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RECORD HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

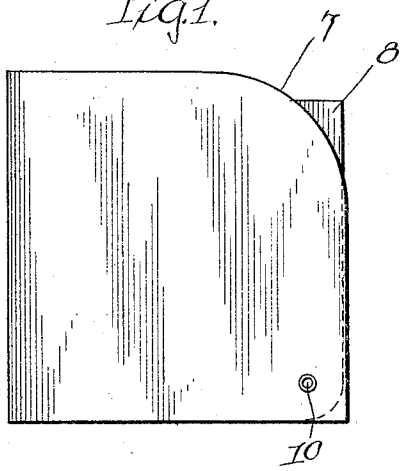


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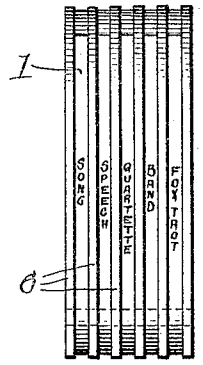


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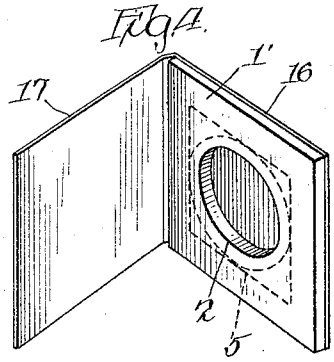


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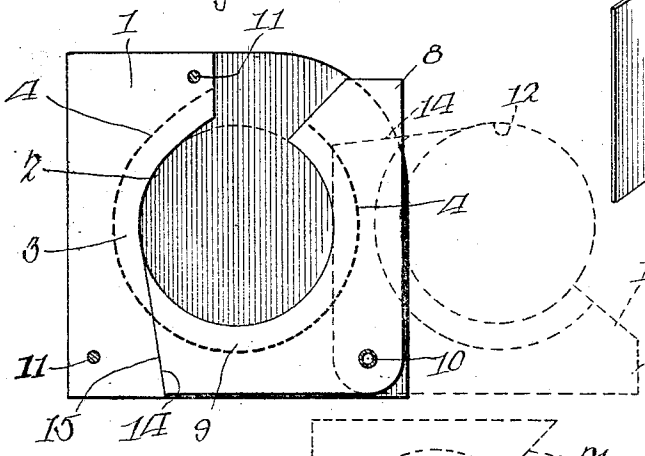


Fig. 3a.

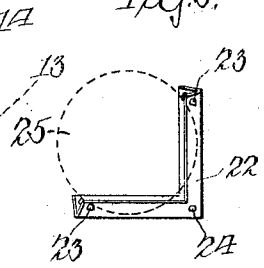
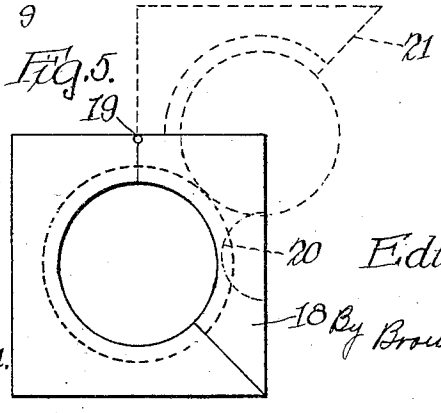


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. BANSCHBACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Record-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder for the disk records of phonographs, and it is intended to be used either as a protection for such a record in shipping it by mail, or to protect it in delivery, or simply as a holder which also protects the record for use in connection with a phonograph machine, or in convenient form so that it may be easily packed or contained in a case, on a shelf, or the like, making the record contained by the holder easily found and accessible independently of the other records.

The invention consists in the features of novelty in the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a side view of a holder constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a front view of a multiple holder, the thickness relative to the other dimensions being somewhat increased to show that designating characters can be written or printed on the backs of the holding members.

Fig. 3 is a view of the holder shown by Fig. 1 with one of the cover sheets removed.

Fig. 3ª shows a modified form of the pivoted member.

