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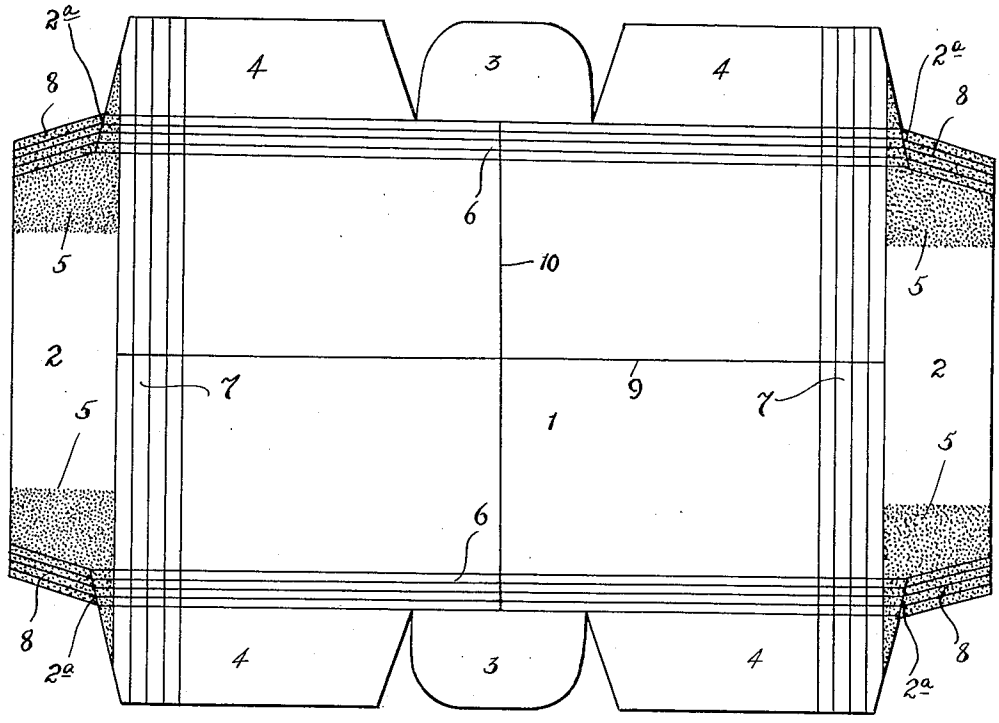
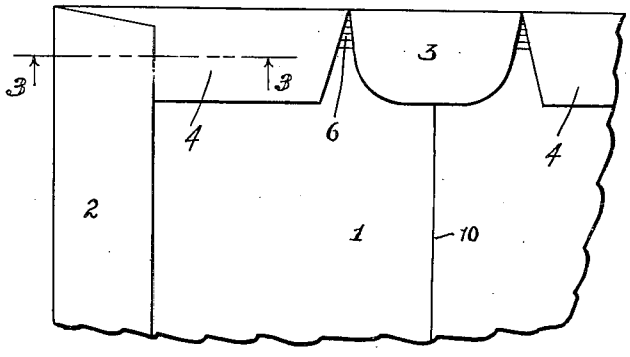


Fig. 1.



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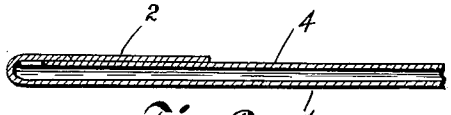

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS L. TOLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Book-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in book-covers and refers more particularly to a book cover which is adjustable and to the novel arrangement and construction of such a cover.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a one-piece book-cover which is so arranged that by folding certain parts and clipping or cutting off certain other portions, the cover may be adjusted to the proper size to fit the book. The cover presents a neat appearance and being in one piece has thus those advantages which might not be claimed for a two-piece cover.

The invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the side or inner face of the cover.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the cover as it appears when folded to be placed on a book, and

Fig. 3 is a partial longitudinal sectional view of Fig. 2, taken on line 3—3.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 designates the body of the cover which has the wings 2—2 and top and bottom flaps 4—4 between which are ears 3—3. The wings 2—2 are gummed as at 5—5. The body 1 of the cover at the top and bottom has the parallel horizontal lines 6—6 and at the sides the perpendicular lines 7—7 for properly marking and alining the flaps when they are folded to reduce the size of the cover to fit a book. The lines 7—7 extend to the edge of the flaps 4—4 and the lines 6—6 likewise extend onto the wings 2—2 a short distance, being intersected by the lines 2^a formed by a continuation of the edge of the flaps 4, and are then directed obliquely inward as at 8 so that they parallel the top and bottom edges of the wings.

Assuming that the cover is to be placed on a book, the back of the book is alined with the ears 3—3 to ascertain on what lines the ears 3—3, wings 2—2 and flaps 4—4 are to be folded.

The book is then removed and the ears folded inward and the book replaced, after which the flaps 4—4 are folded over the original cover or boards of the book and the wings 2—2 being moistened at the gummed portions 5—5 are folded over the flaps 4—4, see Fig. 2.

Particular attention, however, is called to the fact that the wings 2—2 on the lines 8—8 containing the gummed surface are not folded but cut along the lines 2^a and 8 when necessary to reduce the fold, and the piece is taken out, as it is obvious that folding the wings on the lines 8—8 would reduce the extent of the gummed surface more than by cutting. It will also be noted that by having the end of the flap 4 cut at an oblique angle to the body 1 instead of at right angles thereto, the connection between the wings and body is stronger than it would be if at right angles thereto.

As an additional means of properly alining the book to the cover a horizontal line 9 and a perpendicular line 10 may be provided, the lines intersecting each other at the center of the cover. The back of the book may be placed on the perpendicular line 10 and the original covers spread out on the line 9, and a mark made to indicate the folding point of the cover.

Having thus described the nature and objects of my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A book cover in one piece having top and bottom flaps and wings on its sides, said wings having gummed ends, the body of the cover provided with horizontal and perpendicular lines on its sides, bottom and top extending onto the flaps and wings, and a horizontal and a perpendicular line intersecting each other at the center of the cover, said lines to assist in folding the flaps to reduced size to fit a book, the lines on the gummed surface of said wings having an oblique relationship to the horizontal and perpendicular lines for indicating a portion to be cut off from said gummed surface.

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

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