

**Rounding**

The inevitable back swell produced by the leaf attachment method constitutes a major portion of the convex-shaped spine. The purpose of “rounding” is to bring the swell into a controlled form in which the leaves do not extend beyond the edge of the cover. If the text block is bound without rounding, the swollen back, being wider than the front might become concave or it might crinkle up. Rounding, therefore, ensures that the text block will assume an even convex shape.