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Fig. 1.

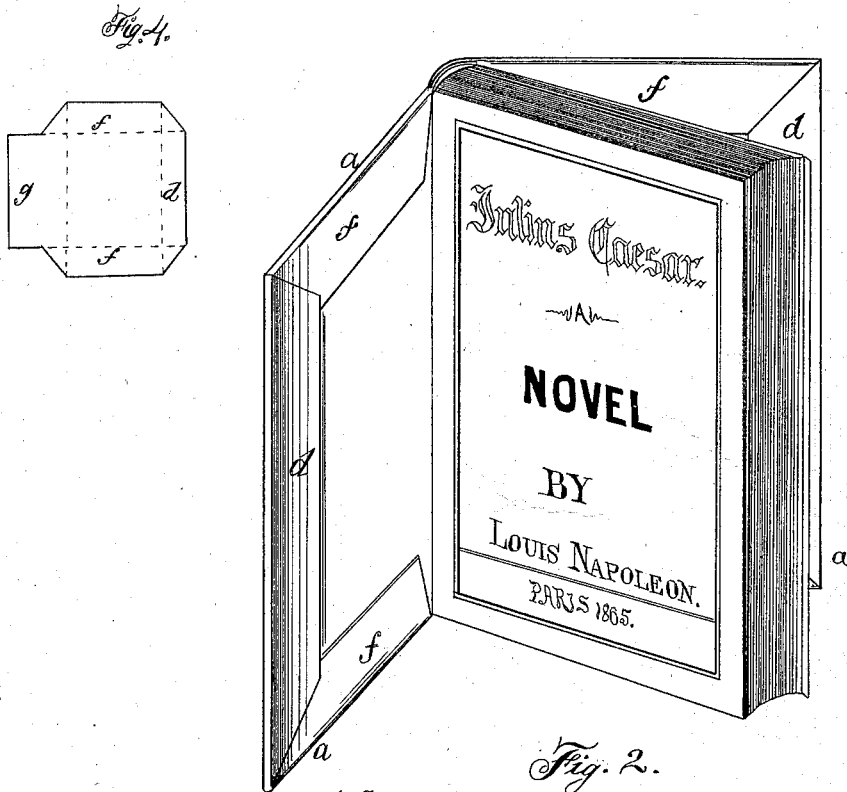


Fig. 2.

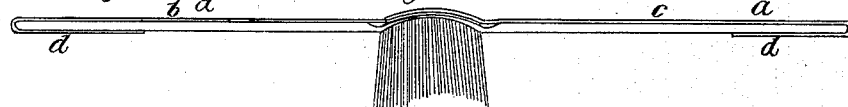
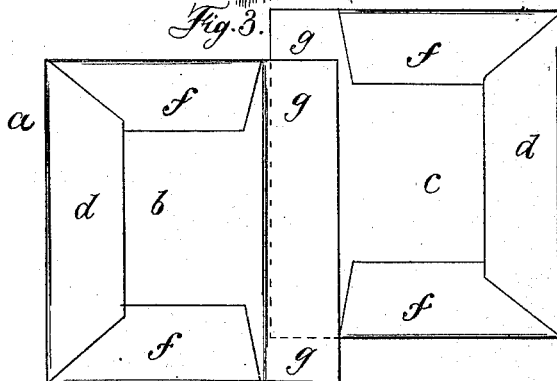


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-COVERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **49,213**, dated August 8, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. BARDEN, of South Adams, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Covers for Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

The present invention has for its object the production of an outside casing or covering for the covers and backs of books so made and folded as to be readily and easily inserted or placed thereon when desired, which coverings are to be of different sizes to conform to the varying dimensions of books. I accomplish this result by forming the casing or covering, made of paper or cloth, or of paper and cloth combined, or of any other suitable material, in two parts or sections, each of which parts is constructed in such a manner, to be presently described, as to fit over and upon each side portion of the cover, overlapping each other at the back, where they are united by means of mucilage, glue, or any other proper adhesive material or compound.

Having thus generally described my improvement, I will now proceed to describe the same in detail, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing its application to a book; Fig. 2, a cross-section through the same with it applied, and Fig. 3, a view of inner surfaces of the book-cover casing; and Fig. 4, view showing shape of cover-casing before being folded.

*a a* in the drawings represent the book-cover casing, made of paper or cloth, or of both combined, or of any other suitable material, made in two parts, *b* and *c*, each cut from a sheet of the material used into the shape represented in Fig. 4, and of larger dimensions than the length and width of the book-cover which it is to incase, folded over upon its outer and end edges, *d* and *f*, into nearly the length and width of the book-cover for which it is intended, leaving a piece, *g*, of same length as cover and of a width equal, or nearly so, to the back of the book. The end pieces are first folded over and then the outer or side piece, *d*, upon them, to which it is attached by means of glue, mucilage, or any other suitable adhesive material

or compound, in and between which double layers of the material used and folded and fastened together as described the outer edges or portions of the book-cover are held, as seen in Fig. 2, when the casing is placed thereon, as will be presently described.

The casing formed as above described is applied upon the book-covers, each part by itself, the two pieces *g g* thereof which are to cover the back of the book overlapping each other, as seen at *l* in Fig. 2, when they are fastened or united together by means of glue or any other suitable adhesive material properly applied thereto, thus forming a complete and perfect casing for the book-covers and its back.

The advantages of a covering for books are many and well known to all, and therefore require no particular enumeration herein; but among the advantages of forming or making the same in the manner described may be here mentioned that coverings for books are thus provided which, being made of different sizes to correspond to the various editions of books—as 8mo, 12mo, 16mo, &c.—can be readily and conveniently placed thereon, the overlapping back pieces adapting them to the variations in the thickness of books of the same edition.

I do not limit myself to the use of any particular material or size for the book-coverings; nor to the manner described in which I fold the edges of the same; nor to the use of any particular adhesive material for fastening the folds and the back pieces together, as they admit of many variations.

It is perfectly apparent that my peculiar casings for book-covers can be made in quantities and kept for sale in stores, such an adhesive material being applied to one or both of the back pieces, upon the proper surfaces thereof, as to enable them to be readily fastened together by simply moistening the adhesive material previously applied to them, the advantages and conveniences of which are many and great.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, a book-cover made substantially as herein described.

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