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Fig. 2.

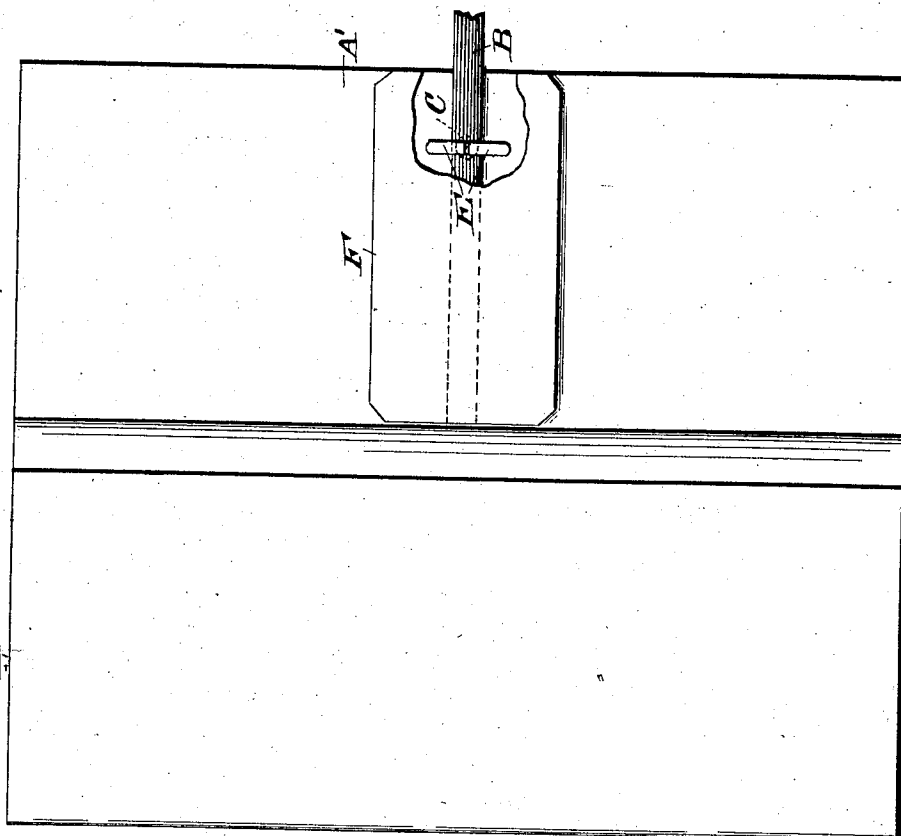
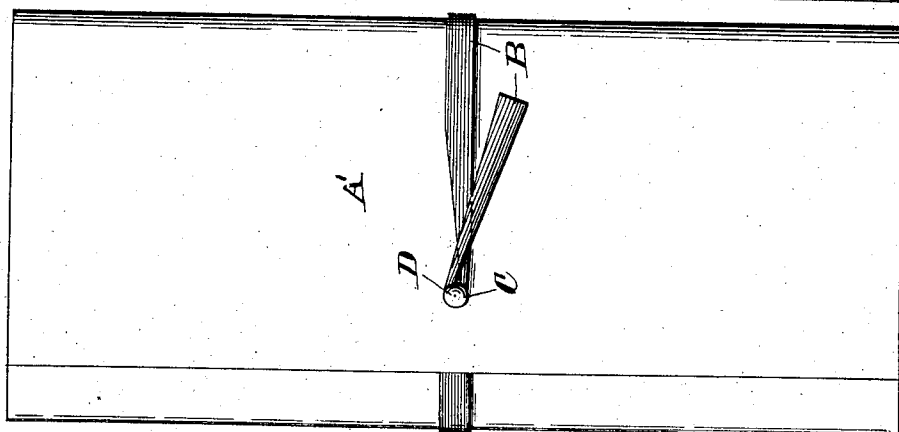


Fig. 1.



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FILE-BINDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. RANDOLPH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in File-Binders, of which

My invention relates to binders for files of papers, &c., and has for its object to provide a file-wrapper having the tape-binder secured thereto and a button or analogous structure secured to the jacket, around which the tape is given one or more turns to bind the file.

The advantages of my invention will more fully appear hereinafter and by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a file, showing my invention in operation; and Fig. 2 a view of the file when unbound and the outside flap thrown back to show its inner side partly cut away.

Referring to the drawings, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout both views, A indicates a file-wrapper of ordinary construction, having secured thereto one end of a piece of tape B by pasting it to the inner side of the outside flap A'. As shown in the drawings, a paper-fastener C, having a round head D, is then inserted through the fabric of the wrapper and the tape and its prongs E bent flat against the inside of the wrapper. A strip of tough paper or cloth F is then pasted over the end of the tape and the ends of the paper-fastener and the wrapper is complete.

In operation the papers are placed in the wrapper A and the two flaps folded over them, the flap A' being on the outside. The tape B is then carried around the file and given one or more turns under the button C.

Should at any time the fastener C tear out, another one can be readily inserted through the wrapper and the ends bent against the outer surface of the strip of paper or cloth F. It will also be apparent that any other button device than the head of a paper-fastener may be substituted and string or twine used instead of tape without departing from the spirit of my invention.

If desired, the tape may be secured the full length of the wrapper where an especially strong binder is desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a file-binder, a piece of tape pasted on the inside of the wrapper, a paper-fastener passed through the wrapper and tape, adjacent to one edge thereof, and having its prongs bent against the tape and its head on the outside of the wrapper, and a strip of fabric pasted over said tape and the prongs of the fastener, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a file-binder, a wrapper fabric, a piece of tape pasted on the inside of said wrapper fabric, a paper-fastener passed through said fabric and tape and having its prongs bent against the tape, a strip of fabric pasted over said tape and the prongs of the fastener, the head of said paper-fastener projecting from the outer surface of the wrapper fabric to receive the free end of the tape in binding a file, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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