ABSTRACT

An improved ring binder mechanism is provided, which comprises: an elongated coverplate 2 having inwardly bent retaining ribs 21 along its longitudinal edges; a pair of opposing hookplates 3A and 3B disposed within the coverplate with their outer longitudinal edges supported by the retaining ribs 21 and with their inner longitudinal edges joined together for pivotal movement between an inwardly-bowed position toward the converplate and an outwardly-bowed position away from the coverplate; at least a pair of opposing ring halves 4A, 4B attached at their bottom ends to the hookplates and extending outwardly through openings made in the coverplate for movement between an open and a closed position as the hookplates move between the inwardly-bowed and outwardly-bowed positions; a control slide 8 disposed under the hookplates for longitudinal movement between an advanced and a retracted position; and a manipulating lever 7 pivotably provided at one longitudinal end of the coverplate. As the lever is turned back and forth, it causes the control slide to move between the advanced and retracted positions, thereby opening or closing the ring halves. Further, the control slide in its retracted or advanced position effectively locks the hoolplates against any movement and the binder rings in the closed state.