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FIG. 1.

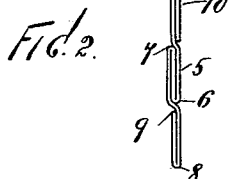
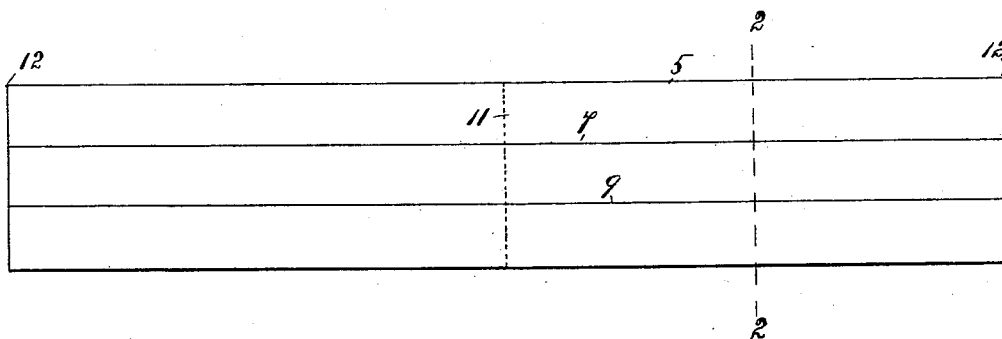
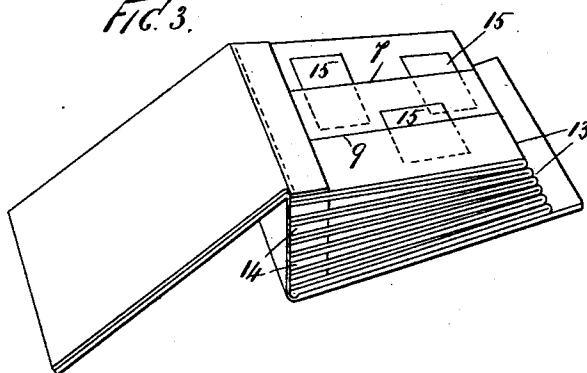


FIG. 3.



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FIG. 4.

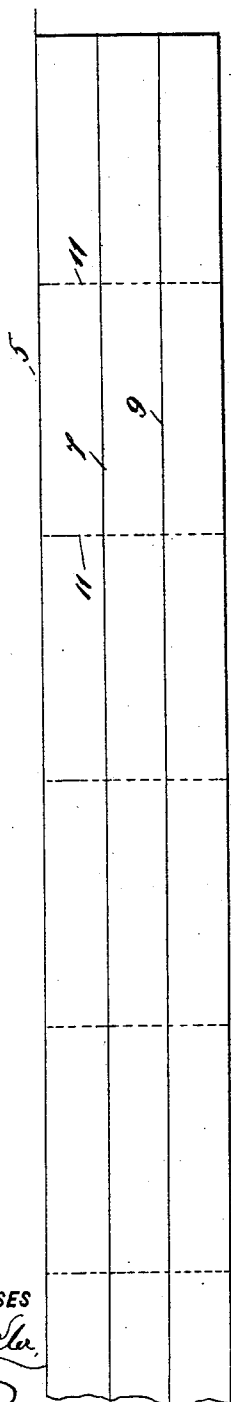
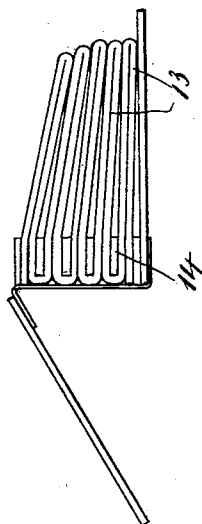


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE COMSTOCK BAKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Albany, in the county of Albany, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Scrap-Books, Files, File-Cases, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts wherever found throughout the several views.

