

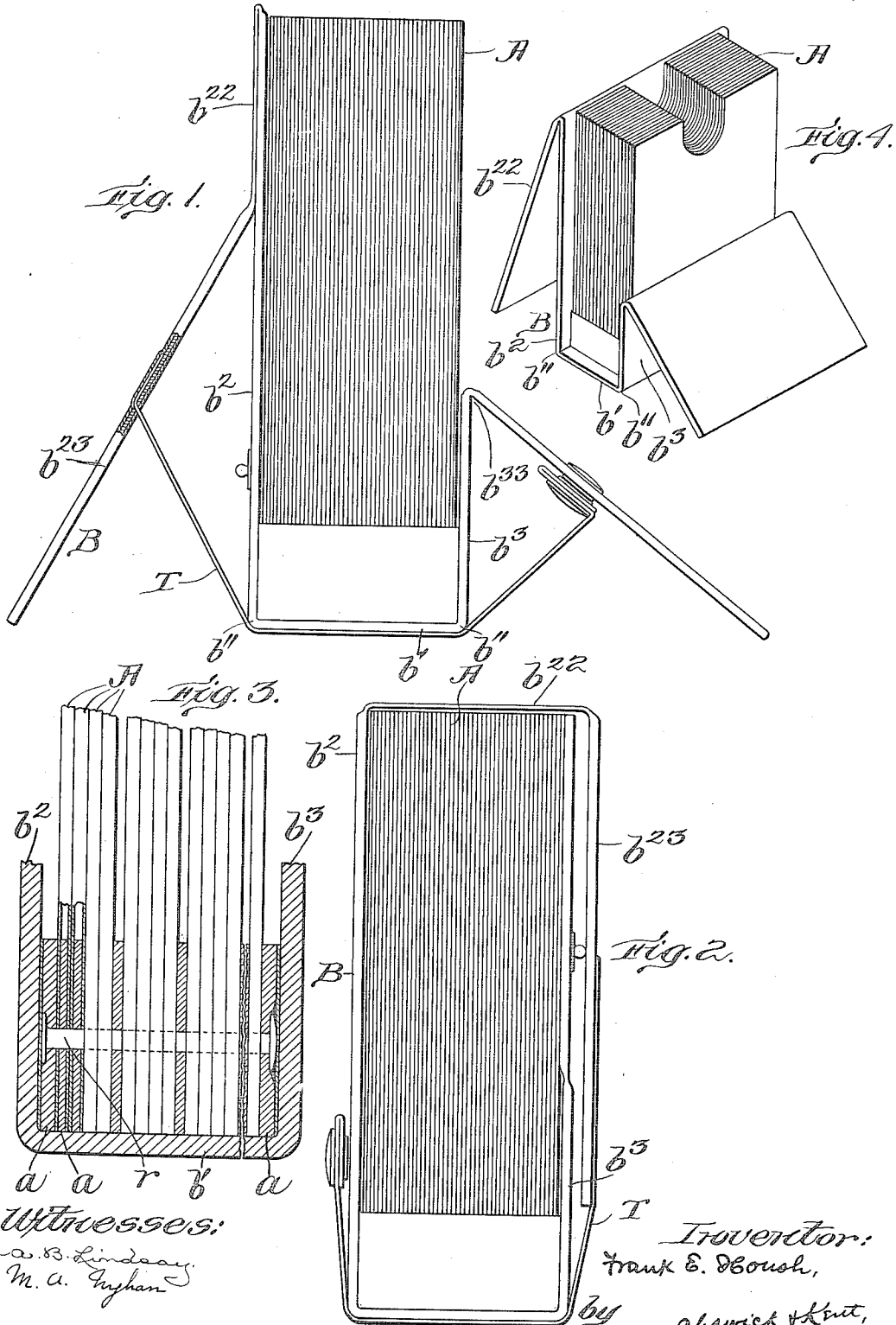
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. HOUSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winthrop, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wallets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a wallet designed to receive disk-phonograph records, photographic slides or plates, or other articles which it is desired to store in orderly and portable fashion and to present its receptacles for reception or selection of articles in vertical position.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of my new wallet, in open position; Fig. 2 is a similar view, in closed position; Fig. 3 is a partial section of Fig. 2, enlarged scale, passing through the clamping rivet; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view.

