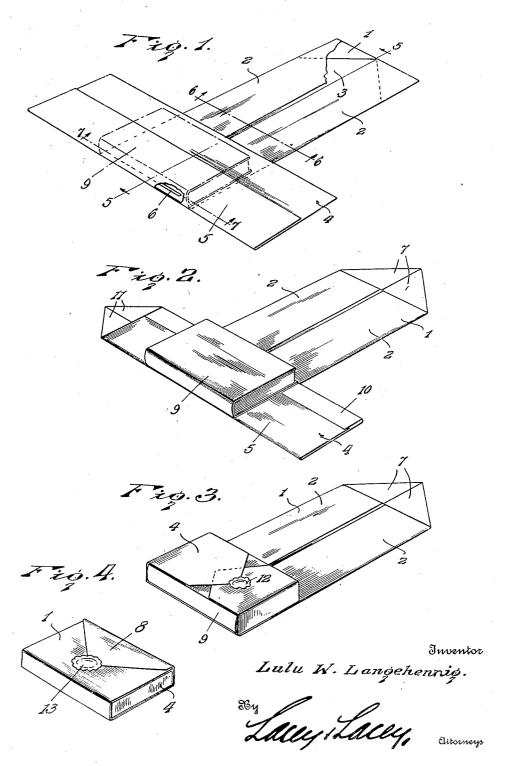
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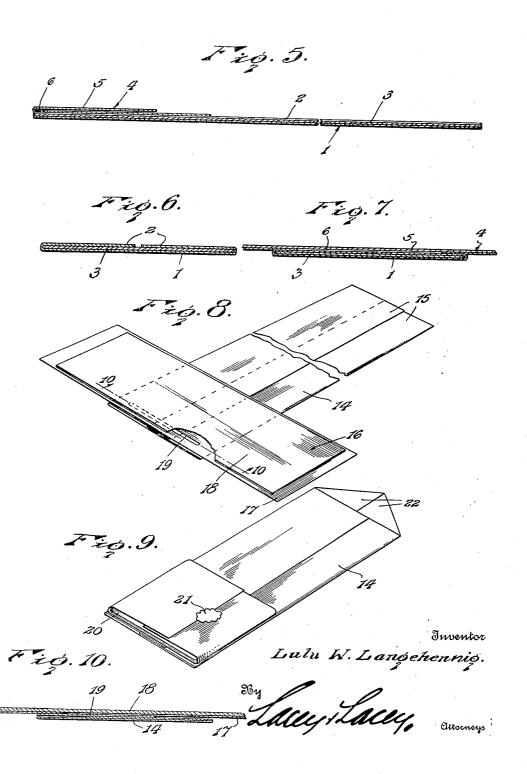
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This invention relates to an improved wrapper which is so constructed that it may be folded about a book or merchandise and not only completely enclose the same, but also form a neat parcel which will be attractive in appearance and completely protect the book or merchandise from dust.

Another object of the invention is to so form the wrapper that it may accommodate itself to $_{10}$ the dimensions of a book which is to be wrapped and to also so form the wrapper that it will be stiffened by a sheet of thick paper or thin cardboard constituting an element of the wrapper and thus provide an enclosure for the book or mer-15 chandise which will have sufficient body to prevent the book or merchandise from being crumpled or otherwise damaged by careless handling.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodi-20 ment of the improved wrapper with a book placed

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the wrapper folded to accommodate itself to the dimen-25 sions of the book.

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the book partially enclosed in the improved wrapper.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the wrapper completely folded about the book and 30 secured by a seal.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken longitudinally through the wrapper along the line 5-5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken along the line 35 6—6 of Figure 1.

Figure 7 is a sectional view of the wrapper taken along the line 7-7 of Figure 1.

Figure 8 is a perspective view illustrating a wrapper of a modified construction and particu- $_{
m 40}$ larly adapted for wrapping neckties, handkerchiefs and other merchandise.

Figure 9 is a perspective view showing the modified form of wrapper partially folded about merchandise.

Figure 10 is an end view of the wrapper shown in Figure 8.

The wrapper illustrated in Figures 1 to 7 is particularly adapted for use as a wrapper for enclosing a book but may be used for wrapping 50 other merchandise. This wrapper has a longitudinally extending section I formed from a sheet of paper, the side portions 2 of which are folded inwardly to enclose a stiffening strip 3 formed of thick paper or thin cardboard. There has also $_{55}$ been provided a transversely extending section 4 which is also formed from a strip of paper and is disposed across one end portion of the section 1, and referring to Figures 1 and 7, it will be seen that the strip of paper from which the section 4 is formed is folded longitudinally upon itself, as 5 shown at 5, to provide a double thickness and then disposed transversely across the section 2 where it is secured along its lower edge portion by glue, a portion of which flows through the slit 6 to hold the portion 5 of the strip or section folded. The free end portion of the stiffening strip 3 is preferably tapered, as shown in Figure 1, and when the wrapper is to be used, corner portions of the section I are folded inwardly to provide flaps 7 which not only strengthen this end portion of 15 the wrapper, but also provide the wrapper with a tapered end portion 8 and causes the wrapper to resemble an envelope when a book is completely wrapped, as shown in Figure 4.