Fig. 4 is a perspective of a modification in which one cover is hinged to the other; and

Fig. 5 shows a modification in which a portion of the protecting member is hinged at the top instead of at the bottom as shown in Fig. 3.

Phonograph disk records are commonly held in envelops for protecting them, and the envelops are bound in book form when it is desired to hold them for use with a phonograph. With such a holder it is necessary to remove a whole book of records in order to select the desired one therefrom. The present invention contemplates a single holder for each record of sufficient thickness to protect the individual record and to prevent it from breakage, and to offer a back upon which a designating number or name can be printed or written so that the record can be identified at a glance and removed separately without removing any of the other records. Another advantage of the present construction is that it provides a ready means for shipping these records by mail and protecting them while in transit. This holder is not much larger than the record itself so that it occupies very little space, and a number of such holders occupy no more space than a book of envelops for containing the same number of records, and at the same time make the separate records accessible, which is not possible with the book container.

In the preferred form, this holder comprises a stiff protector 1 of material such as pasteboard, wood, or even light metal which is of sufficient rigidity to resist bending, and is of substantially the same thickness as the disk record which it is to hold. The center of this member is formed with a perforation 2, usually circular in form of sufficient size to contain a disk record, and if desired, a removable ring 3 may be provided for by partially severing the material of the protector about the line 4 thereof so that this ring 3 may be removed to accommodate a record of larger size than the perforation 2. It is obvious that instead of making the perforation 2 circular in form, it can be made square, as indicated by the dotted line 5 in Fig. 4, or of other forms in which the record may be contained.

In the form shown by Figs. 1, 2 and 3, this protecting member 1 is provided on both sides thereof with covers 6, each of which is formed with a rounded corner 7, from which an angular corner 8 of the protecting member 1 extends to form a hand hold for rotating a portion 9 of the protecting member about a pivot 10 at the opposite lower corner of the holder. The other portion of the protecting member 1 is secured to the covers by suitable fastening means 11, and the pivoted portion 9 preferably embraces slightly more than half of the circumference of the inner perforation so that with the holder in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 3, the rotation of the portion 9 about its pivot 10 will carry a disk record, indicated by the reference numeral 12, outwardly from the holder to a position shown by the broken outline 13 in Fig. 3, where it will be easily accessible for removal from the holder. When the hinged portion 9 is returned within the holder, it is stopped by the engagement of

its angular edge 14 with a corresponding shoulder 15, and the weight of the record within the hinged portion 9 holds this portion within the covers.

The construction shown by Fig. 4 comprises simply a flat protecting member 1' with no hinged portion, but the cover 16 is connected only to one side of the protecting member 1 with a flap 17 which folds over the other side, this flap being hinged at one side of the holder, or preferably forming a continuation of the other side cover 16.

In the form shown by Fig. 5, the protecting member has a portion 18 provided with a top hinge 19 and the covers are formed with a cutout 20, by means of which the hinged portion 18 can be grasped and rotated upwardly to the broken line position 21, allowing the record to be taken from the holder when the hinged portion is in the raised position, the cutaway portion 20 also permitting the record to be grasped and removed therefrom.

In all of these forms, the back or edge of the holders is of sufficient width to print or write the name, or some designation of the record contained therein, as indicated by Fig. 2. If the holder is to be used for shipping the records by mail, or otherwise, some means is provided for keeping the hinged member within the covers, or for holding the flap 17 in place, if the form shown by Fig. 4 is employed, such means comprising either a strip pasted over the edge, or a suitable fastener inserted through the covers and through the inner protecting member.

It is also contemplated that a number of holders may be connected together with a common separating wall between each adjacent pair, as shown in Fig. 2, so that a number of records may be compactly contained in a case, or on a shelf, where each record is separately accessible by simply rotating the pivoted member of the holder by tipping it downwardly, as shown in Fig. 3.

Instead of cutting out the strengthening members to circular form, or with a circular opening in the center, it is obvious that the covers 6 may be spaced apart by strips placed along the edges, the pivoted member consisting of an L-shaped strip of the same material, or it may even be of thinner material which is doubled, as shown by Fig. 3a, to form an L-shaped member 22 with pins 23 at the ends, and a pivoting hole 24 corresponding to the pivot 10 of the construction shown by Fig. 3. The fastening members would then hold a record 25 in place, even though the members 22 were tipped outwardly from the holder to the position shown by the dotted outline 13 of the holder in Fig. 3.