My new wallet is made up of a multiplicity of pockets A of stout paper, cloth or other suitable material, combined with a casing B of leather or the like. Each pocket A is preferably cut of a suitable length from a long tube of the material used, and into one of the open ends of the short tube thus formed, which end is designed to be at the bottom of the completed article, is preferably inserted a narrow strip, *a*, of stiff paper of a length equal to the width of the pocket, and similar strips may be distributed between the pockets at the lower end. In assembling the pack of pockets preparatory to combining them with the casing upon each each side of the bottom of the pack are placed strips, *a*. The bottom edges of the pockets A and base strips, *a*, are leveled on a plane surface and one or more apertures are then bored through the pack and through the strips and a rivet *r*, or rivets secured therein, thus binding the bottom of the pack into an inflexible, plane-surfaced base.

The casing, in its best form, consists of a back portion, *b'*, and two sides, *b*<sup>2</sup>, *b*<sup>3</sup>, which are connected at *b''* to back *b'*, being preferably bent at right angles at *b''* and permanently set. Side *b*<sup>3</sup> is hinged at *b*<sup>33</sup> so that it can be folded upon itself and back *b*<sup>2</sup> carries at its free end a cover flap *b*<sup>22</sup> which in turn is connected to a flap *b*<sup>23</sup>. In assembling the parts of my wallet the inner surface of *b'* and the plane bottom side of

the riveted base of the pack of pockets are 55 coated with an adhesive, as fish-glue, and pressed into contact until firm adhesion takes place. The firm connection of the casing to the riveted plane end of the pack gives to the back or bottom of the wallet a 60 plane surface upon which it may stand securely, holding its contents vertically and presenting the upper ends of the receptacles to inspection, while additional stability is secured by connecting the covers *b*<sup>2</sup>, *b*<sup>3</sup> by 65 means of a strap, T, preferably of elastic tape, as shown. When the wallet is open, the tape is carried under the bottom of the wallet and holds the free end of side *b*<sup>3</sup> and flap *b*<sup>23</sup> against the supporting table or sur- 70 face, propping up the body of the wallet, giving a wide base. When the wallet is closed the strap is passed over the bottom of the wallet to secure the parts in their 75 closed position. Preferably the strap is permanently secured at one end and detachably secured at the other end.

The clamping of the stiffened bottom side of the pack, anchored by an adhesive to the back *b'*, forms a solid plane bottom base 80 from which upwardly project the several receptacles suitably numbered, the strip which is within a particular receptacle forming a cushion to receive and sustain in vertical position the article inserted into the recep- 85 tacle. The riveted base of my receptacle pack forms a strong, stiff and abrasion-proof support for the wallet and its contents capable of sustaining any necessary weight and resisting wear practically to a greater extent 90 than any other part of the wallet and owing to the clamping action of the rivets the solidity of the base is such that there is no bending of the base, when the wallet is lifted and carried. 95

My improved wallet is especially useful in the storage and safe and convenient transportation of orderly selections of articles, and the proper, orderly and convenient presentation of these articles for use, as in ex- 100 hibitions and lectures.

I claim:—

1. The standing wallet above described made up of a pack of receptacles and a multiplicity of base strips, the whole secured 105 together to form a solid plane bottomed base, a cover part secured to the plane surface of the base part of the receptacle pack

and having sides for surrounding and supporting the pack of receptacles:

2. The standing wallet above described, made up of a pack of tubular receptacles and a multiplicity of base strips, the whole  
5 secured together to form a solid plane bottomed base; a cover part secured to the plane surface of the base and having sides

for surrounding and supporting the pack of receptacles.

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