A book 9, which is to be wrapped, is set in place upon the section 4, as shown in Figure 1, and the section 4 creased along the inner marginal portion of the book after which the book is removed and the section 4 folded inwardly, as shown at 10 in Figure 2. Therefore, the section 4 will be of a width corresponding to the book and when the book is replaced, as shown in Figure 2, end portions of the section 10 may have their corners folded inwardly, as shown at 11, to provide tapered ends for this section. The end portions of the section are then folded toward each other over the book with one tapered end overlying the other where it is secured by a seal 12 of gummed paper, as shown in Figure 3. The extended portion of the section I will then be folded about the book transversely of the section 4 and its tapered end secured by a seal 13 which is also formed of gummed paper. Therefore, the book will be completely enclosed by the wrapper and will be protected from dust and other dirt which might soil the book. The fact that the section I is provided with a stiffening sheet of thin cardboard or paper of sufficient thickness to impart stiffness to it, will cause a sturdy wrapper to be provided for the enclosed book and if the book is bound in soft leather, there will be no danger of the wrapped book being crumpled or otherwise damaged if it is not carefully handled while enclosed in the wrapper. The paper may be plain white or colored paper, or may be 50 ornamented to provide an attractive wrapper for use when wrapping books purchased as Christmas presents or for other special occasions. Therefore, a very attractive parcel will be provided

when a book is enclosed in the improved wrapper. 55

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In Figures' 8, 9, and 10, there has been illustrated a modified embodiment of the invention. This wrapper has a section 14 corresponding to the section I and formed of paper having por-5 tions 15 folded inwardly with one overlying the other. A stiffening strip for this section has been omitted but may be provided if found desirable. The section 16 which corresponds to the section 4 consists of a flat strip of paper 17 upon which is 10 placed a stiffening strip 18 of thin cardboard or paper of sufficient thickness to impart desired stiffness to it, and upon referring to Figure 8 it. will be seen that the strips 17 and 18 forming the section 16 are disposed transversely across one end 15 portion of the section 14 where they are secured by glue which flows through the slot 19 to hold the strips 17 and 18 together. This form of wrapper is primarily intended for handkerchiefs, neckties, or similar merchandise and by referring to 20 Figure 9 it will be seen that when a handkerchief 20 or other mechandise is to be wrapped, it is placed upon the intermediate portion of the section 16 and end portions of this section then folded inwardly with one overlying the other and secured by a seal 21 of gummed paper. The extended portion of the section 14 is then folded inwardly at its free end, as shown at 22, to form a tapered end and this section 14 is wrapped about the handkerchief and secured section 16. When 30 so wrapped, the tapered end of the section 14 is secured by a seal the same as the tapered end of the section I shown in Figure 4. Therefore, a handkerchief, necktie, or the like will be shielded from dust and dirt and as the section 16 is rein-35 forced by the stiffening strip 18, there will be no danger of the handkerchief or necktie being crumpled and its appearance spoiled when removed from the package. It will be obvious that a book may be enclosed in this form of wrapper as well as in a wrapper constructed as shown in Figures 1 through 7 and that merchandise other than books may be enclosed in the wrapper shown in Figures 1 through 7.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A wrapper comprising sections of thin flexible material disposed transversely of each other with one having its intermediate portion secured upon an end portion of the second and having its end portions projecting from opposite sides thereof, the lower marginal portion of the overlapping intermediate portion of the first section being secured adjacent the end edge of the second section and for the remainder of its area being free from the second section whereby the first section may be folded longitudinally to accommodate itself to the dimensions of an article to be wrapped, and a reinforcement for one of said sections of relatively stiff but bendable material whereby when an article to be wrapped is disposed upon the superimposed portions of the sections and end portions of the first section folded toward each other over the article and the extended portion of the second section then wrapped about $_{65}$ the article and folded portions of the first section, the article will be entirely enclosed and shielded.

2. A wrapper comprising an elongated section of thin flexible material, and a second section of thin flexible material disposed transversely across the first section and secured thereto only at the end edge of the first section with its end portions projecting from opposite sides of the first section

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whereby the second section may be folded longitudinally to provide a predetermined width and the extended end portions of the second section folded inwardly over an article disposed upon the superimposed portions of the two sections and the first section then wrapped about the article and the folded second section.

3. A wrapper comprising a section consisting of an elongated strip of thin flexible material having side portions folded inwardly to provide 10 a section of multiple thickness having smooth side edges, and a second section of thin pliable material disposed transversely of the first section in crossed relation to one end thereof with its end portions projecting from opposite sides of the 15 first section, the portion of the second section extending across the first section having its outer longitudinally to conform to dimensions of an end of the first section and its remaining portion free whereby the second section may be folded 20 longitudinally to conform to dimensions of an article to be wrapped, the extended end portions of the second section being adapted to be folded inwardly over an article disposed upon the superimposed portions of the sections in overlying rela- 25 tion to each other and the portions of the first section extending from the second section being adapted to be wrapped about the folded second section.

4. A wrapper comprising a section formed from 30 an elongated strip of thin pliable material having its side portions folded inwardly, a second section extending transversely of the first section in crossed relation thereto with portions projecting from opposite sides of the first sec- 35 tion, the second section consisting of an elongated strip of pliable material having a side portion folded inwardly, means to secure the second section upon the first section, the other side portion of the strip forming the second section be- 40 ing adapted to be folded inwardly and cause the second section to accommodate itself to the dimensions of an article set in place upon the superimposed portions of the two sections, the extended end portions of the second section being 45 foldable inwardly into overlying relation to an article with its ends overlapped, and the first section being of a length adapting it to be wrapped about the article and the folded second section whereby the article will be entirely enclosed by 50 the folded sections.

5. A wrapper comprising a section of thin flexible material having its side portions folded inwardly, a reinforcing strip of relatively stiff but bendable material extending longitudinally of the 55 section with the folded side portions overlying the same, a second section of thin pliable material disposed transversely of the first section and firmly secured with portions projecting from opposite sides thereof, the second section having a side portion folded inwardly and secured and its other side portion adapted to be folded inwardly to conform the second section to the width of an article to be wrapped, the second section being of a length to have its extended end portions folded inwardly over an article disposed upon the superimposed portions of the two sections, and the first section being of a length adapting it to be wrapped about the article and the folded second 70 section.

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