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MEMORANDUM AND STAMP BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IARS H. BAKRA, a citizen of the United States, residing at McCallsburg, in the county of Story and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Memorandum and Stamp Book, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to articles of stationery, and more particularly to a book for carrying stamps, and in which may be written memoranda.

An object of this invention is to provide a book of this character which has the leaves thereof detachably mounted within the cover and in such relation as to form an index readily accessible upon opening of the cover to admit finding the desired page easily and quickly.

The invention further aims at the provision of a book of this character which comprises relatively few parts peculiarly associated to form a book which is relatively thin and compact; which is capable of considerable expansion incident to the introduction of articles between the leaves; and which comprises a body part of leaves detachably connected to the cover and admitting renewal of the leaves when filled or worn.

The above, and various other objects and advantages of this invention will be in part described, and in part understood, from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a book constructed according to the present invention, the fly leaf thereof being open and disclosing the arrangement of the leaves.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse section taken through one of the leaves between the top and bottom edges thereof, showing the construction of the article supporting pockets.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary longitudinal section through the same.

Fig. 4 is a transverse section through the body portion of the book, showing the leaves spread apart, and showing the hinged supporting means for the leaves and the flexible strip for connecting the body portion to the back cover.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary enlarged section taken through one of the detachable connections between the leaves and the hinge supports thereof.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view, on a reduced scale, of a book constructed according to this invention and as appearing when closed.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the book having the front cover section opened.

Fig. 8 is a similar view showing the rear cover section opened.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of the body portion of the book detached from the cover.

Fig. 10 is a plan view, partly broken away of the cover of the book, showing the mounting of the detachable fasteners which are carried by the cover.

The book of this invention comprises a body part, and a cover part adapted to in close and protect the body part.

In the drawings 10 and 11 designate a pair of leaves which are preferably formed of celluloid or other suitable material capable of receiving pencil notations and for'en ease to remove the notations when no longer desired. The leaves 10 and 11 may be of any desired number and are adapted to comprise fly leaves for the completed book and are also preferably of full size of the body part. Between the front and rear leaves 10 and 11 are arranged a plurality of intermediate leaves or pages 12 which are substantially one half the height of the leaves 10 and 11, and which are arranged in counter-spaced relation with the upper marginal portions of the leaves 12 projecting above the similar portions of the preceding sheets to thus display the upper edge portions of all of the sheets 12 when the front fly leaf 10 is opened. The sheets 12 are preferably consecutively numbered or otherwise differentiated from each other for the purpose of identification and the filing of articles or memoranda placed in the book.

The leaves 10, 11 and 12 are hingedly connected to one another by flexible strips 13 which extend longitudinally of the inner edge portions of the leaves and overlap the opposed faces of adjacent leaves, the strips 13 being disposed between each two leaves for consecutively connecting the same. Two-part separable fasteners 14 of any suitable type are employed in any desired number for securing the opposite edge portions of the strips 13 against the opposite sides of the pages or
leaves 12. The separable fasteners 14 extend through the thicknesses of the leaves and the strips 13, as shown in Fig. 5 and detachably hold the parts together.

5 An attaching strip 15 is carried upon the body part of the device for securing the body part to the cover part. The strip 15 comprises a length of flexible material secured along one marginal portion against a middle leaf 12 and held therein by the adjacent hinged strip 13 and the adjacent fasteners 14. The strip 15 thus extends from an intermediate portion of the body part and is provided with a longitudinal row of openings 16 through which separable fasteners 17 are adapted to be engaged. The attaching strip 15 is slitted transversely intermediate its ends and at its inner edge portion to provide a leaf engaging section 18 of a length equal substantially to, and located opposite the middle leaf 12, the section 18 being secured to the leaf as above described. The free end portions 19 located at opposite ends of the section 18 are preferably secured to the upper and lower ends of the fly leaves 10 and 11, respectively, for reinforcing the free ends of the same which are left unsupported by the longitudinally offset intermediate leaves 12. Detachable fasteners 20 are preferably employed for securing these free end portions 19 to the leaves 10 and 11.

