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Fig. 1.

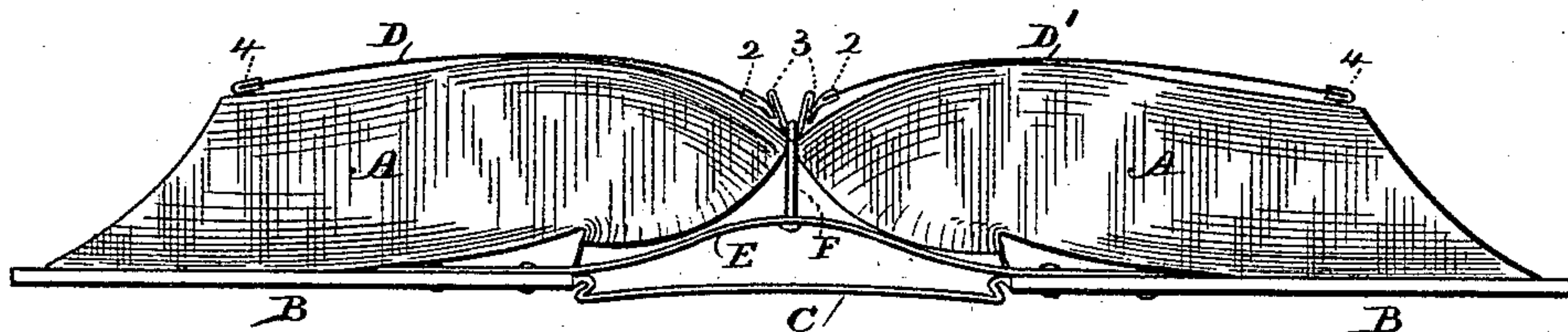


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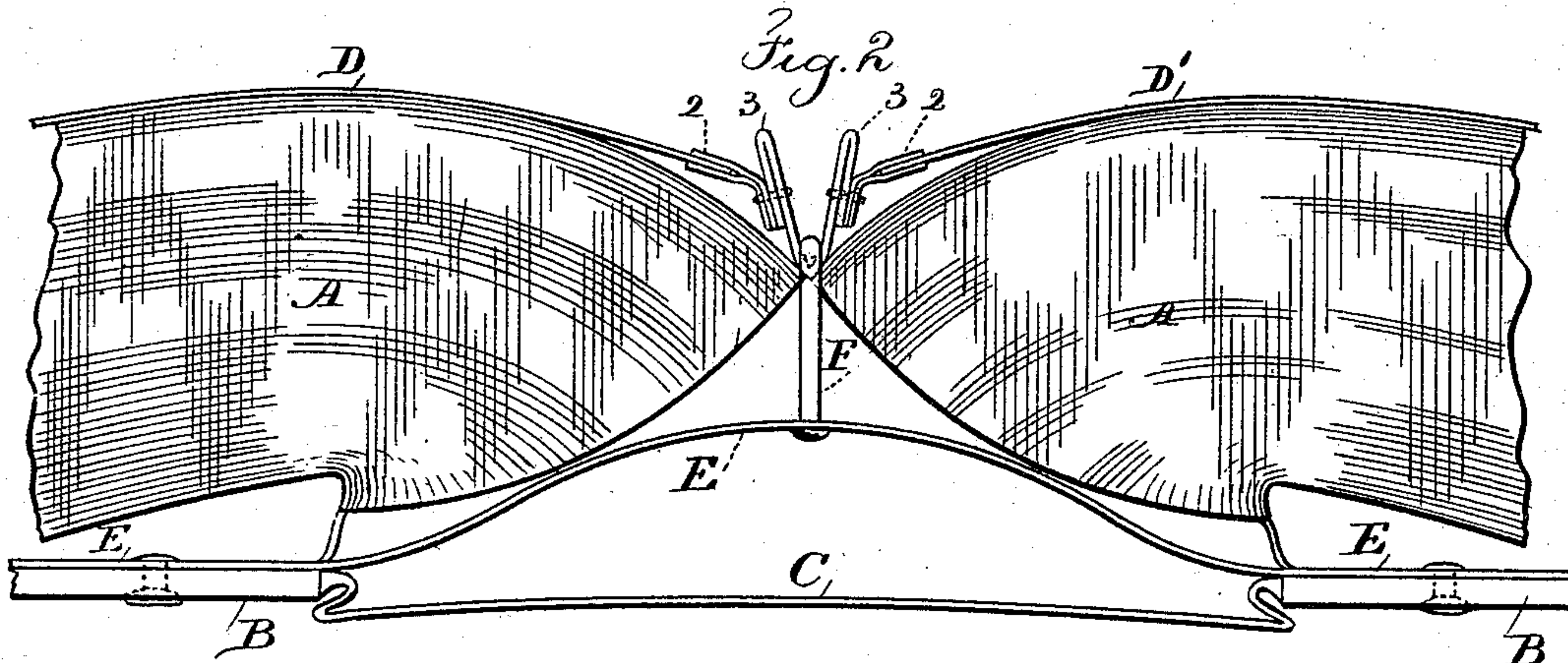
