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Fig. 1.

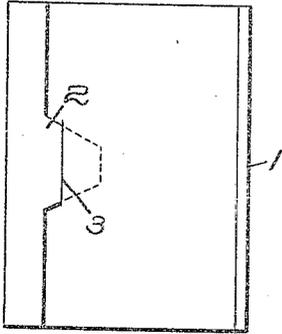


Fig. 2.

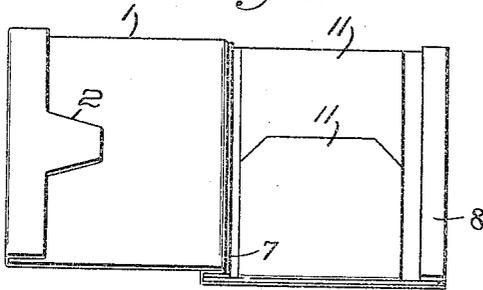


Fig. 3.

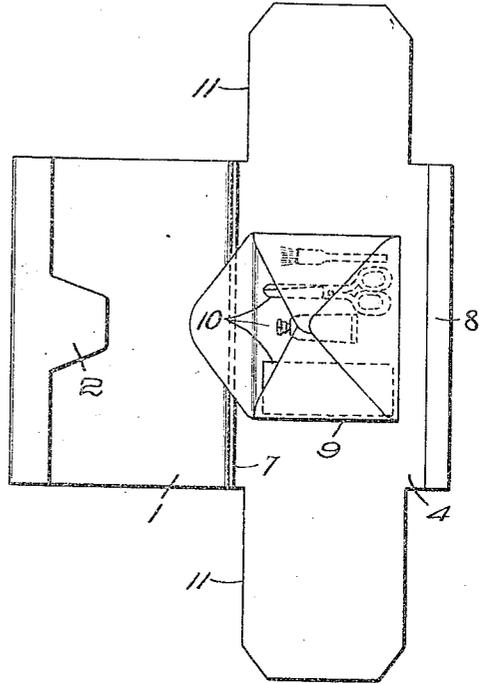


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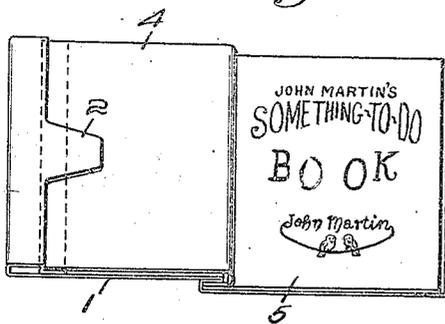
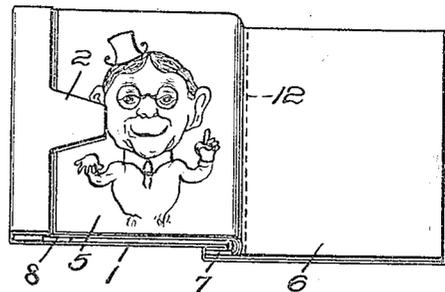


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORGAN SHEPARD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Amusement Portfolios for Children, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to an amusement portfolio and aims to provide a novel and improved device for entertaining small children.

The invention will best be understood from a description of one selected embodiment thereof illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is an exterior view of one side of the portfolio when in the closed position and showing the means provided, preferably on the back, for interlocking the parts of the cover;

Fig. 2, an interior view showing the front or top side of the cover drawn back and exposing the initial sheet on which are provided a utensil carrying compartment and the spacing and stiffening members;

Fig. 3, a like view showing the marginal flaps on the initial sheet folded back and exposing the utensil casing in opened position;

Fig. 4, a further interior view showing the initial sheet folded back to form a working surface and exposing one of a series of superposed pictorial sheets;

Fig. 5, a further interior view showing the pictorial portion of the superposed sheets folded back and exposing one of a series of detachable blank working sheets provided with a perforate or weakened line.

Referring to the drawings of the particular embodiment of my invention selected for illustration herein, the several parts of my device constitute a unitary portable assembly, the housing or cover 1 being preferably flexible in character and having interlocking means such as the tongue 2 and receiving slot 3, provided on adjacent overlapping margins. Within the cover and firmly secured thereto, preferably at the left-hand side, are a plurality of sheets arranged in superposed relation, including an initial sheet 4, (see Figs. 2 and 3), a series of pictorial sheets 5, 5, etc. (see Fig. 4) upon which appear representations of animals,

birds and other figures together with entertaining reading matter and suitable printed instructions of the preferred manner in which such representations are to be used, and also a number of perforate blank working or drawing sheets 6, 6, etc., (see Fig. 5).

