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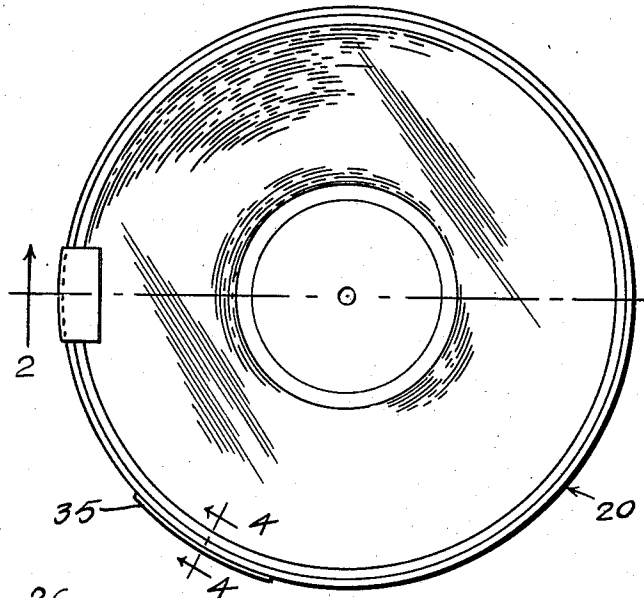


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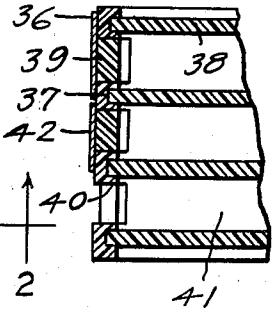


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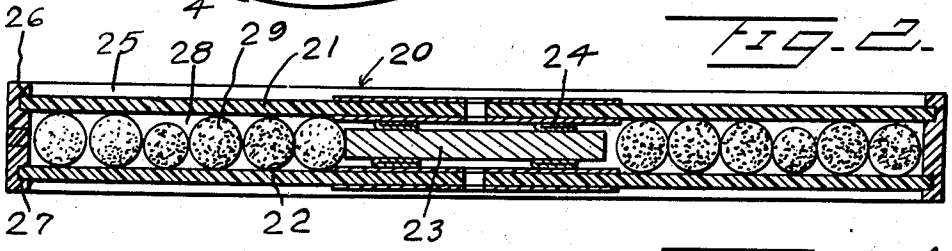


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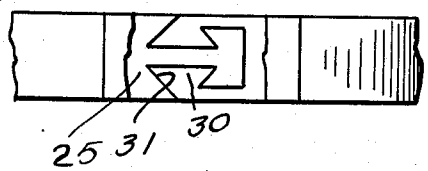


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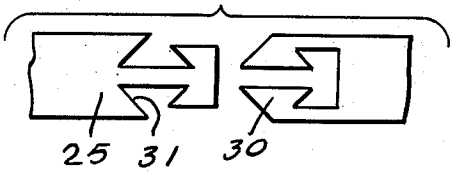
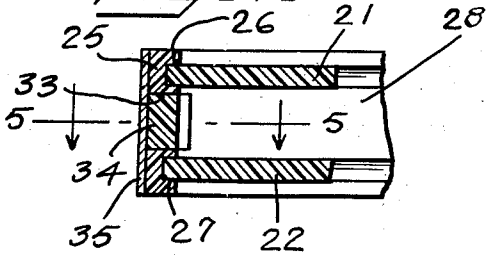


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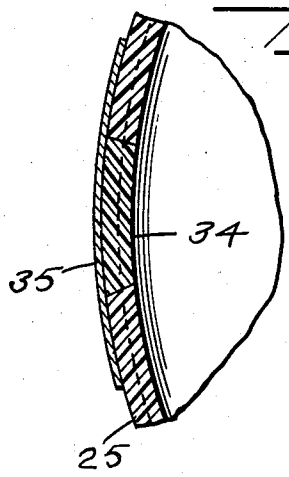