If desired, each intermediate leaf 19 may have transversely extending pockets 21 formed therin, and which may as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 comprise strips of oilin silk, or the like, suitably overlapped and secured to the opposite sides of the sheets 12 by the separable fasteners 14, and beneath the adjacent edge portions of the hinge stripes 18. The stripes forming the pockets 21 are arranged longitudinally in a slightly overlapping relation and may be secured along their lower edges to the sheets 19 for forming pockets closed at their bottoms as shown in Fig. 3. The outer ends of the pockets 21 are reinforced, and the outer edge portions of the sheets 12 are protected, by overturned strips 22 of fabric or the like which is secured in place over the edges of the sheets by an adhesive.

The cover part comprises a flexible body portion foldable intermediate its seams front and back cover portions 23 and 24 adapted to engage over the fly leaves 10 and 11, and to house and protect the body portion of the book. The intermediate bendable portion of the cover is provided with a longitudinal row of separable fasteners 25 adapted to engage through the apertures 16 of the flexible connector 16 and to cooperate with the separable fasteners parts 17 and secure the connector 15 to the cover portion. The cover part may be made of one or more thicknesses of material, and the fastener sections 25 are introduced between the layers through slots 26 formed in the inner layer.

It is apparent that when the cover and the first fly leaf 10 is opened, as shown in Fig. 4, all of the upper marginal edge portions of the sheats or leaves 12 are disclosed to view and various data may be placed at the tops of the sheets for contra-distinguishing the same. The sheets may be readily separated and interchanged, and the entire body portion may be removed from the cover part. Thus, when the body portion is filled with certain specimens of stamps, or other objects, the body portion may be removed from the cover and filed away, and a new body portion placed in the cover to continue the collection.

Various changes in structure and design may be made in the above described embodiment without departing from the spirit of the invention, and within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a book, the combination of a cover part, a body part comprising front and back fly leaves, a plurality of intermediate leaves of less length than the fly leaves and arranged in longitudinally offset relation to one another, means for detachably securing the intermediate leaves to and between the fly leaves; and a connector detachably securing the body part in the cover part.

2. In a book, the combination of a cover part, a body part comprising a plurality of leaves, the intermediate leaves being of less length than the front and back leaves, and means for detachably securing said leaves together with the intermediate leaves offset longitudinally and consecutively to disclose the end portions of all of the leaves simultaneously when a leaf is open, and means for securing the body part in the cover part.

3. In a book, the combination of a cover part, a body part comprising a plurality of leaves, flexible strips secured at their opposite edge portions to the opposite faces of adjacent leaves to consecutively hinge the leaves together, a flexible strip secured at one edge portion between an Intermediate leaf and its adjacent flexible strip and extending beyond the inner edges of the leaves, and means for detachably securing the other edge portion of said second flexible strip within the cover part.

4. In a book, the combination of a cover part, a body part carried in the cover part, said body part comprising front and back fly leaves, a plurality of intermediate leaves, a flexible strip arranged between each two intermediate leaves with the edge portions of the strip overlapping the opposite faces of the adjacent leaves, front and back flexible strips arranged between the front and back fly leaves and the adjacent inter-
mediate leaves with their edge portions overlapping the adjacent leaves, and a separable fastener for each intermediate and fly leaf and engaging through the adjacent overlapping portions of said strips to hinge the strips together and admit the individual removal of the leaves.

5. In a book, the combination of a cover part, and a body part carried in the cover part, said body part comprising a plurality of leaves, the intermediate leaves being of less length than the front and back leaves and arranged successively in longitudinally overlapping relation, flexible strips overlapping at their opposite edge portions the opposite faces of adjacent leaves at the inner edges thereof and being of a length slightly less than the length of said intermediate leaves and adapted to be secured in consecutive longitudinally offset relation, and means for detachably securing said strips to their adjacent leaves.

6. In a book, the combination of a cover part, a body part comprising front and back fly leaves and intermediate leaves of less length than the fly leaves, said intermediate leaves being arranged between the fly leaves in longitudinally offset relation, and a flexible connector strip secured to an intermediate leaf at a point between the ends of the flexible strip, the ends of the flexible strip being secured respectively to the unsupported ends of the front and back fly leaves, said strip projecting from the body portion and being adapted to be secured within said cover part.

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