

that in some measure seemed to meet the requirements, but only at the sacrifice of much of the strength of the book. To preserve this and at the same time to secure the necessary freedom of opening was the difficulty. This at last has been overcome, and the largest blank-books are now bound by Messrs. Warwick Bro's & Rutter by a process that not only ensures a satisfactory flat opening, but at the same time adds strength and firmness to the binding. Although the invention is covered by patent, its use adds but an insignificant amount to the cost of the book.

FLAT OPENING BOOKS

A newly made blank-book should be handled with care. The sewing, gluing and nailing are likely to be hard and inflexible, and the spring-back, which is full of life and vitality, holds the edges with a firm grip. To force the book open at the centre will likely result in breaking the back or impairing the sewing. The glory of the book is its strength, and opening and closing it violently or carelessly may cause serious injury to its strength and wearing qualities. A new book should be placed on its edge on the desk, and after throwing back the cover, a few leaves should be lifted at a time until the desired page is reached. It should be closed in the same manner. A blank-book at all times should receive careful treatment, for it is one of the highest products of the artisans' skill.



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TO OPEN A BLANK BOOK