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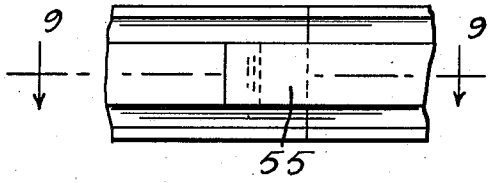
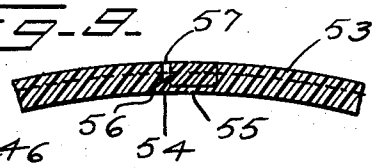


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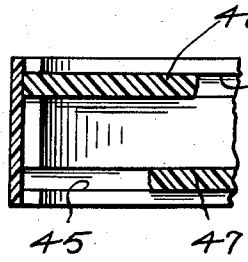


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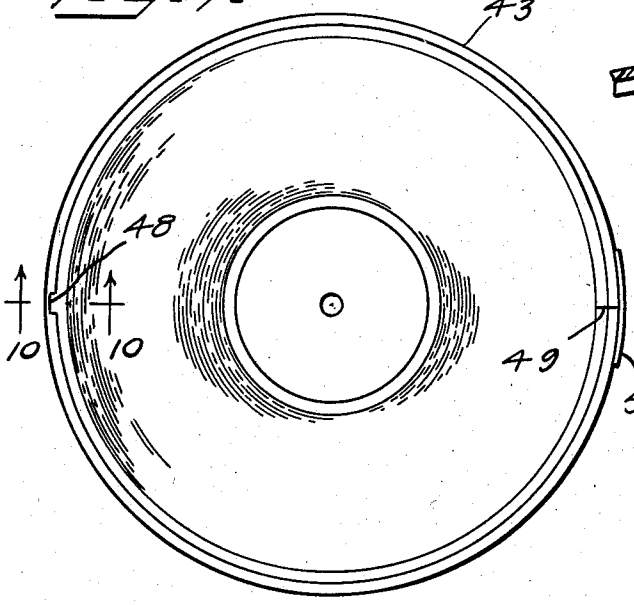


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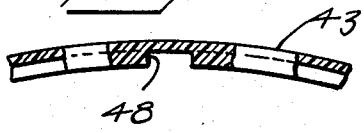
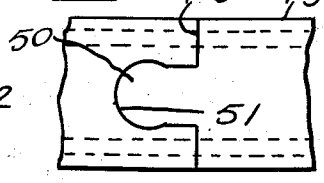


Fig. 7A.



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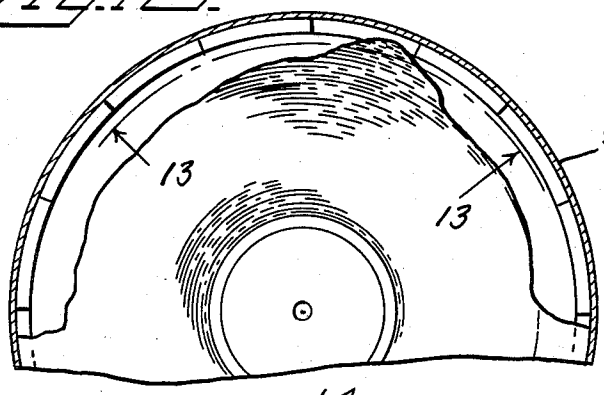
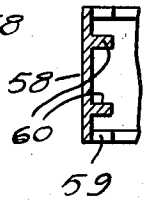


