

BOOKS AND NOTIONS

and fastened to the short leaves, which latter and the back are attached in the usual manner to the covers of the book.

In the other instance a piece or strip of muslin, linen, paper, leather or other textile, fibrous, or suitable material of any desired width and length, according to the size of the signatures or book to which it is to be bound, and made of a single ply or thickness or of a number of thicknesses securely fastened together by glue or other cement or stitching, is folded in reverse folds for a portion of its length, and the unfolded ends are placed between the boards comprising a part of the cover of the book and over which boards is securely fastened paper, cotton, leather, or other suitable material as usual.

The signatures are securely united by appropriate stitching to the upper series of folds, the crest of the folds of the signatures or sections being placed against the crests of the upper folds of the strip. A thread is then passed through the centre of a fold from its under side into and through the signature or section and knotted on the under side between the under folds. The thread is then run a slight distance on the inside of the section toward the edge, then through the section into the upper fold again, then running a slight distance toward the same edge of the strip or section on the under side of the upper fold, then through the under side of the upper fold into the section again and then back again in and out of the section and fold of the strip, until the section is securely sewed to the upper fold on both sides of the centre, the thread ending and being knotted in the place where it was first inserted, as is usual in bookbinding, and each of the signatures is similarly united to its separate fold, as will be readily understood.

After all of the sections of which it is intended the book shall be comprised have been securely sewed to the upper folds, the under folds are securely united by means of stitching and to any desired number of reinforcing strips placed across the folds, preferably at right angles thereto, and the ends of which are also inserted between the boards, and the ends of these reinforcing strips may be fastened onto the ends of the first strips by stitching or past or other suitable cement, and after which securely attached to or fastened between the covers or boards; or the sewing of the signatures to the "upper" folds and the sewing of the lower folds together and to the reinforcing strips may be done alternately, i. e., the operator will first sew one section to an upper fold and knot the thread as described, and then by separate needle and thread sew together the two contiguous or adjoining "lower" folds between which the "upper" fold is situated, and then again sew another section to an upper fold

until all the sections are attached to the upper folds, and all of the lower folds are securely fastened together.

The lower folds are united together and to the reinforcing strips as follows: Starting at a point on the under side of a fold the thread is passed through the crest and then along the inside of the fold a slight distance, then through it and partly over the reinforcing strip, then into and through the latter and lower fold, and then along the inside of the lower fold, and through it and partly over and into and through the reinforcing strip and fold; then along the

inside of the fold until near the edge; then through it and across into the under side of the adjoining fold, and back in and out of the fold and reinforcing strips; and when the thread passes out of the fold the two ends are knotted together, or a knot is made in the thread at that point and the free end is sewed through the adjoining folds and reinforcing strips for as many folds and strips as there may be in the manner described, thereby securely uniting all the lower folds together, forming a solid hinged back for the sections of the book to turn on.—American Stationer.

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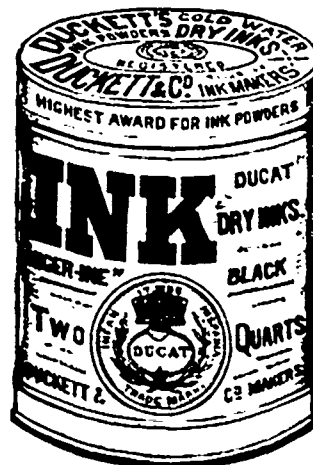
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