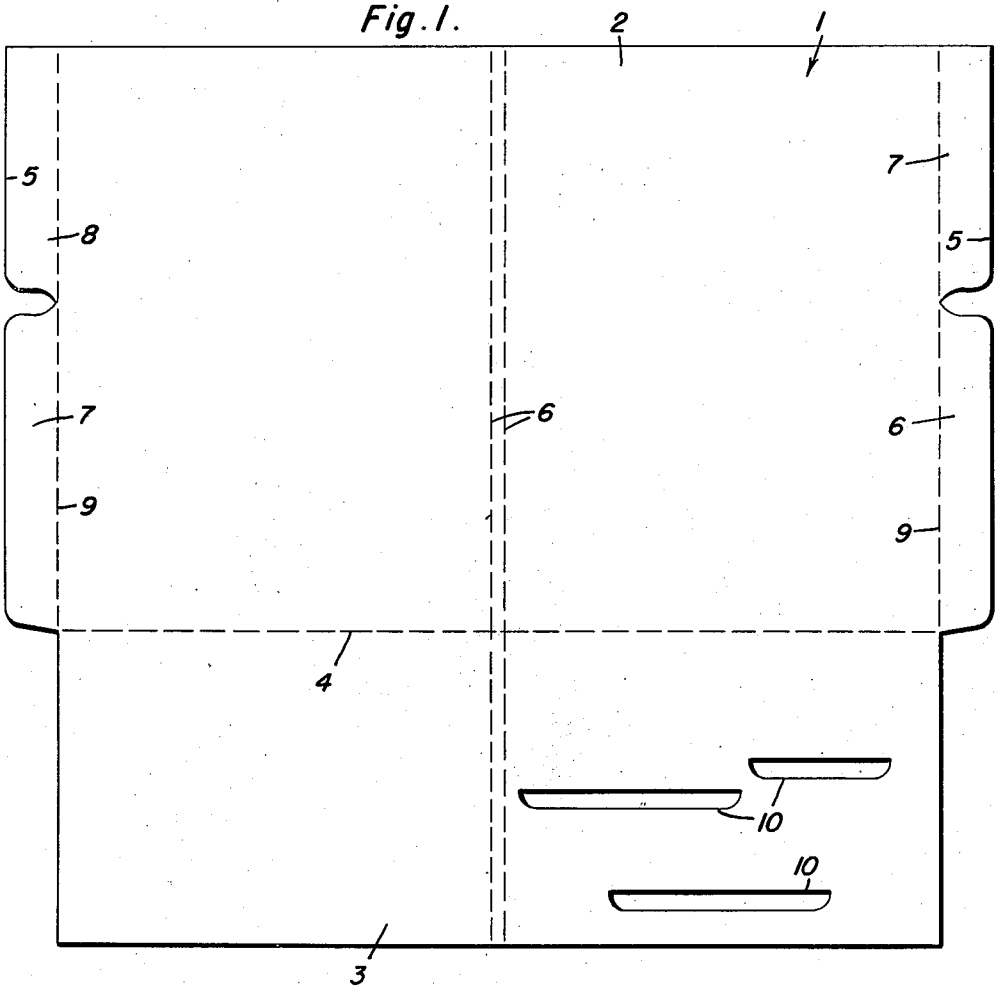
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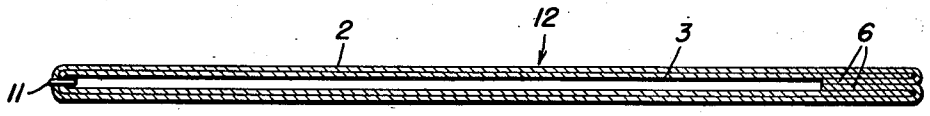


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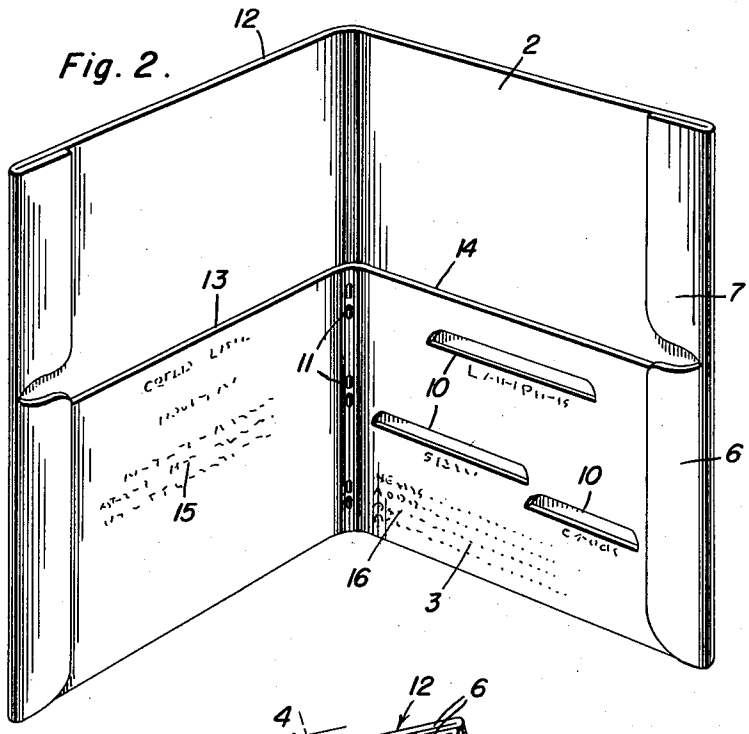
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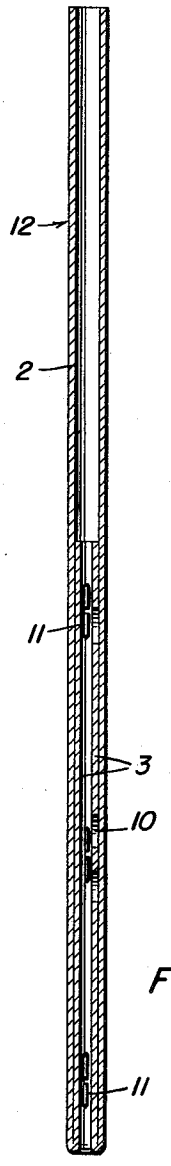