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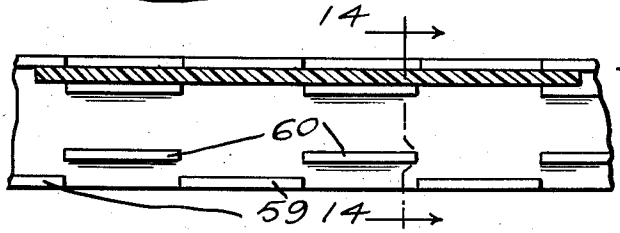
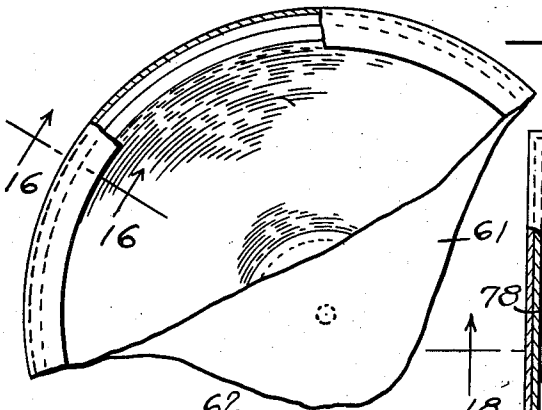
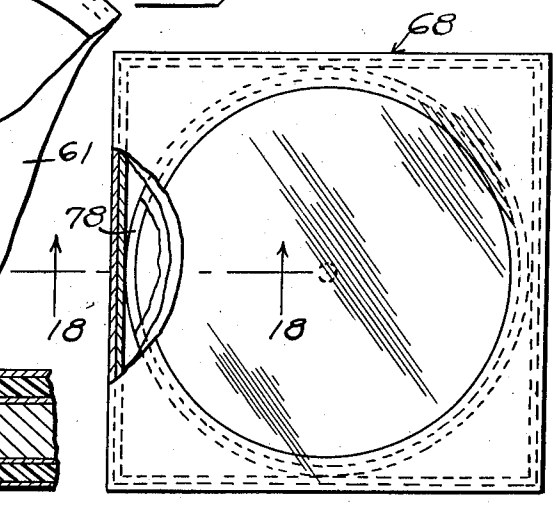


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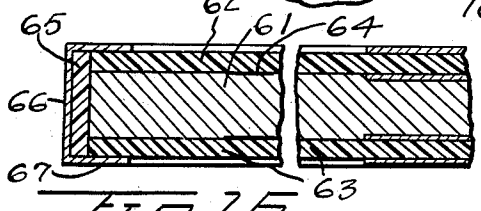


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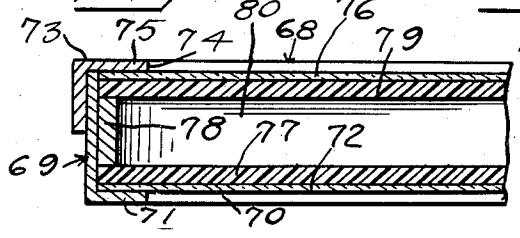


Fig. 18.

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This invention relates to a combined record and candy package.

An object of this invention is to provide a phonograph record package embodying a pair of disc records of the unbreakable type which form two walls of a package or receptacle, with a split circular outer wall holding the records apart so as to form a chamber or space between the records which may be filled with candy. The records are of the transparent unbreakable type so that the contents of the package may be viewed from the exterior.

Another object of this invention is to provide a record package of this kind wherein the rim or circular wall has a removable plug therein held in place by pressure adhesive tape. Removal of the tape will effect removal of the plug so that the candy may be removed without complete removal of the rim.

A further object of this invention is to provide a record package having a split circular rim with an improved means for locking the split ends together.

In a modified form of this invention the candy is formed as a hard disc of the same diameter as the records and an edible adhesive, such as a syrup, is applied to the opposite faces of the candy and the records pressed against the adhesive. An outer split circular rim encompasses the outer margins of the records and candy, and a pressure adhesive tape is then applied to the rim and overlaps the outer sides of the records, so that a relatively solid package is formed.

In another modification of this invention the package is formed as a square box having circular openings or windows in the cover and bottom wall with a transparent sheet over the openings. A circular divider is disposed in the box and engages between a pair of transparent records so that a space will be formed to receive loose candy or a candy disc.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the arrangement, combination and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specification, and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a record package constructed according to an embodiment of this invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary end elevation showing a locking means for locking the ends of the split rim.

