

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

CHARLES J. MENSMAN, OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PHONOGRAPH RECORD

Original application filed April 24, 1923, Serial No. 634,332. Divided and this application filed November 19, 1927. Serial No. 234,526.

The invention relates to a novel construction and arrangement of phonograph records whereby the same may be readily accessible when stored within a cabinet. The primary object of the invention is the provision of a phonograph record formed or otherwise arranged with the title of the record appearing on the peripheral edge thereof.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a phonograph record carrying identifying data on its periphery in such manner that the same is readily visible from the exterior of the cabinet in which the record may be stored.

Other objects comprise the provision of a phonograph record provided with means for aligning identifying data carried on the periphery thereof in a predetermined position relative to the identifying data on similar records, when stored in a cabinet.

Records as contemplated by the present invention are of the conventional flat disc type. Heretofore in this art it has been the practice to place the title and other identifying data of the record at the central portion thereof on labels pasted or otherwise secured thereat. When such records, in accordance with prevailing practice are stored vertically side by side in the usual phonograph record cabinets, it is in the vast majority of instances necessary to remove each record from the cabinet in order to ascertain its identification.

In accordance with the principles of the present invention, I provide the conventional flat disc type records with the identifying data on the peripheral edges so that the title of each record may be read without removing the record from its container.

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of a phonograph record cabinet having a plurality of records stored therein and formed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is an elevation of a slightly modified form of record.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary elevation of a further modification.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary edge elevation of

a record having its title disposed on the peripheral edge.

Figure 5 is a similar elevation illustrating a further manner of arranging the title or other identifying data.

As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the peripheral edge 10 of a flat disc record 11 is provided with identifying data such as a title 12 arranged upon the periphery. The component letters forming the title may be made readable in the conventional manner from left to right as in Figure 4, or they may be made readable vertically downward as in Figure 5.

The particular manner in which the indicia is applied is not of importance for the purposes of this invention. It is apparent that the characters comprising the indicia may be molded into the edge of the record or placed thereon in relief or may be applied by pasted labels or in any other suitable manner without departing from the spirit of the invention.

As shown in Figure 1, a plurality of records 10 are stored in the conventional manner, that is vertically side by side, within a cabinet container 13 of any conventional design. The container 13 may or may not be provided across the front opening adjacent its bottom with a transverse retaining rod 14. This rod 14, as shown in Figure 1, provides a bottom rest which ordinarily serves to prevent records from falling out of the cabinet.

In the modified form of the record shown in Figure 2, the record disc 10' is provided on its peripheral edge with its identifying data 12' and is formed on its peripheral edge at spaced points with lateral projections 15 of such character as to engage over or against the retaining rod 14 when this type of rod is employed. As a further modification and as shown in Figure 3, the record 10'' may have its peripheral edge provided with one or more indentations 16 which also serve the purpose of engaging the retaining rod 14.

The present application is a division of my prior application Serial No. 634,332, filed in the United States Patent Office April 24, 1923.

While in this embodiment of the invention

I have illustrated and described certain de-

tails relative thereto, I desire it to be understood that the invention is not limited thereto, but that any desired changes and modifications may be made in the structural details as will fall within the scope of the invention
5 as claimed.

I claim:—

A phonograph record comprising a flat annular body, identifying indicia on a portion
10 of the peripheral edge of the record, and stop means on said peripheral edge of the record whereby the indicia may be properly positioned and displayed when the record is stored.

15 In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
CHARLES J. MENSMAN.

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

55

60

65