in order to provide a space 14 at one side thereof to receive a slate, memorandum-book, or similar articles, which, it will be evident, are removably held therein. The space or compartment 14 extends for about half the length of the double false top. A block 15 extends between the superposed parts of the double top for the remainder of its length, and this block may be made of wood or any other desired material, grooved at suitable intervals, as at 16. These grooves extend into the block from the front face thereof, and their open ends are adapted to receive pens, pencils, crayons, or any other articles that it may be desired to place therein. Of course the front 6 when in the normal position hereinbefore indicated will extend across the open forward ends of the compartment 14 and grooves 16 in order to hold the articles therein from falling from place, and naturally the same applies with respect to anything that may be in the large chamber or compartment 10.

By disconnecting the two parts of the fastening hereinbefore indicated the top 3 will be released, so that it can be lifted to obtain access to the printed sheets 11, attached as hereinbefore described, or to lower the drop-down portion 7 of the bottom 4 in order to move the front away from the forward open ends of the several compartments hereinbefore described to reach the various articles stored within the casing.

The different parts may be of any suitable material, size, or form and may be ornamented to suit different tastes.

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

1. A casing having a back, ends, a hinged top and a bottom, a false bottom and a false top extending between said ends and separated from each other to form a chamber, and

the false top being situated below the upper edges of the ends, suitably-attached leaves adapted to lie in the space between the hinged top and false top, and a front for closing the forward open ends of said chamber and space.

2. A casing having a back, ends, a hinged top and a bottom, and the bottom having a drop-down forward section, a false bottom and a false top extending between said ends and separated from each other to form a chamber, and the false top being situated below the upper edges of the ends, suitably-attached leaves adapted to lie in the space between the hinged top and false top, and a front for closing the forward open ends of said chamber and space, united to said drop-down section.

3. A casing having a back, ends, a hinged top and a bottom, a false bottom and a false top extending between said ends and separated from each other to form a chamber, the false top being situated below the upper edges of the ends, suitably-attached leaves adapted to lie in the space between the hinged top and false top and consisting of superposed sections, a block fitted between said superposed sections for a portion of their lengths, having grooves open at their outer ends, and a front for closing the forward ends of said chamber, space and grooves.

4. A casing having a back, ends, a hinged top and a bottom, said top being provided with leaves, a false bottom and a false top extending between said ends and separated from each other to form a chamber, and the false top being situated below the upper edges of the ends to form a space to receive said leaves, and a front for closing the forward open ends of said chamber and space.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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