Figure 3*a* is an exploded fragmentary end elevation of the rim locking means.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary sectional view of a modified form of this invention.

Figure 7 is a plan view of another modification of this invention.

Figure 7*a* is a fragmentary end elevation of one form of locking means for the rim.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary inside view showing the rim embodied in the package shown in Figure 7.

Figure 9 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Figure 8.

Figure 10 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 10—10 of Figure 7.

Figure 11 is a fragmentary plan view partly broken away and in section of the rim shown in Figures 7 and 10.

Figure 12 is a fragmentary plan view partly broken away and in section of another modification of this invention.

Figure 13 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 13—13 of Figure 12.

Figure 14 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 14—14 of Figure 13.

Figure 15 is a fragmentary plan view partly broken away and in section of another modification of this invention.

Figure 16 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 16—16 of Figure 15.

Figure 17 is a plan view partly broken away and in section of a further modified form of this invention.

Figure 18 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 18—18 of Figure 17.

Referring to the drawings, and first to Figures 1 to 5 inclusive, the numeral 20 designates generally a record package constructed according to an embodiment of this invention. The package 20 is formed of a pair of disc-shaped phonograph records 21 and 22 which are preferably of the unbreakable and relatively transparent type.

The records 21 and 22 form the opposite walls of the package 20, and the records are held in spaced apart relation at their central portions by means of a disc-shaped spacer 23 which has a diameter larger than the spindle openings in the records 21 and 22 but smaller than the outside diameter of the records. The records 21 and 22 are removably secured to the spacer 23 by means of reversed pressure adhesive tapes 24.

The outer margins of the records 21 and 22 are removably mounted in a split circular rim 25 which is of the relatively flexible type, and is capable of being extruded from a die. The rim 25 is formed with a pair of grooves 26 and 27 within which the records 21 and 22 respectively are seated.

The rim 25 with the spacer 23 forms an annual chamber or space 28 between the records, and within which space or chamber loose pieces of candy 29 are adapted to be retained. It will be noted in Fig. 2 that in addition to holding the records in spaced apart relation at their central portions the spacer 23 forms a barrier or inner wall of the chamber which seals it preventing small pieces or fragments of the candy from passing through the spindle openings in the records 21 and 22. The ends of the rim 25 are detachably locked together by means of a pair of wedge-shaped locking members 30 which project from one end of the rim 25, as shown in Figure 3*a* and the other end of the rim 25 is formed with a pair of dove-tailed keeper openings 31 within which the locking wedges 30 are adapted to engage.

When the ends of the rim 25 are locked together the ends are held against outward springing by means of a short piece of pressure adhesive tape.

The rim 25 is formed with a tapered discharge opening 33 within which a tapered plug 34 removably engages. The plug 34 is held in the opening 33 by means of a pressure adhesive tape 35 which will adhere to the rim 25 and the plug 34. Removal of the tape 35 will effect removal of the plug 34 so that the candy 29 may be removed from between the records 21 and 22 without removing the rim 25.

Referring now to Figure 6, there is disclosed a modified

form of this invention wherein the rim **36** is formed of a relatively wide strip having a plurality of grooves **37** therein, within which records **38** are adapted to be seated. The space between each pair of records is adapted to be filled with candy, and a removable plug **39** is disposed in an opening **40** formed in the rim **36** communicating with each space **41**.

Each plug **39** is removably held by means of a pressure adhesive tape **42** so that selected ones of the plugs **39** may be removed for discharging the candy through the opening **40**.

Referring now to Figure 7, there is disclosed a modified form of this invention wherein a split circular rim **43** is formed with a pair of grooves **44** and **45** within which a pair of records **46** and **47** are removably engageable. The rim **43** is formed of plastic material which is relatively rigid, and the rim **43** is formed with a cut-out **48** at a point diametrically opposite the split **49** so that the two halves of the rim **43** extending from the cut-out **49** may be bent outwardly for permitting removal of the records **46** and **47**.

