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Fig. 1.

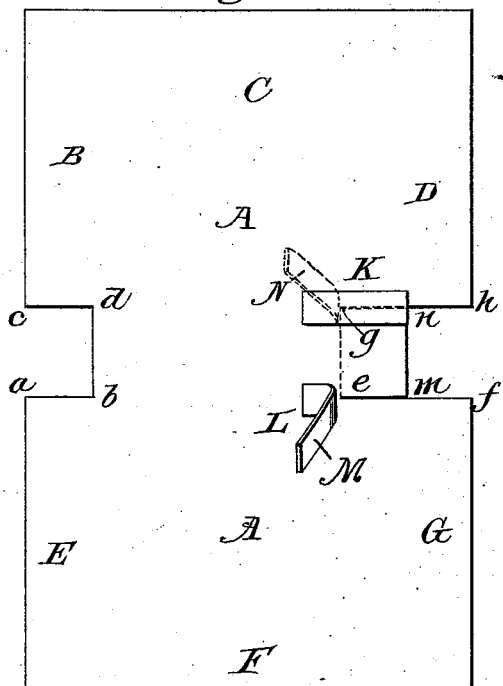


Fig. 2.

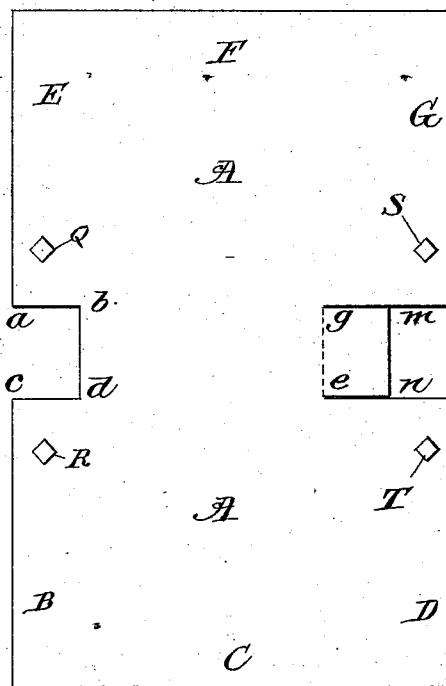
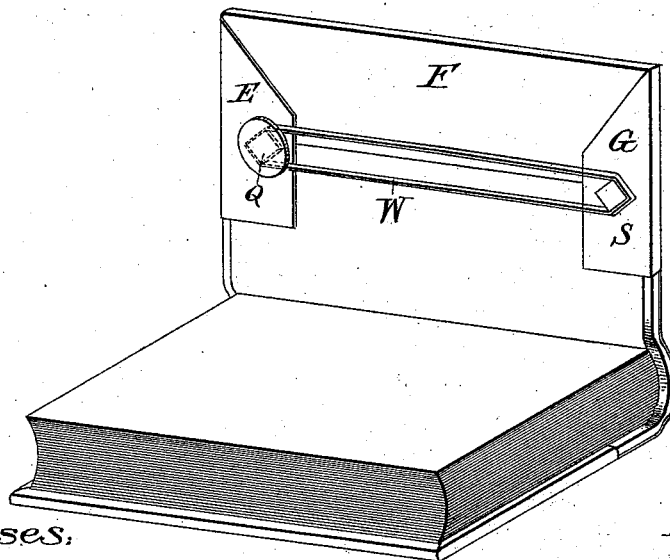


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. MORGAN, of the city of Cleveland and State of Ohio, have invented an adjustable and removable Book-Cover for any book, within the sizes and shapes of books for the covering of which the amount and general shape of the material used is suitable.

The cover is made adjustable to all books, within certain sizes and shapes, limited only by the amount of the material employed, by having the flaps, which pass inward over each lid at the ends of the book, so freed as to make the part of the cover for the back of the book short enough to fit the shortest book for which the cover is to be used, and allow the end flaps to pass over the ends of the lids of the book, such flaps being at the same time long enough and far enough apart for the largest book for which the cover is intended. Means are furnished of supplying the deficiency left in the part of the cover for the back by thus freeing the flaps for any book having a back longer than the shortest for which the cover is to be used.