This invention relates to scrap-books, files, file-cases, and similar devices; and the object thereof is to provide a device or book of this class which is provided with leaves which are folded longitudinally to form pockets, into which scraps, newspaper-clippings, letters, bills, and other documents or articles may be placed, a further object being to provide a sheet or leaf for a book which is provided with longitudinal pockets, as described, and the edges of which are folded, so as to give strength thereto.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a sheet of paper from which one leaf of a scrap-book, file, or file-casing is formed, said sheet being adapted to be folded transversely at the center thereof and the ends to be bound together, so as to form one leaf, and said sheet being also folded longitudinally, so as to form two pockets; Fig. 2, a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a perspective view of a book or file made according to my invention; Fig. 4, a view similar to Fig. 1, showing a long sheet of paper folded in the same manner, from which the scrap or file book may be made; and Fig. 5, a side view of a scrap or file book made therefrom.

In the practice of my invention, reference being made to Figs. 1 and 3, I provide a sheet of paper which is oblong in form, as shown at 5 in Fig. 1, and said sheet is folded at the center and longitudinally thereof, as shown at 6 in Fig. 2, and the folded part extends upwardly to a predetermined point, as 7, and the lower part is then folded downwardly to a predetermined distance below the fold at 6, as shown at 8, and the lower side of the sheet

is then folded upwardly again, the folded portion extending approximately to the first fold, as shown at 9, and all these folds are longitudinal, and by means thereof a longitudinal pocket is formed, as shown at 7, and another at 9, and the upper edge of the strip is folded over and downwardly in the opposite direction, as shown, this last fold being for the purpose of strengthening the upper edge of the sheet and for rendering the same of the same thickness throughout the folded portion 10 or approximately to the top of the pocket formed at 7. When the sheet has been thus folded, it is folded transversely of its center or along the dotted line 11 and constitutes a single leaf with the longitudinal pockets 7 and 9 on its opposite sides, and the fold at 11 closes the pockets, as will be readily understood. A number of these sheets or leaves formed therefrom, as above described, are bound together, as shown in Fig. 3, the ends 12 being directed inwardly and being secured together by the binding, and the leaves thus formed, which are shown at 13 in Fig. 3, are separated at their inner ends by transverse strips 14, which are also bound between said leaves. The longitudinal pockets at 7 and 9 thus formed are designed to receive paper-clippings, letters, bills, and other documents, as shown at 15, and when the sheets are properly folded, as above described, the pockets thus formed will retain said paper-clippings, letters, bills, and other documents in position.

The book may also be made by taking a long strip of paper or similar material and folding it longitudinally to form pockets, as described, and then transversely to form separate pages, the pages each being double, and then pasting or binding the said pages together at one end and attaching the same to a suitable cover in any desired manner, and for greater strength and security a piece of cloth may be passed across the free ends, or each double leaf might be stitched crosswise adjacent to the binding, and if necessary the whole book may be made from a single sheet of paper folded in this manner, the upper edge being also folded, as described, and in Fig. 5 I have shown a scrap or file book made in this manner and in Fig. 4 a sheet of paper from which the leaves thereof are made.

A file, book, or casing thus formed may be

used for a variety of purposes in addition to those hereinbefore specified, and it will be found to be a safe and convenient receptacle or place of storage for photographic films and other articles.

5 Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

10 A scrap-book, file or file-casing, the same consisting of a plurality of leaves, said leaves being formed from a sheet of paper by first folding said sheet longitudinally and upwardly, and then folding the upwardly-directed fold downwardly, and then again folding
15 the downwardly-directed portion upwardly, and then folding the upper portion of the

sheet downwardly, these separate folds being of such width that the sheet when so folded, will be of three thicknesses, at the middle, and of two thicknesses at the upper and lower edges, and said sheet being then folded transversely so as to form the leaves, and said leaves being bound together, substantially as shown and described. 20

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 14th day of October, 1896. 25

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