The ends of the rim **43** are locked together by means of a partly circular locking member **50** extending from one end of the split rim **43** and engaging in a partly circular keeper **51** formed in the other end of the rim **43**. The locked ends of the rim **43** are secured together by means of a pressure adhesive tape **52**.

Referring now to Figures 8 and 9, there is disclosed another form of locking means for a rigid rim indicated at **53**. The rim **53** has a substantially V-shaped locking member **54** carried by a relatively thin tongue **55**, and the locking member **54** engages in a V-shaped keeper **56**.

The locking member **54** is disposed on the inside of the rim **53**, and the locking member **54** may be released by extending a thin blade through a slot **57** which communicates with the keeper **56**.

Referring now to Figures 12, 13 and 14, there is disclosed another form of the invention embodying a relatively rigid rim **58** of the split type, and the rim **58**, which is relatively thin, has a plurality of circumferential spaced apart inwardly projecting outer lugs **59** formed integral therewith, and a plurality of inwardly projecting inner lugs **60**. The inner lugs **60** are staggered with respect to the outer lugs **59** so that the rim **58** may be formed in a die.

In other respects, the structure shown in Figures 12, 13 and 14 embodies the locking means and records as embodied in Figures 7, 9 and 10.

Referring now to Figures 15 and 16 there is disclosed another modification of this invention. A disc-shaped article of candy **61** which is relatively hard is disposed between a pair of disc-shaped records **62** and **63**. The records **62** and **63** are removably secured to the opposite faces of the candy **61** by means of spaced adhesive means **64**.

The adhesive means **64** is preferably in the form of an edible and may be of quickly hardening syrup which is applied at spaced intervals to the opposite faces of candy disc **61** whereupon the records **62** and **63** are disposed in faced abutting relation to the candy **61**. An outer cardboard rim **65** engages the marginal edges of the discs **62** and **63** and the candy **61**, and an adhesive secured by means of a pressure adhesive tape **66** which extends over the rim **65** and overlaps the records **62** and **63**, as indicated at **67**.

Referring now to Figures 17 and 18 there is disclosed a further modification of this invention embodying a box generally indicated at **68**. The box **68** is formed of a bottom member **69** having a circular opening **70** in the bottom **71** thereof which is covered by means of a transparent panel **72**.

The box **68** also includes a cover **73** having a circular opening **74** in the top wall **75** thereof which is covered by means of a transparent panel **76**. A lower or inner record **77** is disposed in the bottom **69** and a circular spacer **78** is interposed between the inner record **77** and an upper or outer record **79** so as to form a space or chamber **80** within which candy is adapted to be positioned.

The package shown in Figures 17 and 18 is a square package and the spacer or divider **78** is of circular configuration and bears against opposed sides of the bottom member **69**. It will be understood that the cover **73** may be sealed to the bottom **69** by any suitable and conventional sealing means.

The package hereinbefore described will form a very attractive record package which embodies a pair of unbreakable and substantially transparent records of the type which are made for children, and the package may include candies of either the loose type or a solid candy disc. After the records have been separated from the package they may be placed on a phonograph table for playing the music impressed in the track of the record.

What is claimed is:

1. A record package for merchandising phonograph records and at least one other product, such as candy, comprising a plurality of axially spaced disc-shaped phonograph records having central spindle openings, removable rim structure extending around the peripheries of said records, said records forming end walls of said package and said rim structure forming side walls thereof, said rim structure contacting the peripheries of said records in sealing engagement therewith, and removable spacer means within said package and extending between said records and holding said records apart, said spacer means contacting the interior face of said records around the periphery of said spacer means and in spaced relation to said rim structure and forming therewith a chamber, and the said other product, such as candy, being confined in said chamber.

2. A record package according to claim 1 wherein said records are relatively transparent so that the other product such as candy may be viewed from the exterior of said package and said removable spacer means comprises a circular member whereby said chamber for said candy is annular in shape.

3. A record package according to claim 1 wherein said rim structure is of split construction, and means including a pressure adhesive tape for securing the split ends of said rim structure together.

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