The cover is made to be fastened to the book and yet removable by attaching to each of the four portions of the cover, which is to form a flap for the end of a lid of the book, a catch to retain a binder to hold the cover on the lid.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents the sheet of which the cover is formed, having the flaps freed on the lines *a b*, *c d*, *e f*, and *g h*, the slots *e m* and *g n*, with the fastenings thereto, *K* and *L*, respectively, being the means of supplying the deficiency thus made in the cover for books of different lengths. Fig. 2 represents the opposite surface of the sheet, the letters *Q R S T* representing the catches to retain the binders. Fig. 3 represents the inner surface of the lid of a book to which the cover has been applied and fastened by a binder, *W*, retained by the catches *Q* and *S*.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A more particular description of the invention, together with its uses, is as follows, to wit: The cover, of paper or other suitable material, is formed of a sheet, *A*, Figs. 1 and 2, of proper size and shape to form a cover to

any book within certain sizes and shapes. The sheet is large enough and so formed as to admit of folding in over the sides and ends of each lid of the cover of the book, flaps *B*, *C*, *D*, *E*, *F*, and *G*, three to each lid of the book, Fig. 3, of sufficient width for the cover to the largest book for which the cover is to be used. The sheet, where separated to free the flaps for the shortest book to be covered by it, *e m* and *g n*, Figs. 1 and 2, is restored again to the proper distance to form a cover for any book, from such shortest to the longest for which it is to be used, in the following manner: The part between flaps *D* and *G*, Fig. 1, is left unremoved far enough to lengthen the cover to fit such longest book, and the two slots *e m* and *g n*, separating such flaps and said piece between, are closed to the proper distance to make said cover fit the back of the book for which it is to be used. This is accomplished by pasting pieces of paper or other suitable material, *K L*, Fig. 1, over such slots, preferably on the surface to be inward, to the required distance or in some other suitable way. In case such pasting is employed, the same is accomplished preferably by prepared mucilage upon the surfaces *M* and *N*, Fig. 1, of said pieces to be so pasted, which may be moistened and used at convenience. The slots are closed to the proper distance for the length of the back of the book to which it is applied before the cover is placed upon such book, any part between such flaps when thus left freed being then removed by folding backward or otherwise.

The catches *Q*, *R*, *S*, and *T*, Figs. 2 and 3, may be of any suitable material, and constructed in any form suitable to retain the binder; but probably the best catch, in case the cover is made of paper, is constructed of paper in the form of a button, glued upon the sheet, with a projection at the top to catch the binder between such projection and the sheet.

The side flap for each lid being folded in first, *F*, Fig. 3, and the end flaps *G* and *E* afterward, projecting over the side flap, the catches must be so placed upon the sheet *A*, Fig. 2, as to be so situated upon the end flaps when thus folded in, as that a binder, *W*, Fig. 3, passed from one to the other of and retained by the catches *Q* and *S*, will, when drawn tight, hold the end flaps close down over the side flap.

The binder W may be ordinary twine; but probably the best binder is a small rubber band.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure Letters Patent for, is—

1. The combination of the sheet A, having flaps freed, respectively, at *a b*, *c d*, *e f*, and *g h*, and the slots *e m* and *g n*, with fasteners K and L, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The combination of the sheet A, having flaps freed, respectively, at *a b*, *c d*, *e f*, and *g h*, the slots *e m* and *g n*, with fasteners K and

L, and the catches Q, R, S, and T, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for purposes described.

3. The combination of the sheet A, having flaps freed, respectively, at *a b*, *c d*, *e f*, and *g h*, the slots *e m* and *g n*, with fasteners K and L, the catches Q, R, S, and T, and the binder W, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes described.

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