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Fig. 1.

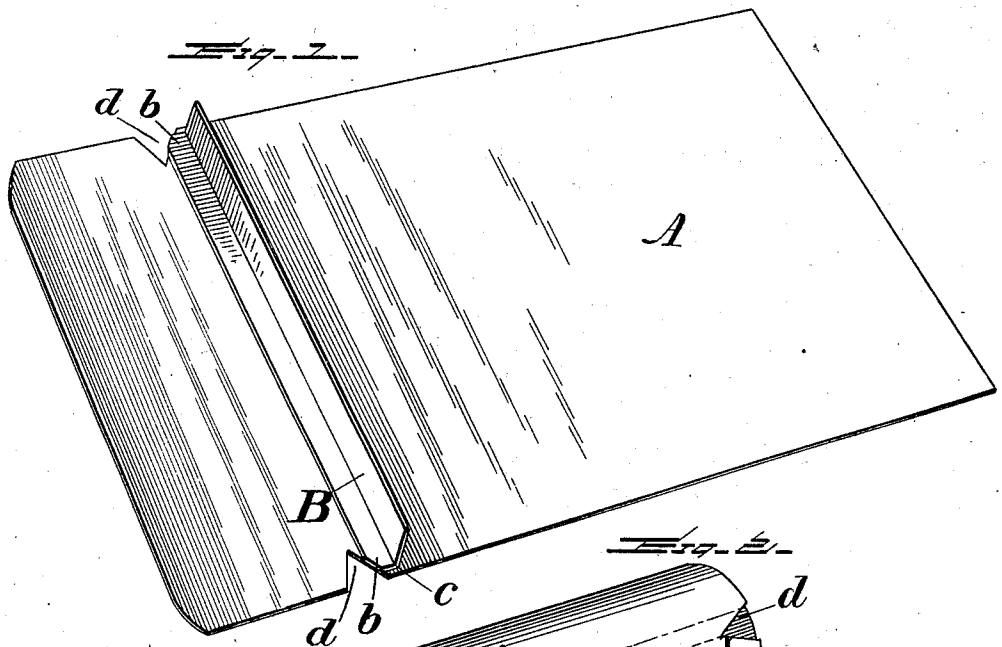


Fig. 2.

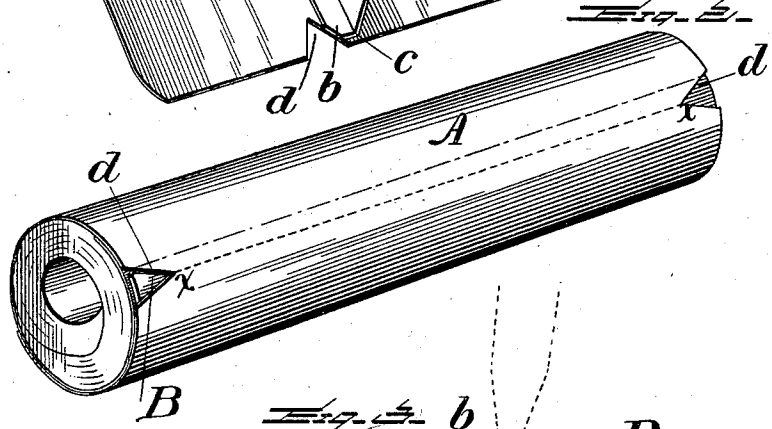
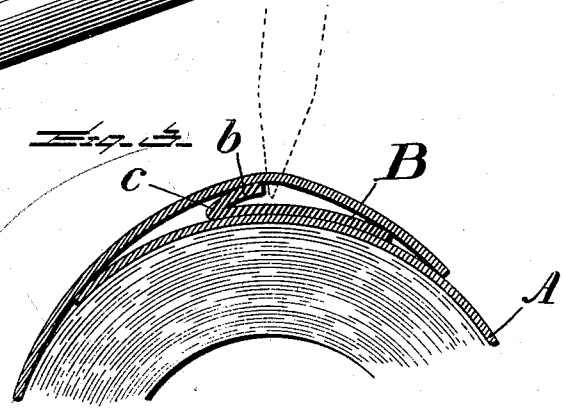


