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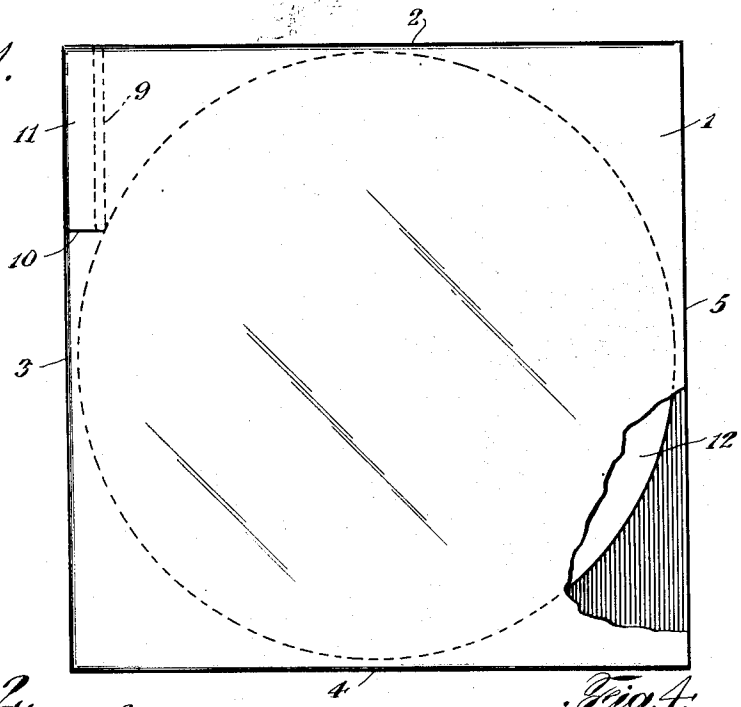

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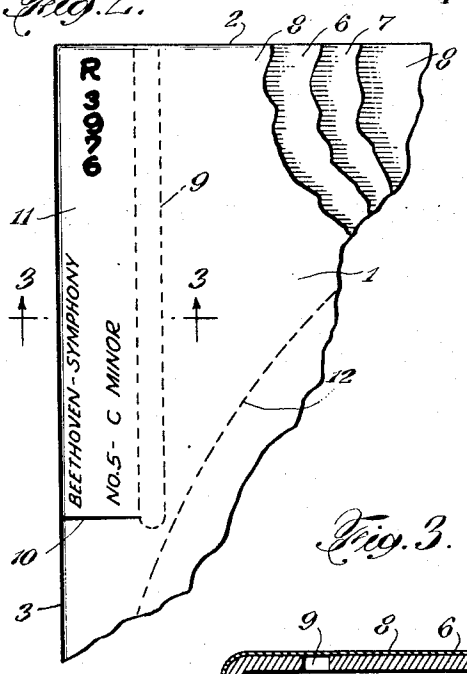

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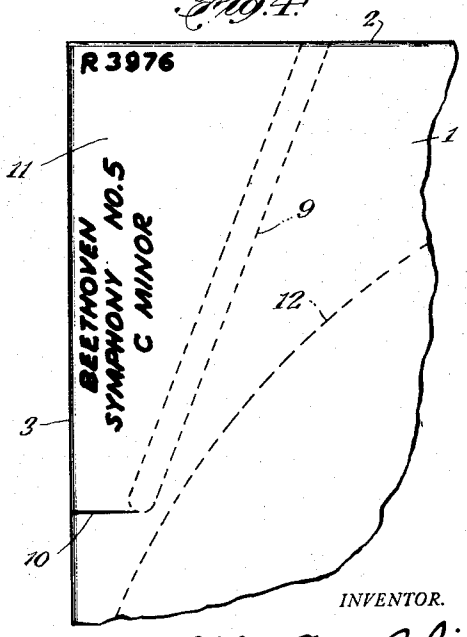

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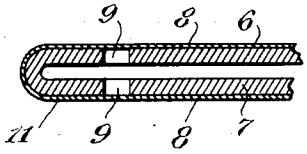

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This invention relates to jackets for phonograph records and pertains particularly to jackets having means to facilitate visual identification of records stacked together as a group.

So-called "long playing" or "LP" phonograph records are customarily sold in individual cardboard jackets which are substantially square in shape. Such jackets are usually made of relatively thin cardboard and are covered with paper on which is printed identifying data and other informative and decorative material. The jacket is left open on one side for the insertion and removal of the record. The other sides are closed either by reinforcing strips or by the cover paper or both.

When a single jacketed record is examined, it is easily identified from the information printed on the cover. When a group of records contained in such jackets are stacked together on a shelf, however, it is impossible to identify individual records without at least partially removing them from the stacked group to read the information printed on the front or back cover.

Such jackets are very thin, usually having a thickness of only slightly more than $\frac{1}{16}''$ when empty, and it has been found impractical to print legible identifying information along an edge of the jacket without some provision for thickening the edge which is to be printed. This is objectionable because one of the virtues of long playing records is the small amount of space which they occupy. Any thickening of an edge of the jacket diminishes this advantage, which is of particular importance to record shops and dealers.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a jacket which will facilitate identification of individual records in a group of stacked records.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

A preferred embodiment of the invention selected for purposes of illustration is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a jacket embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged plan view of a corner of the jacket.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing a modified form of jacket.

Referring to the drawings, the jacket is in the form of a substantially square envelope 1 which is closed on three edges 2, 3 and 4 and is open on edge 5. The envelope comprises two plies of cardboard 6 and 7 arranged back to back, the outside of said envelope being faced with cover paper 8 which extends over the outside surfaces of plies 6 and 7 and over the three closed edges 2, 3 and 4.

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At one closed corner of the envelope, elongated notches 9 are formed in the cardboard plies 6 and 7, which said notches preferably extend parallel to an adjacent closed edge as in Figures 1 and 2 or may extend at an angle thereto as in Figure 4. At the lower end of the notches 9 slits 10 are cut in the plies 6 and 7 extending inwardly from the adjacent edge to intersect the notches. This forms a tab 11 which is hinged on the envelope by the cover paper which bends easily so that the tab can be turned to a position for observation. Identifying numerals or legends or both are printed on the tab.

In cases where it is desired to print the numerals or legends in larger type or perhaps to print additional information, the notches 9 may be placed further away from the edge of the envelope or may be placed at an angle as shown in Figure 4.

Preferably the notches 9 and slits 10 terminate outside the area normally occupied by the record disk as indicated by dotted lines 12 in Figures 1 and 2 so that the tab is clear of the disk and the disk does not interfere with turning the tab freely.

It will be understood that the invention may be variously modified and embodied within the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A phonograph record jacket comprising two substantially square sheets of cardboard arranged back to back, the outside surfaces of said sheets being covered with plies of cover paper which extend over and around the edges of said sheets on three sides of the sheets and serve to bind and seal those edges, leaving unbound edges on the fourth side, said cardboard sheets having superimposed notches formed therein extending inwardly from one sealed edge and terminating at points spaced from an adjacent sealed edge, and said carboard sheets and plies of cover paper having superimposed slits formed therein extending inwardly from said adjacent sealed edge to the inward end of said notches, thereby forming a tab which is flexibly hinged to the remainder of the jacket by the plies of cover paper.

2. A phonograph record jacket as claimed in claim 1 including printed indicia on said tab for identifying the jacket and contents.

3. A phonograph record jacket as claimed in claim 1 in which said notches extend parallel to said adjacent sealed edge.

4. A phonograph record jacket as claimed in claim 1 in which the length of said tab is less than one third the length of one side of the jacket.

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