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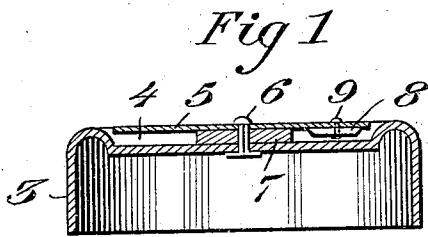


Fig. 2.

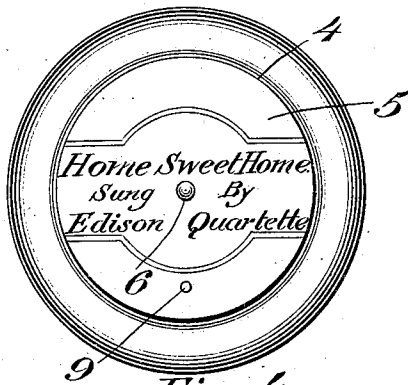


Fig. 4.

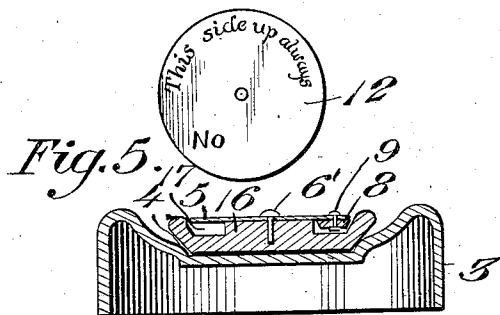
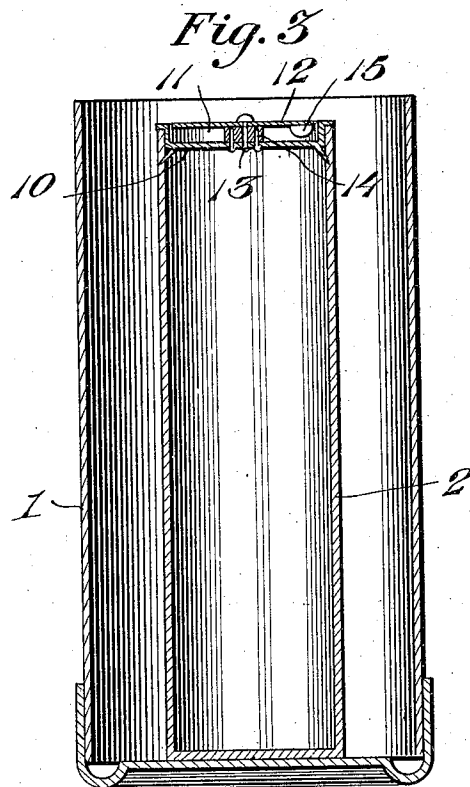
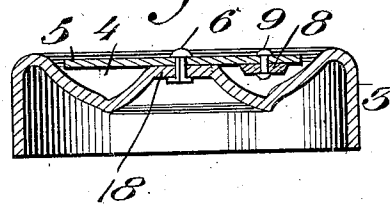


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. ELLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tags for Phonographic-Record Cases, of which the following is a specification.

In preserving phonograph records and displaying them for sale, it is customary to place the record cylinders separately in boxes or cases containing a central core which extends through the record cylinder and to apply to the end of the case a tag or label bearing the title of the piece of music or other matter borne by the record cylinder. It has been found, in practice, that considerable trouble and annoyance is experienced in selecting the records on display owing to the fact that the cases containing the cylinders become turned to such positions that it is difficult to read the titles borne by the labels.

This invention relates to the cylinder receiving cases, being directed especially to the manner of applying the tags or labels thereto, and has for its objects to provide a simple, inexpensive form of tag which may be readily applied for use, and one which will at all times and irrespective of the turning of the case remain in position for the record title to be conveniently read.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a sectional view taken centrally through the cap of a record case, showing a tag embodying the invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the cap. Fig. 3 is a central, longitudinal section through a record receiving case, showing a modified form of tag applied to the end of the central core. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the tag of the form shown in Fig. 3. Figs. 5 and 6 are views similar to Fig. 1, showing modified forms of the device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a cylindrical tubular record receiving case of usual form having an inner core 2 and a removable cap or cover 3 provided in its end wall with a depression or concavity 4 in which there is arranged a circular disk-like tag or label 5 rotatably secured in place by means of a central pivoting member or pintle 6 which is entered centrally through the end wall of the cap and clenched or headed upon the inner face thereof, there being arranged on the pintle between the wall of the cap and tag a bearing member or

block 7 which serves to space the tag from the cap wall for permitting free rotation of the tag.

Attached to the inner face of the tag which bears on its outer face the title of the piece borne by the phonographic record cylinder is a weight 8 secured by a fastening member 9 and disposed at a point adjacent the peripheral edge of the tag and arranged on a diametric line centrally beneath the matter printed on the tag, whereby the latter will be held in proper position for the printed matter to be conveniently read.

In the form of device illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, there is applied to the upper or outer end of the central core 2 which in practice projects through the record cylinder a cap 10 formed with a depression or concavity 11 having arranged therein a circular disk-like tag 12 rotatively secured in place by means of a central pintle 13 entered through the cap 10 between which and the tag there is arranged a spacing member or block 14, there being applied to the inner face of the tag and at a point near the peripheral edge thereof a weight 15 disposed on a line centrally beneath the printed matter borne by the tag for maintaining the latter in position to permit ready reading of the record made thereon.

In the form of device, as illustrated in Fig. 5, there is cemented or otherwise secured within the concavity 4 a spacing block 16 to which the disk-like tag 5 is attached for rotation by a central pintle 6', there being formed in the outer face of the block 16 an annular groove or channel 17 designed to accommodate the weight 8 which is applied to the inner face of the tag for the purpose heretofore explained.

As seen in Fig. 6, the cap 3 is provided at the center of the concavity 4 with a protuberance 18 preferably formed by suitably pressing or otherwise shaping the end wall of the cap during the formation of the latter and serving as a bearing for the tag 5, which is rotatively secured in place by a central pintle 6, it being noted that under this construction the concavity 4 is in the form of an annular recess which accommodates the weight 8 during rotation of the tag.

In practice, and in all of the forms of the device it is apparent that when the cases are arranged on a shelf or otherwise for display, the tags will, through the medium of the weights, be maintained in proper position

for the printed matter thereon to be conveniently read. Also it will be observed that in all forms of the device and owing to the tags being arranged within concavities
5 formed in the caps, they will be disposed in a plane flush with or below the plane of the projecting marginal edge of the cap surrounding the concavity and will thus be protected from liability of becoming injured.

10 Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A cap of the type described having a concavity provided therein, a tag disposed within said concavity, means attaching the
15 tag for rotation and a weight applied to the tag for holding the same in a predetermined position.

2. A cap of the type described, a tag rotatively mounted thereon and a weight carried by the tag for maintaining the latter in
20 a predetermined position.

3. A cap of the type described having a concavity, a tag arranged in said concavity, a pintle for rotatively securing the tag in place, and a weight applied to the tag for
25 holding the same in a predetermined position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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