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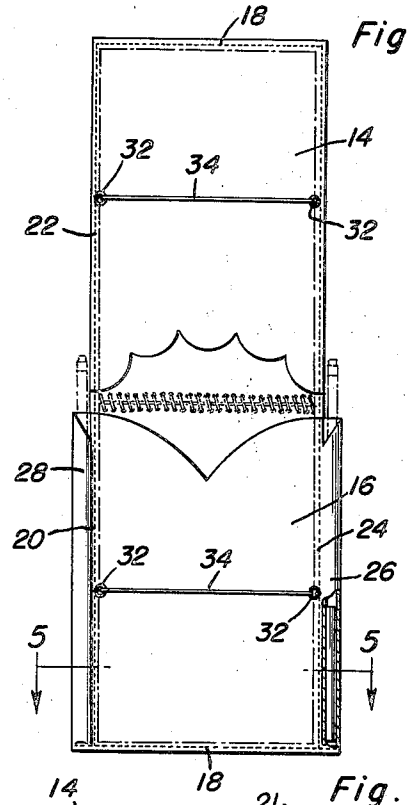

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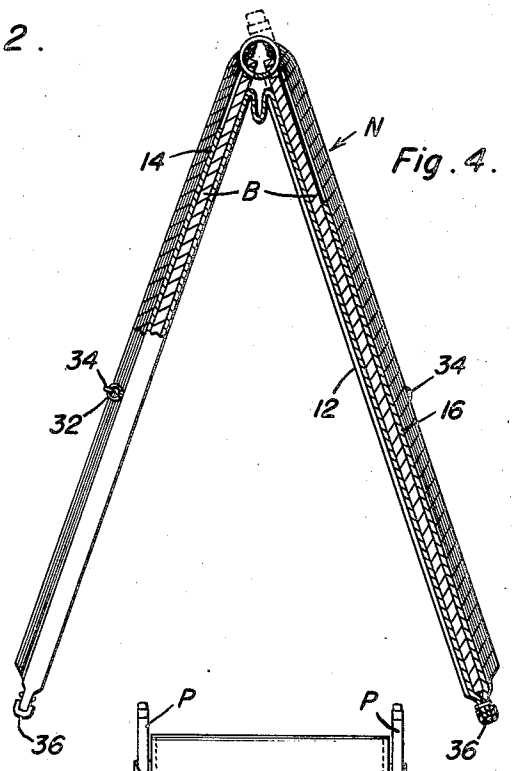

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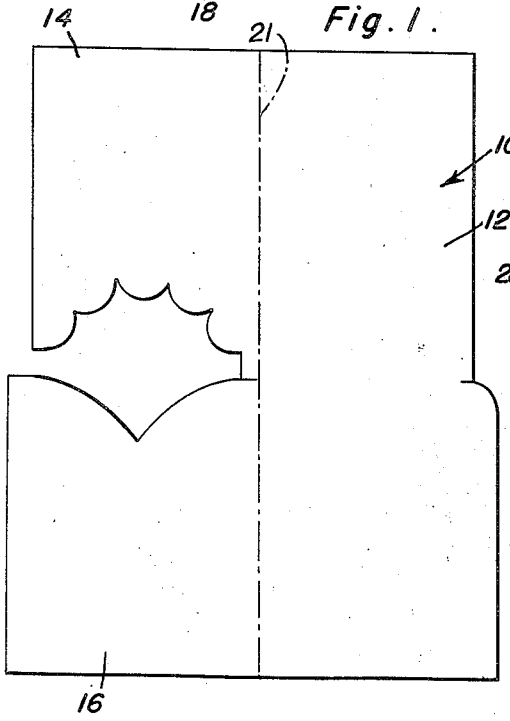
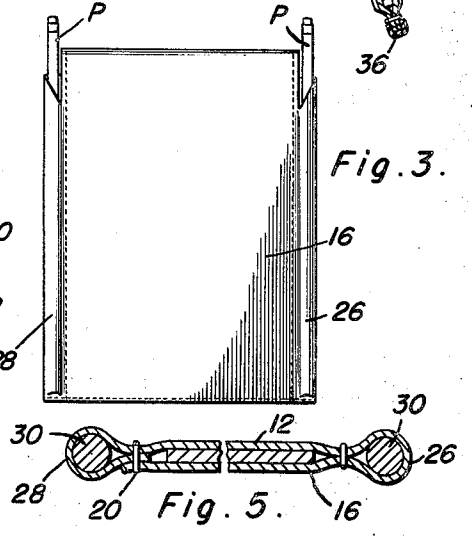


Fig. 1.



