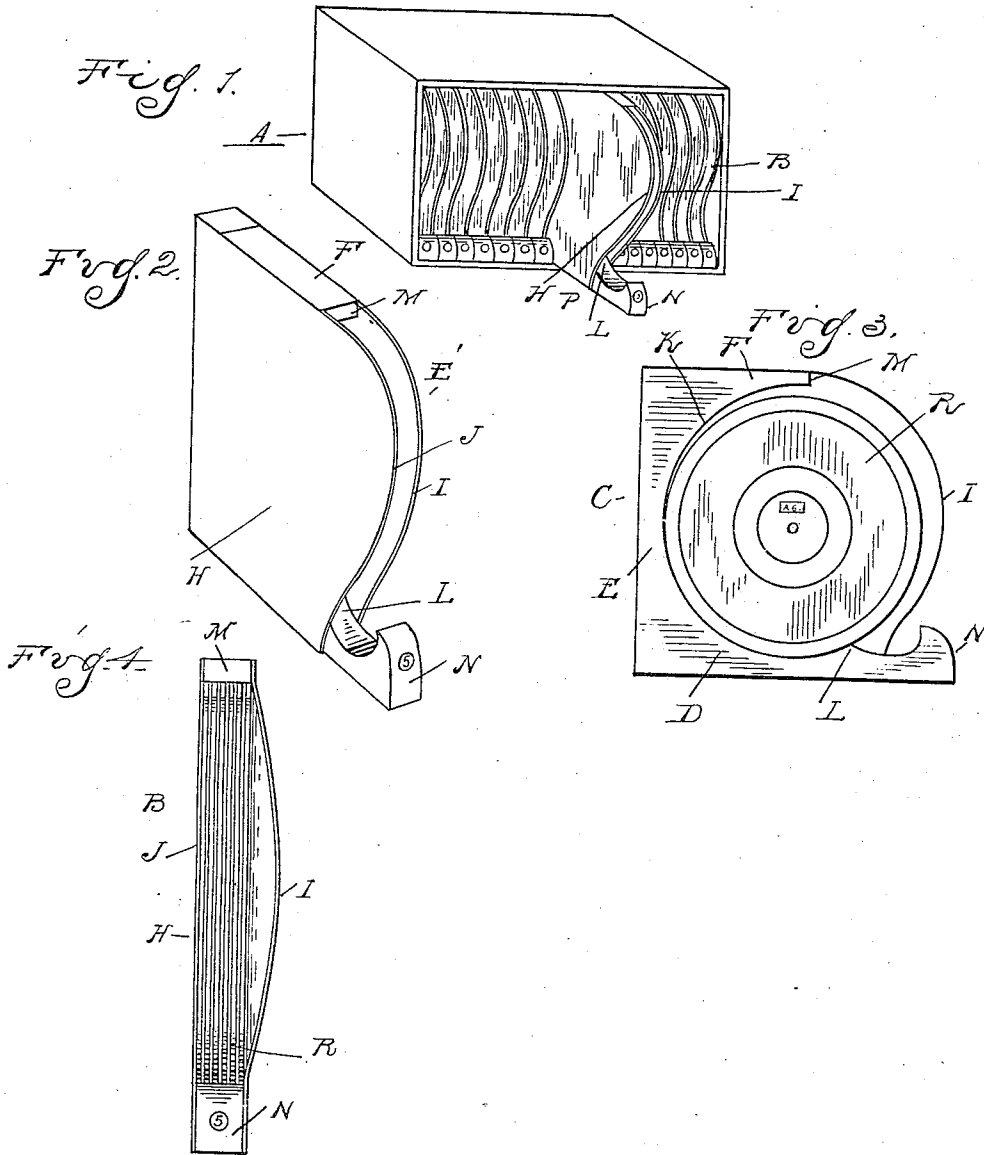


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WINFIELD B. PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Fenton, in the county of Genesee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to filing cabinets and resides in the peculiar construction, arrangement and combination of parts as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

While the cabinet embodying my invention is adapted for various uses I will describe the invention as embodied in a filing cabinet for the disk-shaped music records for phonographs.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet for music records embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a similar view of one of the drawers; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the drawer, with one of the sides thereof removed; and Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the drawer showing the arrangement of the music records therein.

