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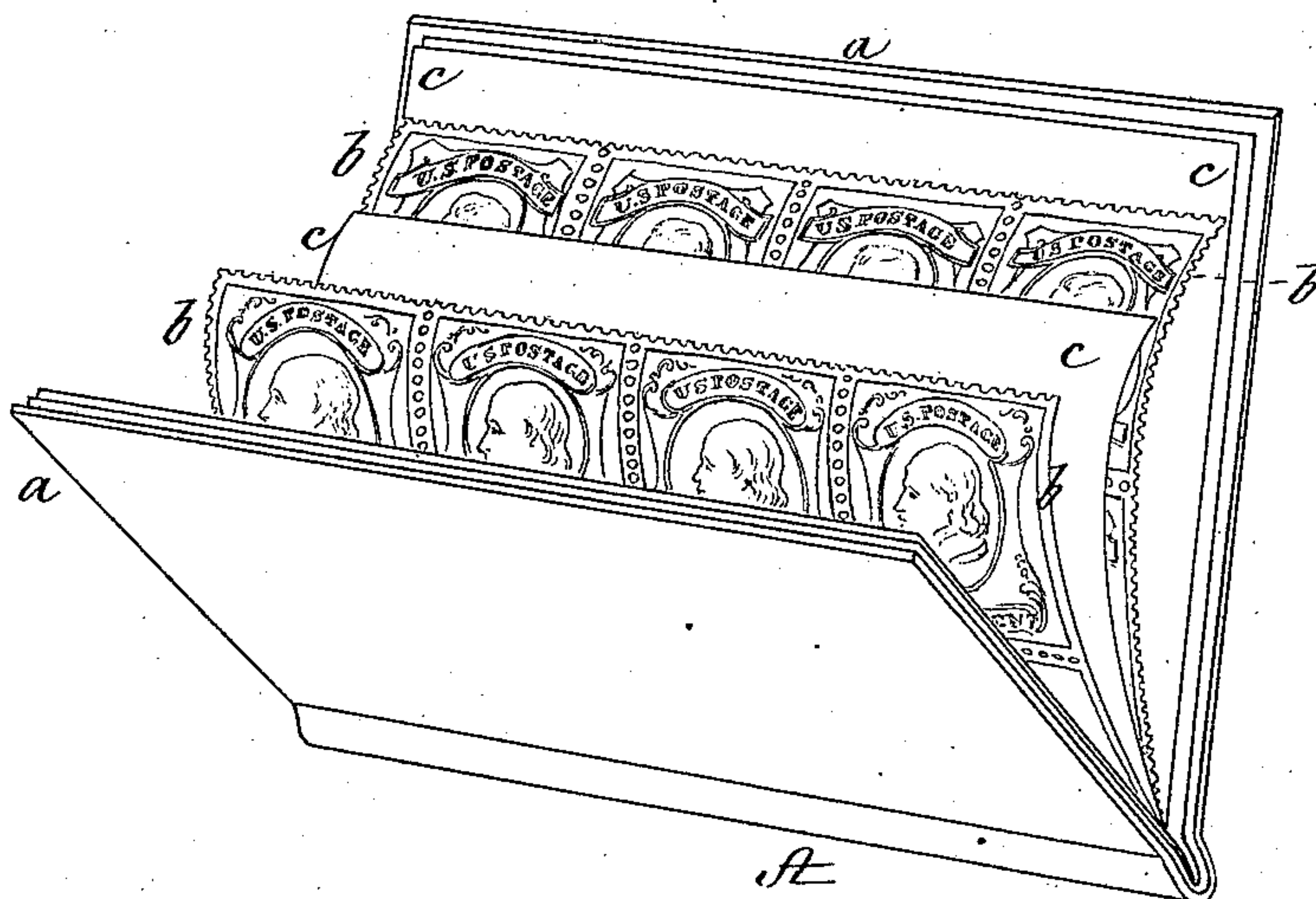
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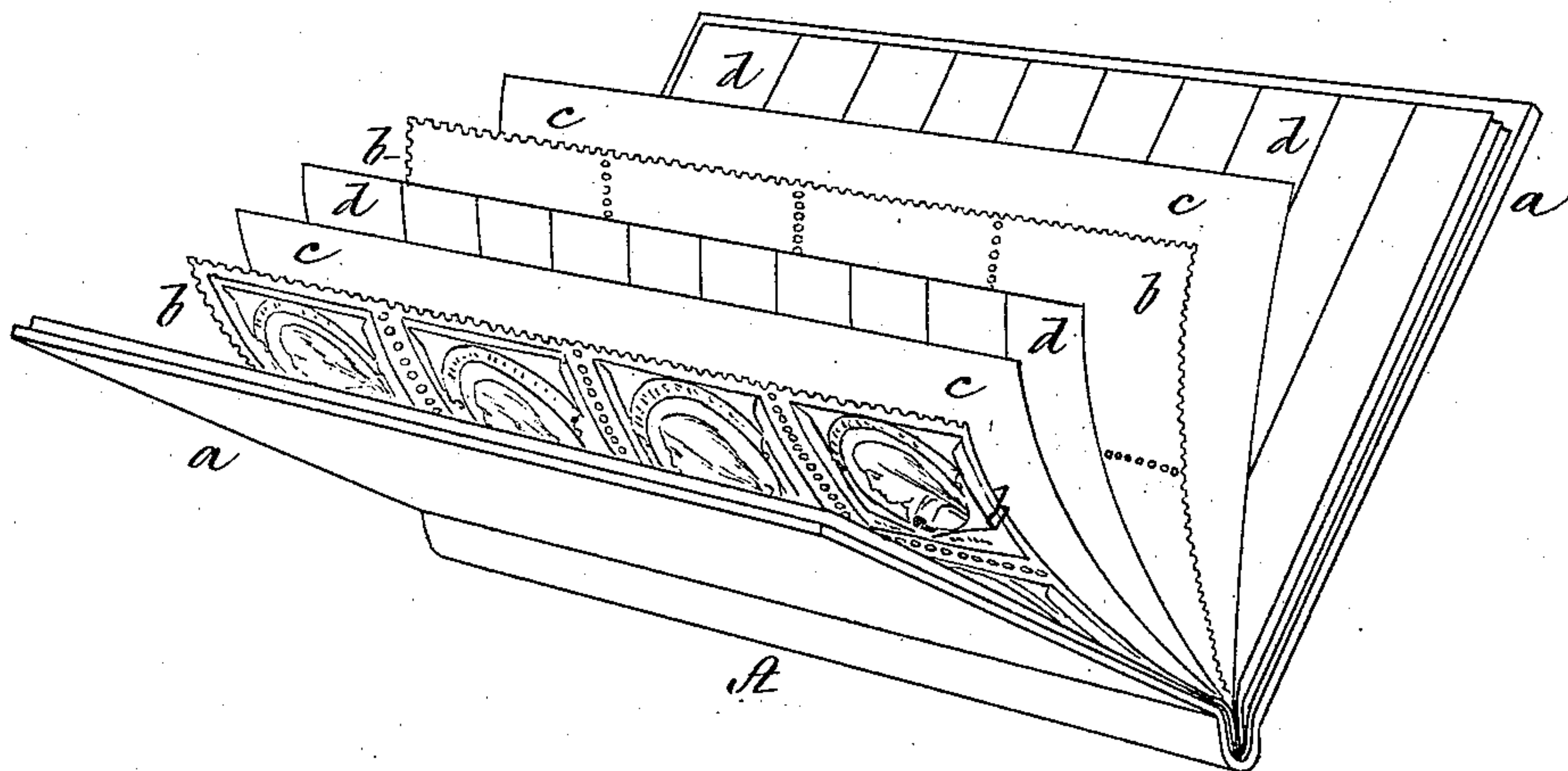
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## BOOK FOR HOLDING POSTAGE AND OTHER STAMPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT W. COOKE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a Book for Holding Postage and other Stamps, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my said book for holding stamps, with a non-adhesive leaf interposed between two sheets of stamps. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the same, with the addition of ruled leaves for memoranda.