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS W. PEDDICORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wrappers for Magazines, &c.; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to wrappers for magazines and the like; and it has for its object, primarily, to provide a wrapper having means for protection of the contents in opening. It is a well-known fact that with ordinary wrappers when an attempt is made to open a package inclosed therein the paper-cutter, knife, or other instrument used is apt to engage and tear the outer sheet or sheets of the article wrapped therein. I guard against such occurrence and the consequent injury to the magazine or other article by providing a protecting-strip, which is secured at one edge to the inner face of the wrapper along the line of proposed opening of the package, and this strip will be interposed between the knife or other implement and the magazine or other article contained within the wrapper and receive the impact of the end of the knife or other instrument, which is thus held from contact with the contents of the package. Any suitable material may be employed for this protecting-strip. I may employ paper, cloth, cardboard, or any material suited to the purpose. This strip is secured at one edge, and the other edge is left free and unattached to the body of the wrapper, by preference being folded upon itself, so as to form a bend in the strip in which the opening implement may be entered; but it is evident that this strip instead of being folded may be simply secured at one edge upon one side of the opening-line and the free or unattached edge extended over and across such line to receive the knife or other instrument, and thus keep the latter away from the contents of the package.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved wrapper looking at the inner face thereof. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a package inclosed by such wrapper. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail in cross-section with the parts somewhat distorted to better illustrate the invention.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a wrapper of usual form and construction, except as hereinafter specified.

Upon the inner face of the wrapper, at any predetermined point, but preferably at a point about one-fourth the distance from one end, as shown in Fig. 1, I affix to the same by glue or any suitable agent or medium a protecting-strip B, of paper, cloth, or some other material, the said strip being of any desired width and affixed along one edge only, as seen at *b*. This strip in the form seen in Figs. 1 and 3 is bent upon itself, as seen at *c*, and the free portion extended back and upon the portion which is attached to the wrapper, as indicated in Fig. 3, or the strip may be secured at one edge and the free portion extended against the inner face of the wrapper without being folded, as indicated in Fig. 2, the result being substantally the same in both instances. In both forms the protecting-strip extends across the opening-line *x x*, which may or may not be perforated to facilitate opening of the package.

If desired, and it may be preferable, notches *d* may be provided at one or both ends of the opening-line, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, to facilitate the introduction of the knife or other implement employed for opening the package. When such notches are present, the ends of the protecting-strip should be cut to correspond to the edge of the notch, as seen in Fig. 1.

When the wrapper is placed about a maga-

zine or other article, the protecting-strip will automatically assume a position beneath the proposed line of opening, as seen in Figs. 2 and 3.

The mode of use and advantages will be apparent from the above description when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, and a further detailed description thereof is not deemed necessary.

It will be observed that I have provided a wrapper which will serve effectually to protect the contents of a package inclosed thereby, and while the structural embodiment of the invention as herein disclosed is what I at present consider preferable I do not wish to limit myself to the exact details, but reserve the right to make such changes, variations, and modifications as come properly within the scope of the protection prayed.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A wrapper for newspapers and the like provided with an independent protecting-strip along its line of opening.

2. A wrapper for newspapers and the like provided upon its inner surface with an independent strip attached thereto along one edge only, and extended across the proposed line of opening of the wrapper, substantially as described.

3. A wrapper provided upon its inner surface with a folded independent protecting-strip affixed thereto along one edge only with its free portion extended beyond the proposed line of opening.

4. A wrapper having upon its inner face an independent strip attached at one edge upon one side of the proposed line of opening and bent upon itself with the free portion extended across the proposed line of opening of the wrapper.

5. A wrapper having at one edge a notch, and upon its inner surface a protecting-strip affixed to the wrapper along one edge only with its free portion extended across the proposed line of opening of such wrapper.

6. A wrapper for newspapers and the like having an independent protecting-strip upon its inner face and arranged to extend between an inner and outer fold of the wrapper and to extend across the proposed line of opening of the wrapper.

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

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