I claim:—

1. In a disk record holder, the combination with a container comprising two covers, and protecting means pivoted in the covers of substantially the thickness of a single record with a curved recess adapted to closely fit about the edge but not over the sides of a record and adapted by its weight, when the holder is in an upright position, to hold the protecting means closed in the holder, and when rotated outwardly to expose the central portion at both sides of a disk record.

2. In a disk record holder, the combination with a container adapted to be held in an upright position and comprising a pair of covers, and a protecting member of substantially the thickness of a record pivoted in the covers at the lower front corner thereof and having a recess to seat a record with no obstructions at either side thereof so that when rotated forwardly more than half of a record will be exposed whereby the designations at the center of both sides of such a record can be read without actually removing the record from the protecting member.

3. In a record holder, the combination with a protecting member comprising two parts forming a central space to contain a record, means for covering the sides of the central space, and a pivot upon which one portion of the protecting member is mounted for exposing a record for withdrawal therefrom.

4. In a disk record holder, central protecting means of substantially the thickness of the record to be held having one portion movable with respect to another and all of the portions of said protecting means forming a circular recess for closely confining the edge of a record and with partially severed ring-shaped pieces of material which may be removed for accommodating similar records of larger size; and covers for both of said portions, to which the movable portion is pivoted for discharging the record from between the covers of the holder.

5. In a disk record holder, central protecting means of substantially the thickness of the record to be held, having one portion movable with respect to another; and covers for both of said portions, to which the movable portion is pivoted for discharging the record from the holder.

6. In a disk record holder, the combination with two covers, of protecting means substantially the thickness of the record to be held disposed between the covers and comprising two portions one rigidly secured to the covers and the other hinged thereto and rotatable to expose a record for withdrawal from the holder.

7. In a record holder, the combination with a pair of covers each having a cutaway portion, and protecting means of substantially the thickness of the record to be held disposed between the covers and comprising

two portions, one of which is rigidly secured to the covers and the other is pivotally mounted therebetween with a portion extending from the covers at the said cut-away portion providing an engageable extremity by which the said movable portion may be rotated.

8. A disk record holder comprising a pair of covers, and record protecting means disposed between the covers and comprising two parts together forming a central perforation for containing the record, one of the said portions being rigidly secured to the covers and the other portion being pivotally mounted at one lower corner of the holder and the perforation of this portion embracing enough of a record to move it out of the holder and being disposed so that a record within the holder will tend to keep the pivoted portion closed by its own weight when the holder is in an upright position.

9. In a disk record holder, the combination with a pair of covers, of a disk protecting means substantially the thickness of the disk to be held thereby and comprising two portions, one rigidly secured to the covers having an abutting portion and the other pivoted between the covers and having a portion to engage the said abutting portion thereby limiting the inward rotation of the pivoted portion.

10. A multiple disk record holder comprising a plurality of spacing partitions, an individual protecting means for each record comprising a member substantially the thickness of a record pivoted between adjacent partitions and each member having a recess fitting closely around and for seating a record, which when tipped forwardly will move a record more than half way from between its partitions so that the central portions of both sides of a record held thereby will be disclosed for examination without removing the record from the recess.

11. A disk holder comprising a pair of covers having one corner of each cut away, and protecting means substantially the thickness of a record to be held having one portion with a recess to contain a record adapted to be pivoted in and entirely contained between the covers except at said corners which therefore form a hand engageable portion for rotating the protecting means on its pivot to withdraw a record from between the covers.

12. A multiple record holder comprising a plurality of pivoted member each of substantially the thickness of a record and formed to seat a record therein, and fixed spacing members between the pivoted members, each pivoted member being provided with a manually engageable portion so that it can be directly and independently rotated to withdraw a record from between the spacing members.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification on this 22d day of March A. D. 1917.

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