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This invention relates to a book cover and more particularly to a book cover for a stenographic notebook or the like.

The primary object of the invention is to improve the appearance of stenographic notebooks when in use, and at the same time conveniently hold pencils within easy reach of the user of the notebook.

A further object is to prevent the pencils supported by the cover from interfering with the turning of the pages of the notebook.

Still another object is to hold the pages of a notebook against accidental turning.

The above and other objects may be attained by employing this invention which embodies among its features a sheet of flexible material, longitudinally spaced flaps integral with one side edge of the sheet, said flaps overlying one face of the sheet adjacent opposite ends thereof, said flaps being secured to the sheet along opposite ends and adjacent one side edge thereof to form notebook cover receiving pockets and anti-slip cushions on opposite ends of the cover.

Other features include an integral pencil receiving socket along each side edge of one of the pockets and an extensible number extending across the outer face of each pocket substantially midway between opposite ends thereof for overlying the pages of a notebook contained within the cover.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a blank from which a notebook embodying the features of this invention may be constructed,

Figure 2 is a plan view of the notebook cover laid out flat,

Figure 3 is a face view of the cover showing it as it would appear when opened with a notebook supported thereon,

Figure 4 is an edge view of the notebook cover with the notebook in place thereon, showing parts in section, and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view taken substantially along the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings in detail, this improved book cover comprises a blank designated generally 10 which is formed of a single sheet of material having a back 12 from which project laterally longitudinally spaced flaps 14 and 16, which are folded over the back 12 and joined to the back adjacent opposite end edges by rows of stitching 18. A row of stitching 20 connects the side edge of the flap 16 to the back 12, it being noted that the flap 16 if folded along a line spaced slightly to the left of the line 21 of Figure 1 for

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a purpose to become apparent, while a similar row of stitching 22 connects the side edge of the flap 14 to the back 12 with the flap 14 being folded along the line 21 and it will thus be seen that pockets are formed adjacent opposite ends of the cover with their open ends disposed in opposed relation for the reception of the backs B of a conventional stenographic notebook. A row of stitching 24 extends longitudinally adjacent the folded side edge of the flap 16 to form a tubular socket 26 in which a pencil may be received. A similar tubular socket 28 is formed on the opposite side of the flap 16, and fitted into these sockets 26 and 28 are rigid cylindrical bodies 30 such as lengths of a dowel pin.

Fixed to each flap 14 and 16 substantially midway between opposite ends thereof are eyes 32 to which opposite ends of extensible members 34 are attached. Selected pages of the book are received between elements 34 and the book protecting member to hold the book open at a selected position and to prevent separation of the book and book cover.

In use the backs B of a conventional stenographic notebook designated generally N are entered into the pockets formed by the back 12 and the flaps 14 and 16 as illustrated in Figure 4 so as to completely conceal the backs B. With the cover 10 made of a suitable ornamental flexible material it is obvious that the notebook when encased in the cover will produce a pleasing appearance. Pencils P may be introduced into the sockets 26 and 28 as suggested in Figure 3 so as to be conveniently held within easy reach of the user of the notebook. In the preferred form of the invention, suitable anti-friction feet 36 are fixed to opposite end edges of the notebook cover as suggested in Figure 4 in order to frictionally engage the surface upon which the cover is resting and hold it in proper position to support the notebook within convenient visible range of the user.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

In a book having backing sheets and a plurality of pages therebetween, the combination with a removable book cover comprising a book protecting member transversely bendable intermediate its

ends and having a pair of opposed pockets at the ends thereof removably receiving said backing sheets, and an elongated extensible element with its ends secured adjacent opposite side edges of the book protecting member with selected pages of the book received between the element and book protecting member for holding the book open at a selected position and also preventing separation of the book and the book cover, said book protecting member comprising a large rectangular sheet of flexible material having smaller, longitudinally spaced, rectangular sheets positioned thereon, each of said smaller sheets being integral with and folded upon the large sheet and stitched along two adjacent edges of the larger sheet to constitute said opposed pockets receiving the backing sheets, a longitudinal row of stitching, securing one of the smaller sheets to the larger sheet to constitute a stiffener receiving pocket and a stiffener therein, and anti-friction

elements secured to opposite ends of said book protecting member for retaining the book and the protecting member in an erect non-slidable manner upon a supporting surface.

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