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Fig. 1.

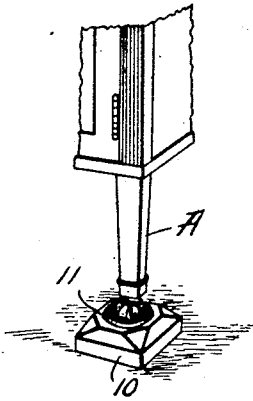


Fig. 2.

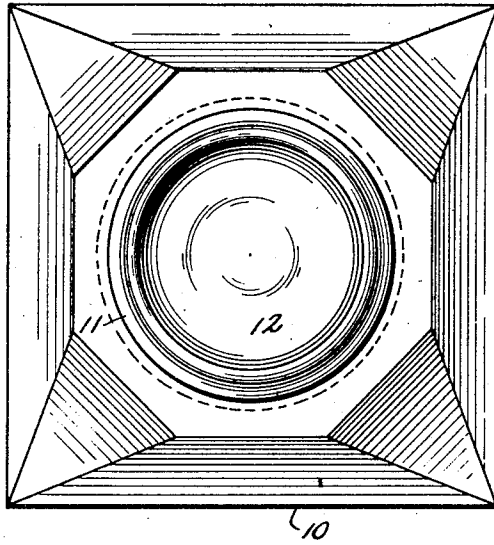


Fig. 3.

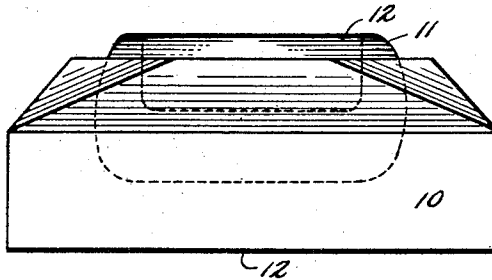
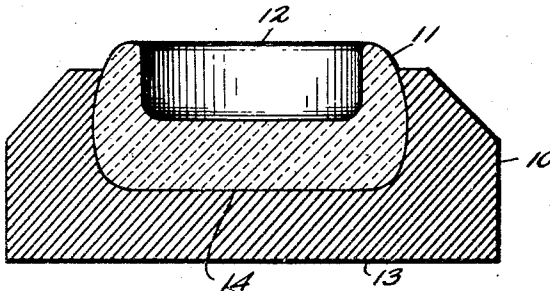


Fig. 4.



WITNESSES

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. PRICKETT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Tone-Foot for Phonographs, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to the feet provided for use beneath the legs of phonographs and has for its general object to provide an improved foot, the use of which will result in a clearer and more distinctive reproduction of the record with a smooth, sweet and full tone and in a manner to preserve the characteristics and beauty of the original production.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a phonographic foot embodying my invention, showing the same in use beneath a phonograph shown in part;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of my improved phonograph foot;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation thereof;

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section.

In carrying out my invention in accordance with the illustrated example I provide a base 10 of rubber and a glass insert of cup shape. The cup-shaped insert 11 presents a depression 12, as in caster cups generally, to receive the caster of a phonograph leg as indicated at A in Fig. 1. The base 10, in which the cup is inset, is of a size to present a broad bottom surface 13 for affording substantial support.

Also, in practice, advantageously, the de-

pression 14 in the top of the base 10 accommodating the cup 11 is more or less undercut as best seen in Fig. 4 to give a substantial holding action on the cup.

The described foot constitutes an im- 45 proved tone foot making for the correct reproduction of the actual tones of the piece being reproduced as has been demonstrated in practice. At the same time the rubber base has a gripping action on the floor and 50 prevents shifting and displacement. Besides it presents a substantial cushion beneath the cup so that in lifting the phonograph in placing the foot therebeneath should the phonograph drop suddenly, it 55 will not break the glass cup.

I would state in conclusion that while the illustrated example constitutes a practical embodiment of my invention, I do not limit myself to the actual details herein illus- 60 trated, since manifestly the same can be considerably varied without departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I 65 claim:

1. As an article of manufacture, a foot for phonographs, comprising a block of soft material constituting the base, and an insert therein of hard material and adapted to re- 70 ceive the article to be supported.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a rubber base, and a glass insert adapted to receive the article to be supported.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a rub- 75 ber base, and a glass insert therein of cup shape, said base presenting an undercut depression therein and said insert presenting a corresponding external conformation.

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