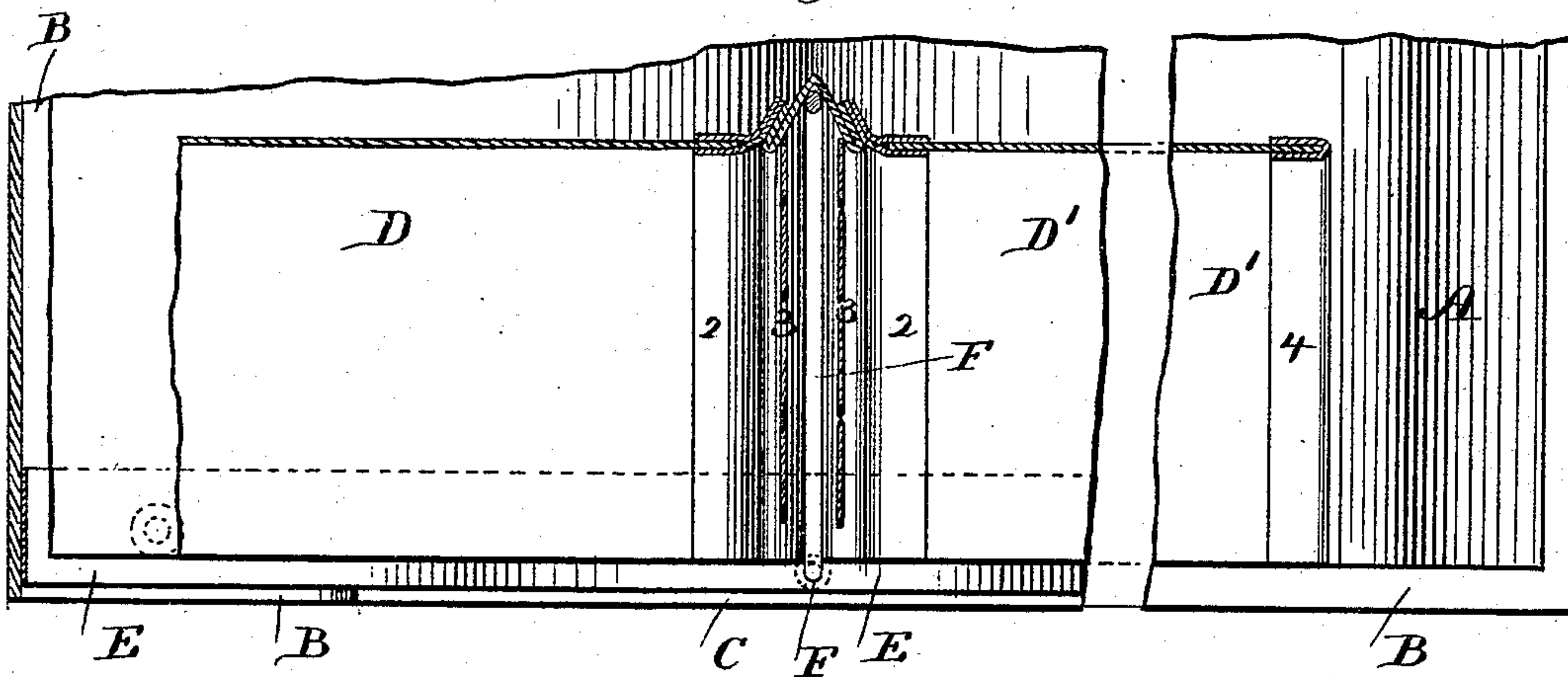


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH A. CURTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Advertising-Sheets for Books, of which the following is a specification.

