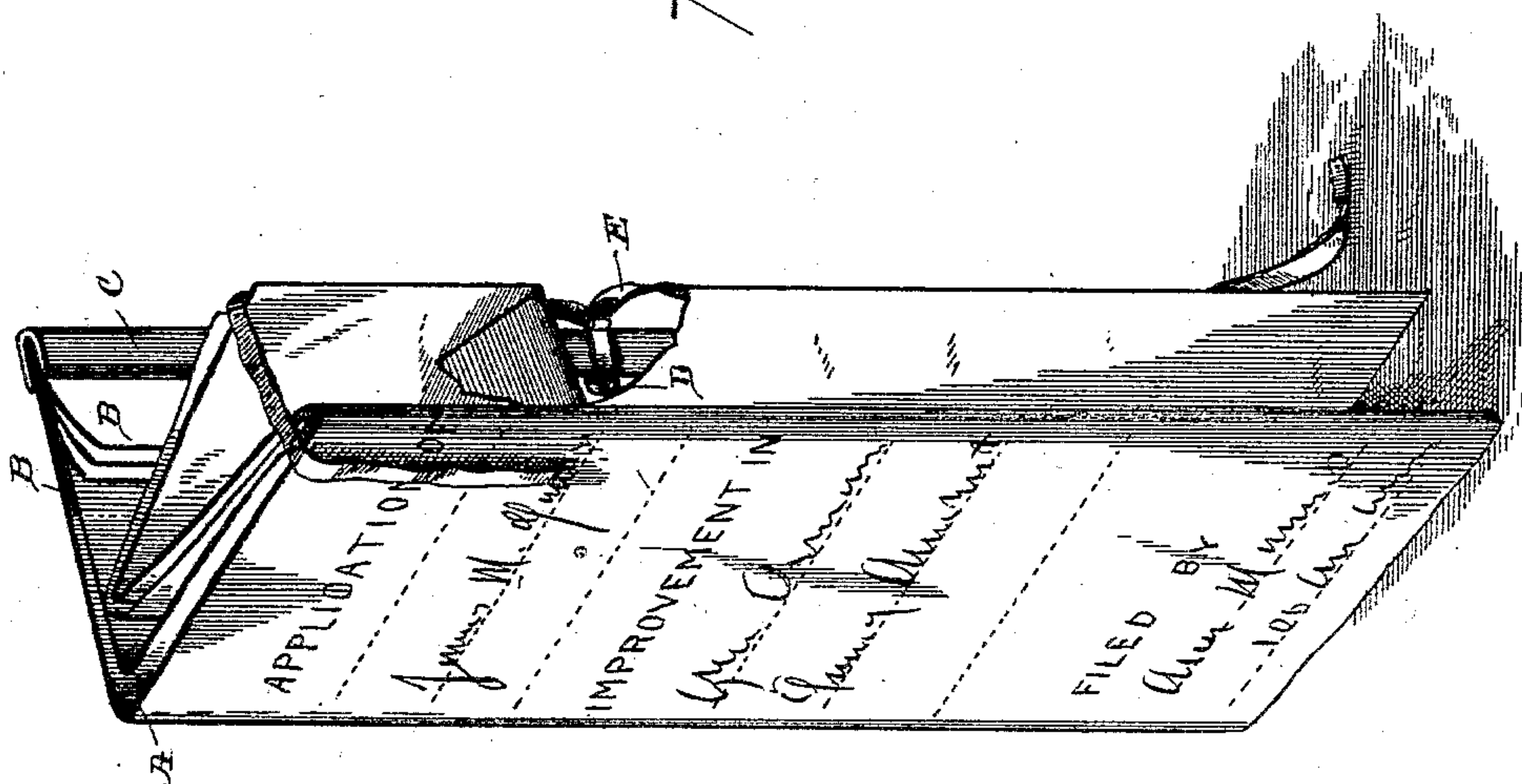
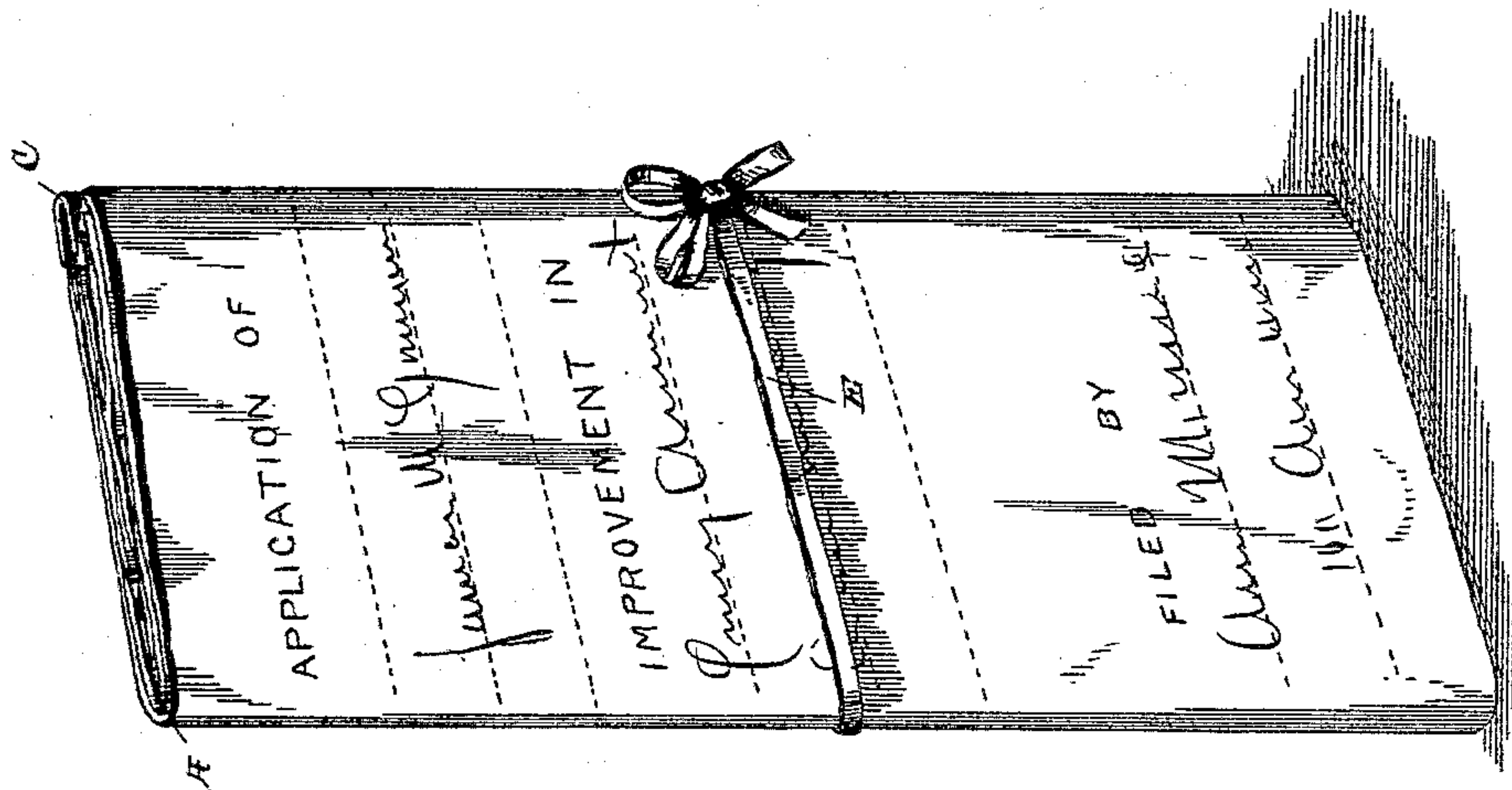