In the filing of the music records it is desirable to have the records so stored as to occupy a minimum space and yet be easily accessible. It is also desirable to protect the records from dust and rough handling. With my improved cabinet a plurality of drawers are provided, each of which is of a size to hold preferably but a few records—for instance, six or seven, from which number the eye will quickly select the record desired—and these drawers are so constructed that when they are partially withdrawn from the case any one of the records contained therein may be readily removed. Furthermore, in the withdrawn position of the drawer the drawer-sides serve to shield the records.

As shown, A designates the case of the filing cabinet and B the drawers vertically arranged therein and having a sliding engagement therewith. All of these drawers comprise a rigid frame C, as of wood, which forms the bottom D, the back E, the top F of the drawer and sides E' H, the latter being so constructed as to permit the expanding or spreading of the front edges I J thereof. Preferably the sides are formed of heavy paper attached to the frame, as by gluing, tacking or both. The inner face

of the frame is curved to conform to the circumference of the disk and adjacent the outer edge of the bottom is provided with a projection or retaining extension L which serves to prevent the disks R from rolling out. The curved face K is substantially the arc of a circle with the radius thereof slightly larger than the radius of the disk so as to permit the retainer to engage the disk at a point above the bottom edge thereof, while at the same time providing the necessary clearance between the projection L and the outer end M of the top F. Beyond the projection L the base is extended and this extended portion is shaped to form a finger-grip N.

In order to effectively protect the disk from dust the sides G and H are of a size so that the edges I and J extend beyond the outer edges of the records, as shown in Fig. 3; thus, while the outer edges of the music records are exposed to view the disks are adequately protected from dust. It will be readily appreciated that with the outer edges of the sides projecting beyond the disks, unless provision is made for the spreading of the outer edges of the sides a single record could not readily be withdrawn from the drawer, but by forming one or both sides of heavy paper, or any equivalent flexible substances, the edges I and J may be spread, as shown in Fig. 4. This will allow of a sufficient lateral spreading of the records to permit the latter to be grasped by the fingers.

When the drawers are arranged within the case the alternate drawers serve as guides for the intermediate one, thereby eliminating the forming of guides on the case which would necessarily space the drawers, and as the sides are formed of a comparatively thin material a very compact manner of filing the records is provided.

To facilitate locating the individual records the drawers are preferably numbered and the individual records also provided with numbers or sub-indices and a general index employed from which the number of both the drawer and the record may be ascertained. Therefore, to procure a particular record the number of the drawer and the record is obtained from the general index, then by grasping the finger-grip the drawer containing the record is pulled out a sufficient distance from the case to permit the spreading of the sides, as shown at P in Fig.

1; the record desired may then be readily located by its number and withdrawn, since as before stated the drawer is of a size to hold but a few disks. It is obvious that a
5 drawer may be sub-divided by partitions so as to form a separate pocket for each record.

The construction of filing cabinet before described not only provides a very efficient means for compactly filing the records but
10 it is one that may be easily and cheaply manufactured.

What I claim as my invention is,—

1. A filing drawer, comprising a narrow rigid frame forming the base and back;
15 sides secured to the side faces of the frame, projecting forwardly and shaped to substantially cover the article, said sides being open

at the front and one being formed of flexible material; for the purpose described.

2. A filing drawer, comprising a narrow 20 rigid frame forming the base, back and top; the base having an article retaining bearing thereon, and sides secured to the side faces of the frame, projecting forwardly and shaped to substantially cover the article, said 25 sides being formed of flexible material and open at the front, and the front edges of the sides being separable.

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

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