On the obverse side of the initial sheet 4 I provide spacing members 7, 8 arranged preferably along the side margins, the inner spacing member 7 being secured in fixed position between the underlying sheets 5, 5, etc., and the cover 1, while the outer member 8 is securely attached to the sheet 4, but free to be moved therewith in turning back upon the cover. These spacing members are of semi-rigid character and consist preferably of light press-board or fibre strips, the primary object thereof being to provide an interstitial space or receiving compartment centrally of the initial sheet 4 within which is mounted, preferably in fixed relation thereto, a separate closable container or casing member 9 of flexible character. Within said casing member are removably disposed sundry utensils 10, 10, etc., such as scissors, color crayons, a collapsible paste-tube and paste-brush, suitable for carrying out the instructions on the pictorial sheets 5, 5, etc., with respect to making free hand drawings or cutting out and transposing figures from said sheets to the blank sheets 6, 6, etc.

A further object of the spacing members 7, 8 is to supply, in conjunction with the centrally disposed casing member 9, an adequate degree of firmness to the initial sheet 4 when turned back upon the cover to provide a suitable working surface (see Fig. 4) upon which to lay the underlying sheets 5 and 6 when desired.

The initial sheet 4 is provided, on its top and bottom margins, with extension members or flaps 11, 11 (Figs. 2 and 3) which are designed to be folded over the casing member 9 when not in use, to prevent the accidental displacement of any of its contents.

The pictorial sheets 5, 5, etc., bear representations of figures which, in some instances, are designed to be copied free hand by the use of color crayons supplied for the purpose, and in other instances are designed to be cut out and transposed to the blank sheets 6, 6, etc., by other appropriate utensils, all of which are provided in the casing member 9. The blank sheets 6, 6, etc., are each preferably provided with a perfo-

rate or weakened line 12 arranged near the inner or left-hand margin and extending from top to bottom.

As herein shown, the device assumes a compact book-like form and appearance, the several parts being neatly and permanently secured together to form a flexible unitary assembly which is adapted to be inserted in a valise or traveling case or otherwise subjected to inequalities of pressure without losing its contents or impairing its serviceability.

My invention is obviously not restricted to the particular embodiment herein disclosed and described.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of sheets arranged in superposed relation and marginally secured together, and means including oppositely arranged spacing members for providing a receiving compartment on at least one of said sheets, and a cover, all secured together to form a unitary assembly.
2. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a series of sheets arranged in superposed relation and detachably secured together on one of their margins, oppositely arranged spacing members for providing an interstitial void on at least one of said sheets, and a cover for enclosing said sheets.
3. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of superposed sheets marginally secured together, an interlocking cover, and spacing and stiffening members arranged at or near opposite sides of one of said sheets and arranged to provide a receiving compartment.
4. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of sheets arranged in superposed relation and marginally secured together, spacing members arranged on one of said sheets to provide a receiving space, a casing member carried on said last-mentioned sheet within said receiving space, and a cover.
5. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of sheets arranged in superposed relation and marginally secured together, one of said sheets having foldable extension flaps on its top and bottom edges, a closable casing member

carried on said last-mentioned sheet, spacing members arranged on opposite sides of said casing member, and a cover for enclosing said sheets.

6. A device of the class described comprising, in combination with a flexible cover having interlocking portions a plurality of superposed sheets permanently secured to the cover, a closable casing member secured to one of said sheets, and spacing members arranged on said last-mentioned sheet to provide a receiving compartment for said casing member.

7. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of sheets arranged in superposed relation and marginally secured together in detachable relation, an initial sheet having closable side members, a casing member centrally arranged on said initial sheet, spacing means, said casing member and spacing means being adapted for stiffening said initial sheet so as to provide a working surface on its reverse side, and a cover.

8. A portfolio, including a flexible interlocking cover, a plurality of superposed sheets at least a portion of which have a perforate or weakened line, an initial sheet having foldable flaps on two opposite edges, a flexible closable casing member secured to said initial sheet, and spacing members secured to said initial sheet on opposite sides of said casing member.

9. A device of the class described comprising, in combination, a plurality of blank sheets, a plurality of printed sheets having pictorial and other matter represented thereon, and an initial sheet, all arranged in superposed relation and secured together along one side or margin, spacing members for providing a receiving space on said initial sheet, a closable utensil casing carried on said initial sheet within said receiving space, and a cover for enclosing all of said parts, said spacing members being adapted and arranged to operate also as stiffening members whereby the reverse side of said initial sheet may be used as a working surface for said other sheets.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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