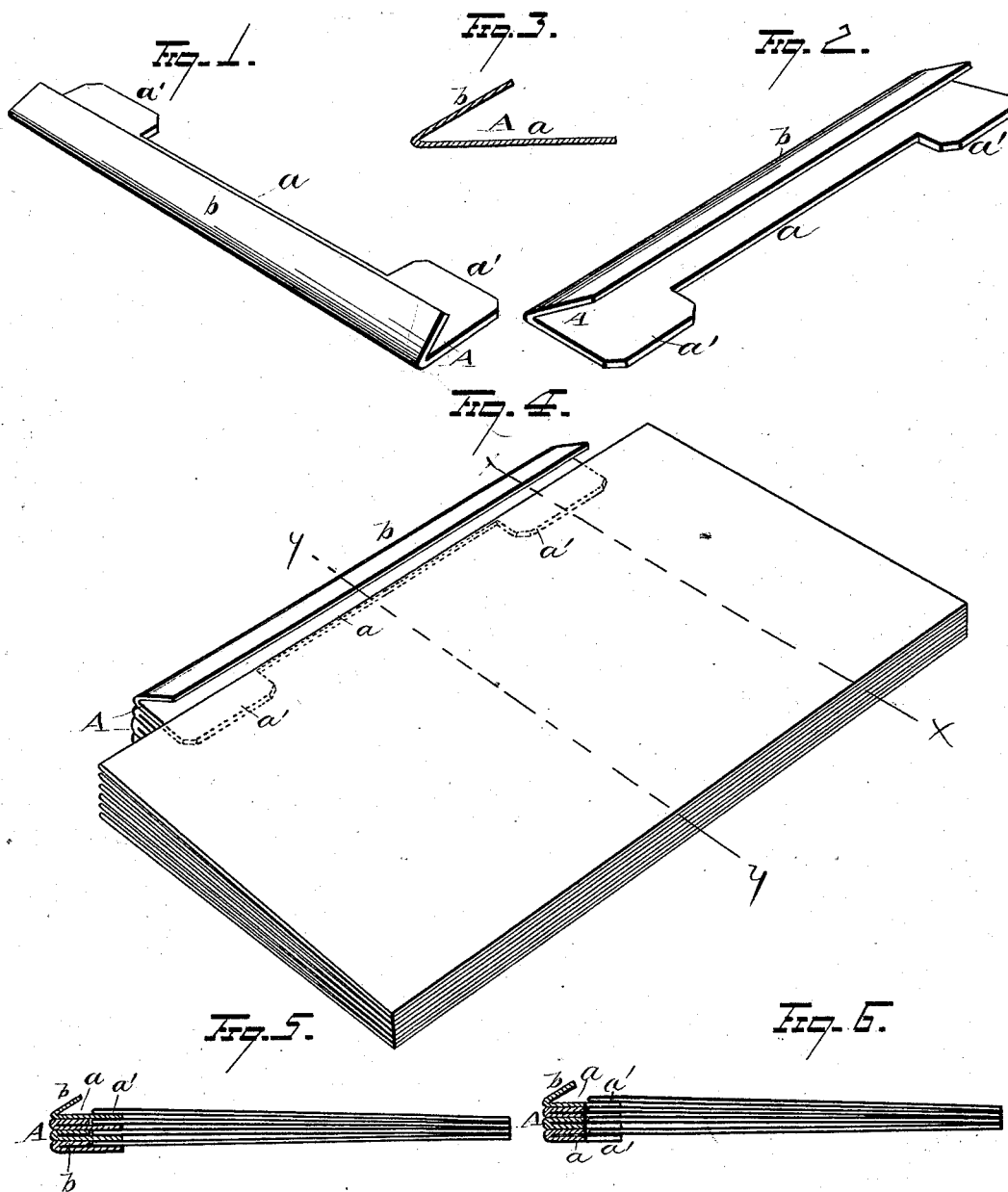


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TEMPORARY BINDERS FOR PAPERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILIP HENRY HOLMES, of Gardiner, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Temporary Binders; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to temporary binders, and is designed to provide such a form thereof as will in an improved manner permit of the ready attachment thereto of the matter to be bound, while it is also adapted to be attached to a connecting-binder of the same kind, the result being that with a suitable quantity of these binders on hand any letters or other papers which it is desired to file can be at once attached, respectively, to said binders, and then two or more of the latter be themselves connected together. In this way the binders, as soon as they, respectively, receive their file-matter, can be bound together and in any desired number, so that the volumes of the same may be of such size as is most expedient in each instance. So, too, in this way, all matter pertaining to any one subject can be collected independently of other matter, and thus distinct volumes of file-papers can be compiled corresponding with the receipt or possession of papers which, respectively, have reference to the same subject-matter.

With this end in view the invention consists of a strip of flexible material folded in two longitudinal leaves, one of said leaves having a gummed surface, while the extremities of the other leaf are provided with lateral projections having gummed surfaces.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view, in rear perspective, of a device illustrating one form of the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same, looking from the front. Fig. 3 is a view in cross-section, taken in a plane passing through one of the lateral projections of one of the leaves. Fig. 4 rep-

resents a small volume of filed matter. Fig. 5 is a cross-section taken through line *x x* of Fig. 4, while Fig. 6 is a similar view through line *y y* of the same figure.

Each one of the several binders *A* is formed of any suitable flexible material, such as paper, paper covered with cloth, or other equivalent material, and is longitudinally folded into parts which, preferably, are of the same width. One of said leaves, *a*, is provided with two lateral projections, *a'*, at the extremities thereof and of any desired dimensions. These projections are suitably gummed on their inner sides, and adapted to have the file-matter secured thereto by simply moistening said gummed surfaces, and then applying the letters or other documents to the same. The opposite leaf, *b*, has its outer side provided with a similar gummed surface, and adapted to be bound thereby to the outer side of leaf *a* of the connecting-binder.

A volume of these binders, composed of any number of binders from two upward, is compiled by causing the gummed surface of the leaves *b* of the several binders to adhere to the outer side of the respective leaves *a* of said binders, thus causing all file-matter or their respective binders to be placed at equal relative distances and bound together in an even and proper manner.

It will be observed that the function of the lateral projections *a'* is to permit a quantity of file matter to be bound together in manner which tends to maintain a thickness at the back of the volume the same as that which exists in the body of the volume.

It is apparent that if the file-matter was gummed to leaf *a*, so as to be in the same transverse line with leaf *b*, the result would be to prevent the file-matter from normally assuming an even and compact shape; but by means of these lateral projections the file-matter is caused to assume parallel and even position throughout all portions thereof, as illustrated in the last two views of the drawings.

The advantages attendant upon the use of these binders need not here be enlarged upon, and it is also unnecessary to state that they

may be employed in filing and binding postal cards, letters, legal papers, bills, receipts, and other analogous matter.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A temporary binder consisting of a strip of flexible material folded in two longitudinal leaves, one leaf having a gummed surface, while the other leaf has its extremities, re-

spectively, provided with the lateral projections having gummed surfaces, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of February, 1879.

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