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NOTEBOOK COVER AND SUPPORT

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FIG. 1

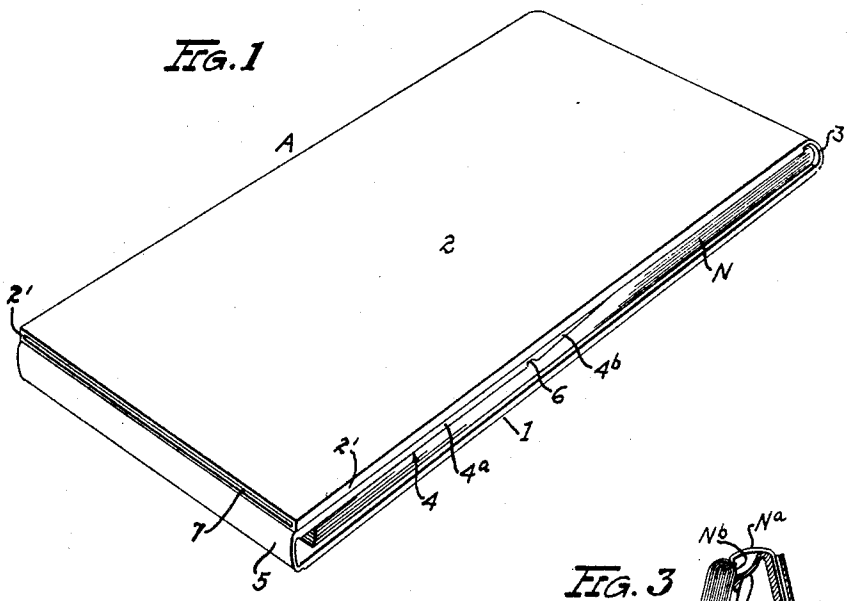


FIG. 2

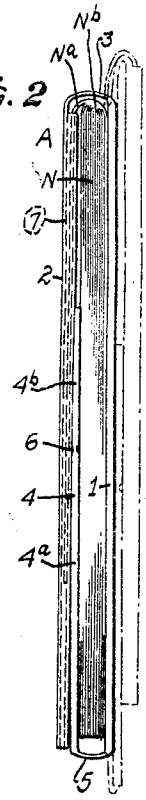


FIG. 3

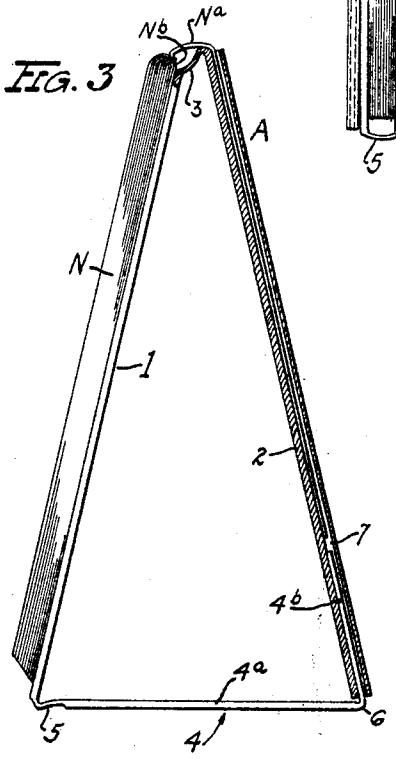
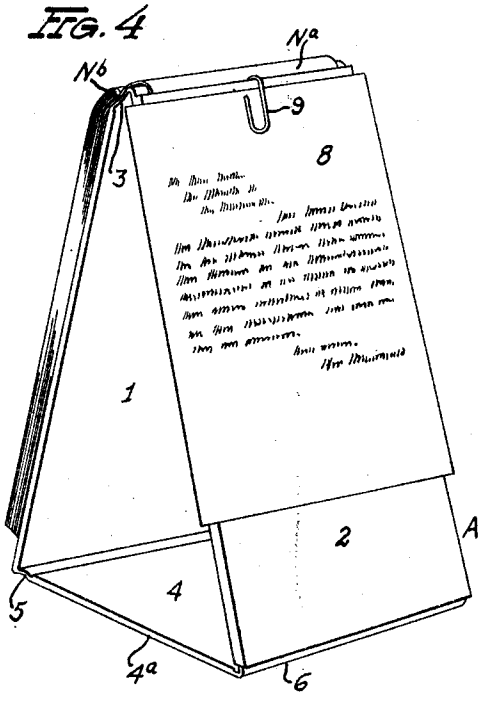


FIG. 4



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This invention relates generally to covers for notebooks of the type usually employed in taking shorthand notes, and more specifically to an improved cover of this type, which is foldable in a manner to provide a support for the notebook when the shorthand notes therein are being transcribed, the predominant object of the invention being to produce a combined cover and support for shorthand notebook which is of extremely simple construction and performs its function in a highly efficient manner.

Fig. 1 is a perspective of my improved notebook cover in association with a shorthand notebook and showing the notebook and the cover in a folded condition.

Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the notebook and cover illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view partly in elevation and partly in vertical section showing the improved cover in the position it assumes when serving as a support for the associated notebook.

