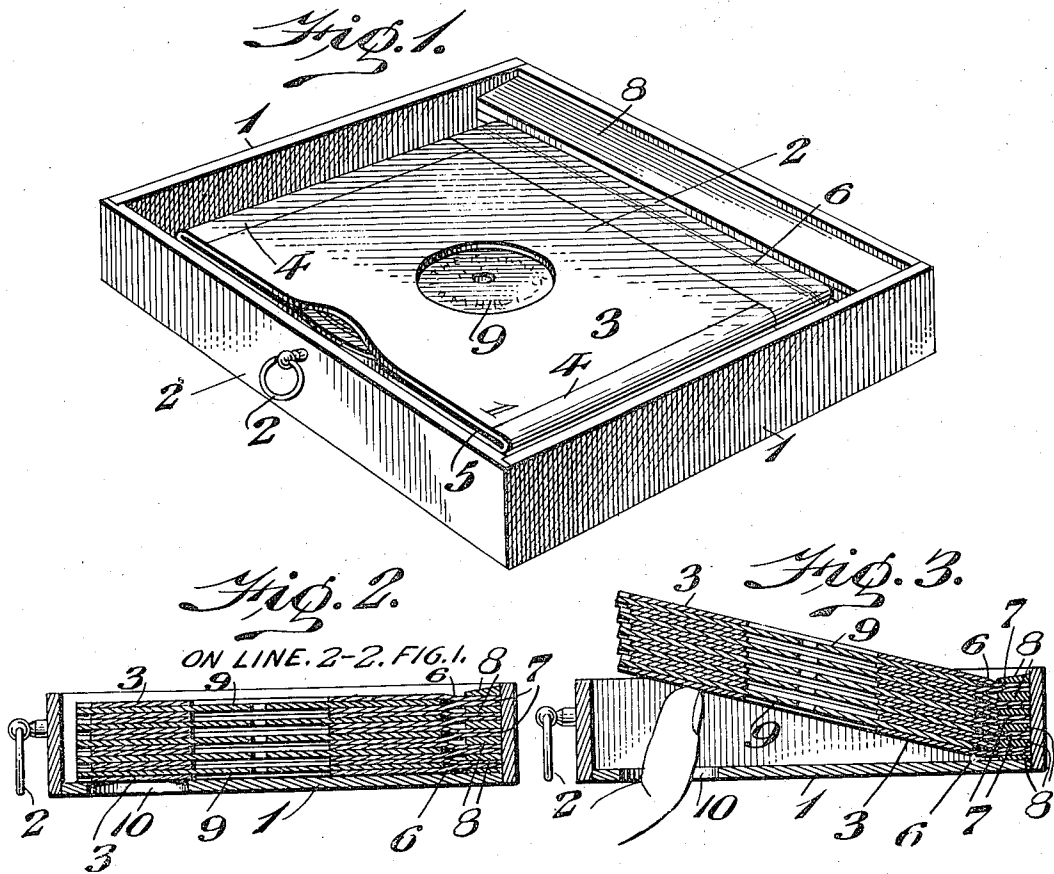


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRWIN G. CASPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Container for Talking-Machine Records, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to containers for talking machine records or similar articles which may be damaged unless properly stored and has for an object to provide a container or drawer for use in a cabinet whereby a plurality of separate records can be conveniently stored in a protected manner and yet the records are readily accessible for selective removal when the drawer is open.

A further object of the invention is to provide a record container whereby the several record holders, while fixed within the containers, may yield under pressure and assume such a position that the contents of any holder may be quickly identified and removed for use.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention, I have shown in the accompanying drawings one form thereof which is at present preferred by me, since the same has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

Referring to the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a perspective of a container for talking machine records embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 represents a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 represents a similar section showing the record holders in position for the removal of a record.

1 designates the container proper for the record holders and is preferably in the form of a rectangular drawer which is adapted to fit into a suitable cabinet with the usual sliding movement. The ring or handle 2, provides means for engaging the drawer and pulling it out to accessible position or pushing it back to closed position. As will later appear it is unnecessary to remove

the drawer entirely from the cabinet in order to examine and remove a record or records since the construction is such as to permit the full use of the device with the drawer partly open.

3 designates the respective holders for the records, each consisting of a substantially flat body having two sides secured at three side edges, as indicated at 4, in order to leave an open end or side 5 for the reception of the article to be stored. Preferably each holder is secured to a binding 6 of flexible material which extends rearwardly in the form of a tongue 7, the several tongues being arranged in superposed relation and spaced respectively by transverse strips 8. The strips 8 are of any suitable material fixed to the body of the drawer and, in the present instance, the holder bindings are glued between the strips, though it will be understood that this is only by way of illustration and any equivalent means may be employed without departing from the invention. Furthermore the binding means is preferably at the rear of the drawer so that the front portion of the holders is free to lift (as indicated Fig. 3) and separate one from another in order to select the desired record.

9 designates an opening with which each holder is provided for the purpose of making visible the identifying data upon the record in the holder and this opening is, of course, located properly with respect to such data.

10 designates an opening located, in the preferred form, in the bottom of the drawer through which the finger or fingers of the user may pass and press the stack of holders upwardly as shown in Fig. 3 and thus bring the free ends above the front of the drawer so that the records may be quickly and easily identified and such as desired readily removed.

It should be understood however that I do not wish to be limited to the location or shape of the opening as obviously this may be varied to suit conditions.

By my present invention the wear upon a record holder is reduced to a minimum since it is not subjected to the constant handling of loose containers which are taken out with the records, dropped in any convenient place and piled up promiscuously with records whereby they become torn, di-

lapidated and useless. Furthermore any desired record may be promptly located and removed thus doing away with the common practice of pulling out one record after another in the search for the desired one. In addition the life of the record is increased since the flat, superposed arrangement prevents warping and as each is protected by an individual cover the danger of scratching or marring the sound grooves is eliminated.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful construction which embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description and while I have in the present instance shown and described the preferred embodiment thereof which has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of

the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim is:

A receptacle for disk records comprising in combination a receptacle in drawer form having a finger opening in its body and a series of disk-holding cases each flexibly connected to a binder portion, said binder portions being superposed and permanently secured adjacent the rear side of said drawer, said cases being open at their front ends to permit ready access to the record disks when said disks and holding cases are bodily lifted by inserting a finger or thumb through said body opening and said records being retained in their cases by the front wall of the drawer when said cases are restored thereto.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

IRWIN G. CASPER.