In large books to which reference is frequently had—such, for instance, as directories—it is often important to divide up the volume into sections, either for convenience in handling or for protecting the contents when the book is left open carelessly, and in books of this character the most useful advertisements are those that are placed upon the covers.

The present invention is for subdividing the book into sections and for protecting those sections by secondary covers or interleaves, which covers are used for advertising purposes.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation endwise of the book as open and containing my improved secondary covers. Fig. 2 is a similar view, in larger size, of the central portion of the book; and Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of the book, partly in section.

The book itself may be of any desired size or character. The ordinary leaves are represented at A, the covers at B, and the spring-back at C. The secondary covers D D' are made of paper or pasteboard of suitable thickness and texture and their inner edges are received between muslin strips 2, which are sewed or otherwise secured to the folded inlay 3, which is preferably of thin pasteboard covered with muslin, and the same is sewed firmly into the binding of the book, preferably during the binding operation, and upon the outer edges of the secondary covers D D' there are metal strips 4, which serve the twofold purpose of weights and of strengthening-pieces for the edges of the secondary covers. It will now be understood that if the book is opened the folded inlay and secondary covers will tend to insure the separation of the sections of the book where the secondary covers or interleaves are applied, and the weights on the edges of the secondary covers will keep the leaves down, and these secondary covers protect the leaves of the book, and the advertisements printed on these secondary covers are conspicuously displayed. Hence these sec-

ondary covers become very advantageous for advertising purposes, and two or more pairs of secondary covers may be inserted in the book to divide the same into three or more sections.

In many places directories are supported on a desk or shelf and they lie open to a greater or less extent, and to facilitate the opening of the book between the sections when they are laid out flat upon the shelf or desk I make use of springs E, of flexible steel, riveted at their ends to the covers near the top and bottom edges thereof, so that these springs tend to throw the outer covers open; but they are bent by the weight of the covers when the book is closed, and there is a wire F of a length sufficient to extend from top to bottom of the book and with the ends bent at right angles to pass through the springs E, and the ends of the wire are riveted up. Hence this wire when the book is closed is between the pair of secondary covers or interleaves at some little distance from the sewing at the back of the book; but when the book is opened out flat this wire is drawn into the fold of the inlay by the action of the springs and aids in opening out the book between the secondary covers, and where there is more than one pair of secondary covers there will be a wire F between each pair, and under almost all circumstances when the book is left open the secondary covers will be above the leaves and protect the same, as well as displaying the advertisements upon the sheets forming the secondary covers.

I claim as my invention—

1. The secondary covers introduced into the body of the book and having metallic strips on their edges to form weights, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the book, of the folded inlay sewed into the back of the book between one section and the other, the secondary covers of paper or pasteboard, and the muslin strips fastened to the inner edges of the secondary covers and connected to the folded inlay, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the secondary covers of paper or pasteboard, of the folded metallic strips connected with the outer edges, the muslin strips connected with the inner edges, and the folded inlay to which the muslin

strips are connected, and which inlay is sewed into the book between one section and the other, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the book, of the
5 metallic springs fastened to the covers and passing across the back at the top and bottom, and the wire bent at the ends and fastened to the springs and passing through the book between one section and the other, substantially as set forth.
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5. The combination, with the secondary covers and the folded inlay to which such sec-

ondary covers are connected, of the wire F, passing along between the parts of the inlay, and the springs fastened to the covers and passing across the back at the top and bottom, and to which springs the ends of the wire are fastened, substantially as set forth. 15

Signed by me this 25th day of October, 1890.

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