Postage and other stamps, being necessarily supplied with a coating of mucilage or other gummy substance to enable them to be attached to envelopes or other articles to which they are to be applied, when carried about the person, are exposed to heat and moisture, which, if they are unprotected, frequently cause them to adhere together or to other objects in such manner as to render them unfit for use. I overcome this difficulty by my present invention, which consists in a book provided with leaves or sheets of paper or other suitable material having one side of each coated with an adhesive substance and its other side non-adhesive, in combination with and located between leaves or sheets of non-adhesive material, each adhesive sheet being preferably perforated in such manner as to admit of the ready removal of a portion thereof when desired for use, each perforated adhesive leaf consisting of a sheet of postage or other stamps, or of blank or printed seals bearing the monogram or address of the individual using the same, the adhesive side of such sheet having the non-adhesive leaf located adjacent thereto, whereby the sticking of the stamps, &c., together or to other objects is entirely avoided.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents a book having covers *a a*, and of a size preferably small, to admit of its being conveniently carried in a vest-pocket.

*b b b* are a series of leaves, consisting of

sheets of postage, revenue, or other stamps, one side of each sheet bearing the design of the denomination it represents, and the other side being coated with mucilage or other gummy substance, said sheets having their stubs either bound directly into the back of the book or with their stubs attached to narrow slips bound therein, each sheet *b* being so made that the stamp is inclosed by four lines of perforations, in order that when required for use its separation and removal from the remainder of the sheet will be facilitated.

*c c c* are a series of leaves of paper or other suitable fabric, each of which has been treated with wax, paraffine, or other substance in a well-known manner to endow both of its sides with the ability to resist the attachment of adhesive surfaces thereto. These non-adhesive leaves *c c c* are bound into the book, and are so located therein that each leaf *c* occupies a position next to and in contact with the adhesive side of each leaf *b*, thereby precluding any liability of the latter adhering thereto.

Instead of sheets of postage, revenue, or other stamps, the adhesive sheets *b b b* may each have printed or otherwise delineated upon its non-adhesive side the initials, monogram, coat of arms, or address of the individual carrying said book, the perforations enabling the user to readily detach a slip or portion of the sheet bearing the required character. Furthermore, the said sheets *b* may simply have one side adhesive and the other side blank, (*i. e.*, without printing-matter,) and portions of these sheets may be utilized as seals for closing envelopes, &c., and the perforations may be omitted; if desired, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In Fig. 2 the book is represented as containing, in addition to the sheets or leaves *b c*, one or more ruled sheets or leaves, *d*, which may be found convenient for recording memoranda thereon.

If desired, I may print upon the sheets *d*, or upon the inside or outside of one or both covers *a* of the book, Fig. 2, the name and style of the business of an individual or firm who may wish to advertise goods in this way.

I claim—

1. A book having bound therein leaves or sheets *b*, one side of each of which is coated

with adhesive material, and leaves or sheets *c*, of non-adhesive material, arranged adjacent to the coated sides of leaves *b*, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

- 5 2. A book the body of which is composed of sheets *b*, of postage or other stamps, and leaves *c*, of non-adhesive material, bound therein, with a non-adhesive leaf located at the side of and in proximity with the adhesive

side of a sheet *b*, as and for the purpose described.

Witness my hand this 12th day of April, 1884.

ALBERT W. COOKE.

In presence of—

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