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY JUSTUS WELCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carthage, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Cover and Binder for Papers; 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combined cover or wrapper and binder for legal documents and papers flexible in character, so that the same may be folded, entitled, and filed.

The invention has for its object to provide a simple, durable, and unique device, which shall be so constructed as to afford both a suitable cover or wrapper for papers or documents and also a simple and efficient means whereby any desired number of separate sheets of either written or printed matter may be inserted and permanently secured, so that any one or more of the sheets may be removed or replaced by others without in any manner injuring the file or document or disturbing the relative arrangement of the papers therein.

To the above ends, and to such other as the invention may pertain, the same consists in the peculiar combination and in the novel construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, and which is shown in the drawings, and specifically defined in the appended claim.

A represents the cover or wrapper, which may be of paper, cloth, or leather or other flexible substance adapted for the purpose; but for ordinary use for filing or binding together legal documents or papers I prefer the use of a tough and durable paper, such as is commonly used for the purpose.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined cover and binder constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being shown as partly filled with papers. Fig. 2 is a simi-

lar view of the same, the file in this view being shown as folded and in readiness for filing.

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

Upon the outside of the cover or wrapper may be printed the entitling, index of contents, names of parties, or other memoranda, which may be of use in indicating the contents of the document or file, always having for its object a flexible document or packet for folding purposes, as contradistinguished from a packet not intended to be folded.

B B are strips of paper, cloth, or other suitable flexible material, which may be gummed or ungummed upon either or both surfaces, and these strips are secured to one end of the cover A by means of a folded strip of sheet metal C, which strip is folded longitudinally and embraces between the opposite sides of the fold both the end of the cover and one of the mass of gummed or ungummed pieces B, the fold in the metal strip being securely pressed together by passing the same between metal rollers or in any other suitable manner.

D is a hole, which is punched through the cover and the mass of gummed or ungummed stubs at a point adjacent to the metallic strip and serves to receive the top of cord E, which is used in securing the package when the same has been filed and folded, as will be readily understood.

From the foregoing description it will be at once seen that the metallic strip C serves the double function of protecting the end of the wrapper and also holding the parts together, and the further purpose of keeping the package in shape when folded, and that the use of metallic clips in the manner above stated and in accordance with my invention wholly dispenses with the use and labor of fastening together documents and legal papers by means of tape, eyelets, staples, and other forms of fasteners.

In practical operation the several papers designed to be included within the file are each secured at one end to one of the gummed stubs or ungummed stubs by use of mucilage or paste, so that each sheet of writing or

printed matter is supported by its own stub. By this construction it will be seen that each sheet of paper within the document or package is provided with a separate and independent attachment, and upon occasions when it may be found necessary or desirable to remove any one of the several sheets this may be done without in any manner impairing the file or mutilating the papers or the package in which they are contained.

While I have found this combined cover and fastener, which I have described above, to be particularly serviceable in connection with legal papers, still I do not propose to limit myself to its use in this connection alone, as it is equally as well adapted for use in filing and preserving and keeping in shape papers of all kinds when flexibility is necessary and indispensable for holding purposes.

I am aware that it is not new to attach a metal strip to a calendar, and do not seek to cover such construction, but restrict myself to my particular construction and arrangement of parts, attaching special importance

to the presence of the cord permanently fixed to the stubs with the ends in position to be wrapped around the folded papers.

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

The herein-described combined cover and binder for papers, the same consisting of the foldable cover A, the stubs B, the folded sheet-metal strip C, embracing one end of the cover and one side of the stubs B, and the cord E, passed through holes in the stubs and one end of the cover near the center and permanently fixed thereto with the ends loose and adapted to wrap around and bind the folded cover and its contents, substantially as shown and described.

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

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