Fig. 4 is a perspective illustrating a manner in which the improved structure may be employed as a support for loose sheets being copied.

In the drawing, wherein is shown for the purpose of illustration, merely, one embodiment of the invention, A designates the improved notebook cover generally, said notebook cover comprising a back section 1 and a front section 2, said back and front sections being formed of substantially stiff material and being hingedly connected together by a flexible hinge section. The back section 1 has associated therewith at the lower edge thereof an extension 4, said extension being hingedly connected to the back section by means of a flexible hinge section 5. The extension 4 is composed of a pair of relatively stiff portions 4^a and 4^b which are connected together by a flexible hinge section 6. The front section 2 of the improved cover is hollow, as seen clearly in Figs. 1 and 3; that is to say, a cavity 7 extends entirely through said section from end to end thereof. The cavity referred to is open at the opposite ends of the front section 2, but, of course, is closed at the opposite side edges of the section by solid edge portions 2′ of the section.

N designates a shorthand notebook of well known construction, said notebook comprising a plurality of pages of note paper suitably bound together within cover and back sections N^a and N^b formed of material substantially stiffer than the pages of note paper.

In the use of my improved notebook cover and support the cover section N^a of the notebook is introduced into the cavity 7 of the front section 2 of the notebook cover and support in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3, said notebook cover being passed inwardly into the cavity until the bound end of the notebook is located adjacent to the flexible hinge section 3 of the notebook cover and support. The extension 4 may then be turned rearwardly so that it assumes a position adjacent to the rear face of the back section 1 of the notebook cover and support, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2. The front section 2 of the notebook cover and support is also movable rearwardly to a position adjacent to the rear face of the back section 1, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, the extension 4 preferably being interposed between the front section 2 and the back section 1. With the parts positioned as described, the notebook N is exposed so that notes may be coveniently made therein, and the back section 1, front section 2, and extension 4 provide a stiff backing for the notebook which facilitates the use thereof.

When it is desired to transcribe notes which have been made in the notebook N, the front section 2 and back section 1 of the notebook cover and support are moved to the easel-like arrangement shown in Fig. 3, the front section 2 being located to the rear of the back section 1 on which the notebook N is disposed. The extension portion 4^a is then extended from the lower end of the back section 1 to which it is attached by the flexible hinge section 5 to the lower end of the front section 2, and the portion 4^b of said extension is extended upwardly into the lower portion of the cavity 7 of the front section 2, the hinge section 6 permitting the por-

tion 4^b to be bent at an angle to the portion 4^a. Thus the lower end portions of the front and back sections are securely connected together when the improved structure serves as a support for a notebook and the portion 4^a of the extension provides a flat base of substantial area for the easel-like structure.

When the notebook is not in use, the improved cover and support is folded, as shown in Fig. 1; that is to say, the front section 2 is folded to a position adjacent to the front of the notebook and the extension 4 is interposed between the front section 2 and said notebook. When so folded, the notebook and cover provide a flat, compact article which may be conveniently handled and occupies very little space.

When it is desired to employ the improved structure as a support for loose sheets being copied, the notebook cover and support is arranged in its easel-like condition as described and is turned around so that the front section 2 thereof is located in advance of the back section 1. The sheet 8 bearing the matter to be copied is then fastened to the front section 2 of the notebook cover and support by means of a simple paper fastener 9 of well known construction, a portion of said paper fastener being inserted into the upper portion of the cavity 7 in the front section 2 and another portion of said paper fastener gripping the sheet 8, as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim:

1. A notebook cover and support comprising a stiff front panel and a stiff back panel hingedly connected together, and a stiff extension hingedly connected to one of said panels, said extension being formed of a plurality of panels hinged together and one of such sections of said extensions being arranged for telescoping association with a portion of the panel other than that to which said extension is connected, said telescoping arrangement being accomplished by providing one of the telescoping portions with a cavity into which the other telescoping portion is extended, said notebook cover and support being foldable to provide a cover for a notebook at which time said stiff extension encloses an end portion of said note-book and being movable to an easel-like position where it serves as a support for said notebook, one of the sections of said extension serving as a base for the structure when same is in its easel-like position.

2. A notebook cover and support comprising a stiff front panel and a stiff back panel hingedly connected together, and a stiff extension hingedly connected to one of said panels, said extension being formed of a plurality of sections hinged together and the panel other than the panel provided with the extension being provided with cavity portions adapted to receive an end portion of said extension and a portion of said notebook, said notebook cover and support being foldable to provide a cover for a notebook and being movable to an easel-like position where it serves as a support for said notebook, one of the sections of said extension serving as a base for the structure when same is in its easel-like positon.

3. A notebook cover and support comprising a stiff front panel and a stiff back panel hingedly connected together, and a stiff extension hingedly connected to one of said panels, said extension being formed of a plurality of sections hinged together and the panel other than the panel provided with the extension being provided with a cavity extended from end to end thereof which receives a portion of a notebook associated with the notebook cover and support and is adapted to receive an end portion of said extension, said notebook cover and support being foldable to provide a cover for a notebook and being movable to an easel-like position where it serves as a support for said notebook.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature.

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