

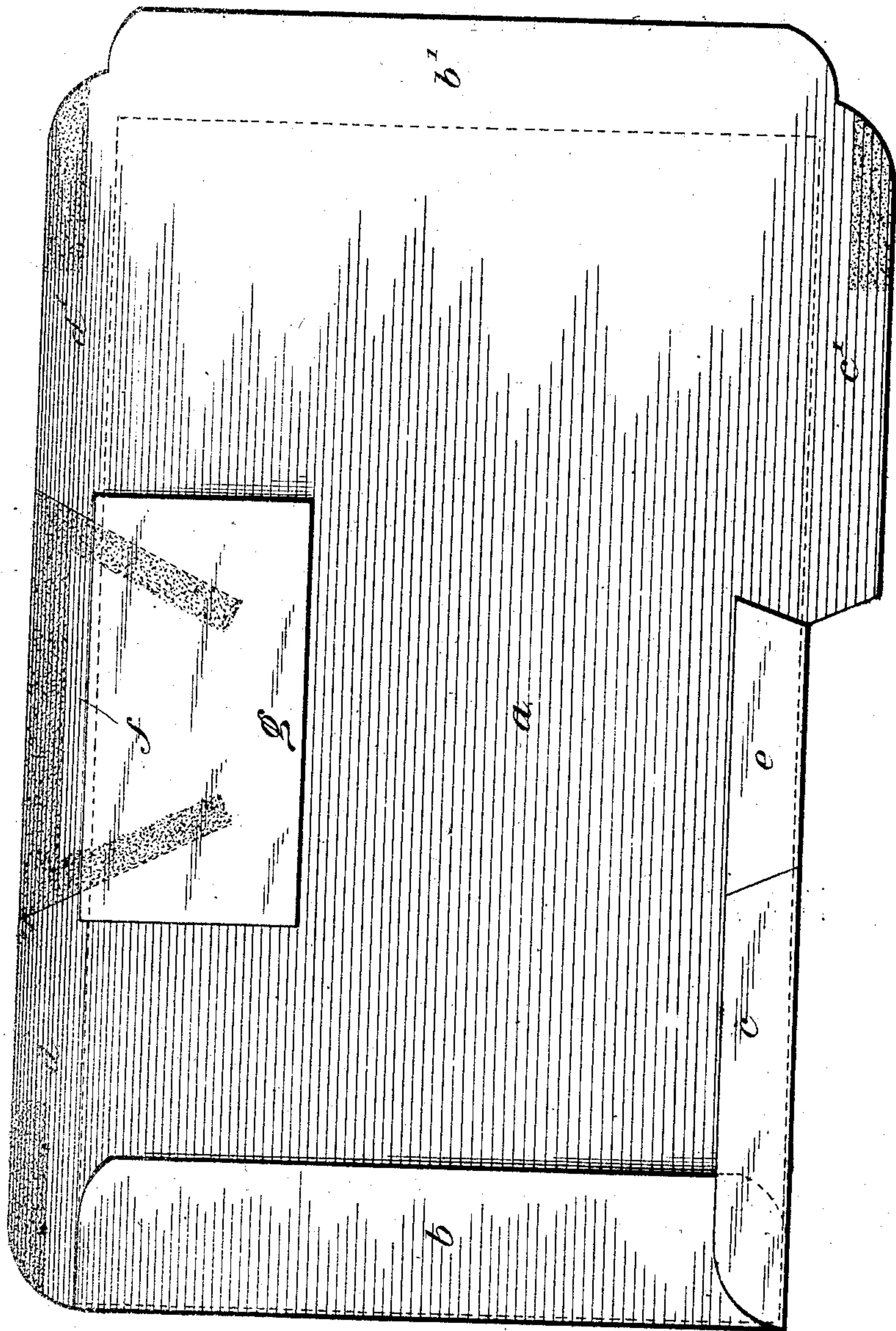
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA S. WOLCOTT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Tremont, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to removable covers for books and its objects are to provide a book-cover which can be economically made of paper or other suitable material; which can be easily and quickly applied, and which will be applicable to books of various sizes.

The drawing shows the general appearance of the inside of a cover with one end flap, one side flap and the lower tongue turned inward ready to be applied to a book.

The large rectangle *a* formed by dotted lines represents a wide-open book placed on the cover. The shaded parts represent gummed portions of the cover; *b* and *b'* represent the two end flaps; *d* and *d'* the two upper flaps, *c* and *c'* the two lower flaps; *e* the lower tongue, and *f* the upper tongue. The sides of the tongues converge so that when folded inward they will extend over the edges and can be pasted to the inside of the cover and thus serve as a reinforcement of it.

*g* is a rectangular piece of soft paper that can be easily torn along the converging sides of the tongue *f*. It is pasted over part of the inside of the upper tongue and to the adjacent sides of the cover and extends from the lower part of the upper flaps as shown in the drawing to a short distance below the lower extremity of the tongue. While but one piece covering the converging lines of the tongue *f* is shown in the drawing, it is obvious that a different shape could be used or that two pieces could be used instead of one. If two pieces are used, one is pasted over each of the converging lines.

The lower tongue *e* is of the same width or depth as the flaps *c* and *c'* and is pasted to the inner side of the cover, as shown in the drawing. This helps to strengthen that part. The flap *b* is turned to the inside of

the cover, the flap *c* is then turned over and fastened to flap *b* with adhesive paste or gum.

To apply the cover to an open book represented by the rectangle *a*, place the lower left hand corner of the lid in the corresponding corner of the cover under the flaps *b* and *c*, then tear the thin paper along the sides of the tongue *f* as far as the upper edge of the book. Fold the free part of the tongue inward, moisten the gummed portion and paste to the inside of the cover. Fold over the flap *d*, then close the book except the right hand lid, which should be opened perpendicular to the closed portion. Fold over the flaps *b'* *c'* and *d'*. If it is desired to have the cover fit very tightly, this can be accomplished by turning the right hand lid of the book back beyond the perpendicular before folding the flaps over it. By moistening the gummed portions the cover will be held securely in position.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A book cover of the character described adapted to books of various sizes and comprising a substantially rectangular body portion and infolding top, bottom and end portions, one end of the bottom portion and one end portion being folded and pasted together ready to receive the lid of the book, the remaining top and bottom portions being gummed on their inner surfaces, the cover having converging lines cut through a portion of the top and bottom as shown, forming two tongues, the upper one of which is gummed for pasting to the inside of the cover, the lower tongue being turned inward and fastened to the inside of the cover, in combination with a substantially rectangular piece of paper or other suitable material pasted over part of the inside of the upper tongue and some distance beyond its lower extremity and the converging sides as shown and described.

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