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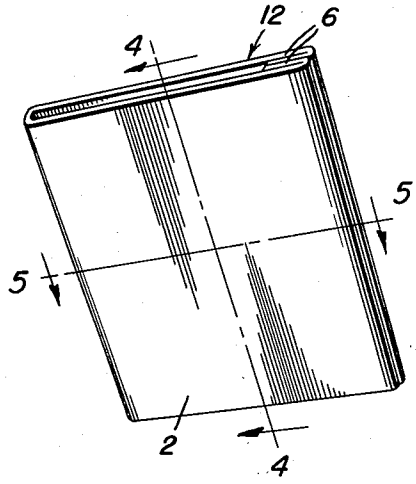


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My invention relates to improvements in portfolios for solicitors of contributions for charitable organizations and the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed, light weight, serviceable device of the character indicated for containing identification records of subscribers to solicitations by charitable and like organizations, and which is especially designed to contain various items for distribution to identify subscribers with the soliciting organization, or the like.

Other and subordinate objects, within the purview of my invention, together with the precise nature of my improvements will be readily understood when the succeeding description and claim are read with reference to the drawings accompanying and forming part of the specification.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view of the blank of which my improved portfolio is formed;

Figure 2 is a view in perspective of the portfolio opened;

Figure 3 is a similar view of the portfolio closed and drawn to a smaller scale;

Figure 4 is a view in vertical section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 and drawn to a larger scale;

Figure 5 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3 and drawn to a larger scale.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, my improved portfolio is formed from a blank 1 of heavy cardboard, or the like, and which, as shown in Figure 1, is substantially rectangular in shape and comprises a main cover forming portion 2 with a relatively narrower and shorter bottom pocket forming portion 3 foldable over the cover portion 2 along a fold line 4 extending at a right angle to the sides 5 of said blank 1. The cover forming portion 2 and the pocket forming portion 3 are foldable along a pair of closely spaced, parallel fold lines 6 substantially mid-way between the sides 5 and parallel therewith. The cover forming portion 2 is provided at each side 5 of the blank 1 with a narrow marginal flap 7 for holding the pocket forming portion 3 in folded position and adapted to be folded over said portion 3 at the sides 5 of said blank 1. The cover forming portion 2 is also provided at each side 5 thereof with a marginal flap 8 foldable over said portion 2 for a purpose presently seen. The flaps 7, 8 at each side of the cover forming portion 2 are foldable along lines 9 aligned with the sides of the pocket forming portion 3. The flap forming portion 3 is provided at one side of the fold

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lines 6 with elongated laterally spaced slots 10, each extending at a right angle to the sides 5 of the blank 1, and which are staggered relatively all for a purpose presently apparent.

To fold the blank 1 into a portfolio, the pocket forming portion 3 is first folded over the cover forming portion 2 along the line 4 and stapled to said portion 2 between the fold lines 6 as at 11. The flaps 7 are next folded over the sides of the pocket forming portion 3, which is to say, at the sides 5 of the blank 1, and are adhesively secured to said pocket forming portion 3. The flaps 8 are next folded over the cover forming portion 2, in the same manner as the flaps 7, and adhesively secured thereto. The cover forming portion 2 and the pocket forming portions 3 are then folded along the lines 6 into book form.

By folding and fastening the blank 1 in the manner described, a portfolio is provided, as shown in Figures 2 to 5 with the cover forming portion 2 providing a cover 12 foldable intermediate the free side edges thereof into open and closed position, with the cover 12, the flap forming portions 3 and the flaps 7 and staples 11 forming a pair of bottom pockets 13, 14 in said portfolio at opposite sides of the vertical center of the portfolio. The free side edges of the cover 12 are reinforced by the flaps 6, 7, and the pocket forming portion 3 is attached to the cover 12 by the flaps 6 and the staples 11 so as to reinforce the cover 12 against undue bending.

One of the pockets, 13, may be used to contain lists, not shown, of contributing subscribers and printed instructions, as at 15, may be delineated on said pocket to be followed by a solicitor in a soliciting campaign. The other pocket 14 is provided with the slots 10, 11, 12 in the front thereof through which identification stickers and membership cards and pin and coin envelopes, not shown, may be inserted into the pocket 14 to extend part-way out of the slots for easy removal to distribute the contributors solicited. Pins or other emblems, not shown, may be fastened to the edges of the slots 10 for the same purpose as the stickers or cards. Printed matter 16 may be delineated on the front of the pocket 14 for identifying the solicitor using the portfolio.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention, without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modifications, without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein re-

served to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A portfolio comprising a rectangular cover of foldable material with side edge reinforcing flaps therein folded inwardly over the cover and adhesively secured thereto in folded position, and a pocket forming portion relatively narrower than said cover folded inwardly over said cover from the bottom thereof and extending from one side edge of the cover to the other with reinforcing flaps on the side edges of the cover overlapping said portion and adhesively secured thereto to secure the same folded, said cover and portion being foldable intermediate said side edges along spaced parallel lines over said pocket forming portion to close the portfolio, said pocket forming portion being secured to the cover between the lines of fold of said cover to form with said cover a pair of pockets at opposite sides of said fold lines, said pocket forming portion having parallel slots therein arranged in staggered relation for access therethrough to one of the pockets.

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