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Fig. 1.

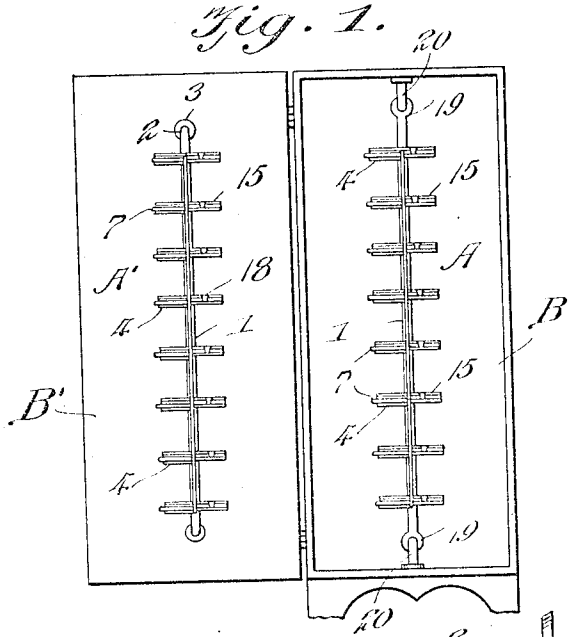



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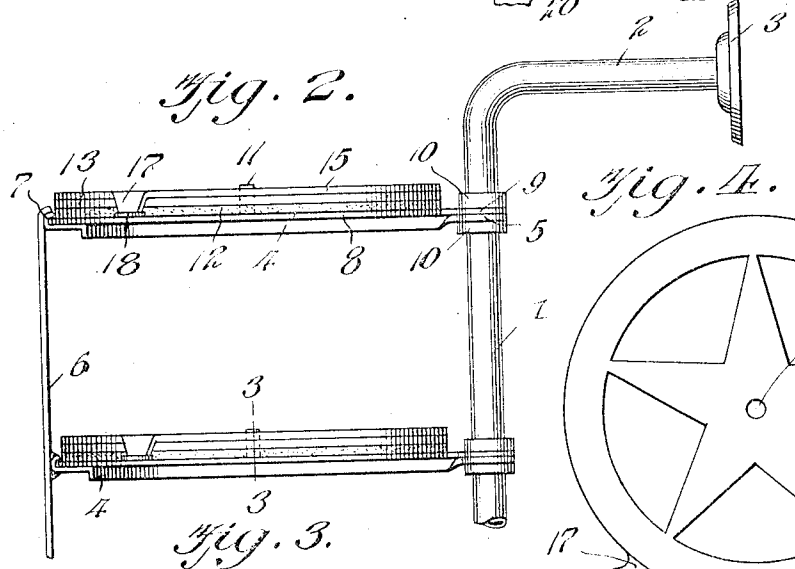



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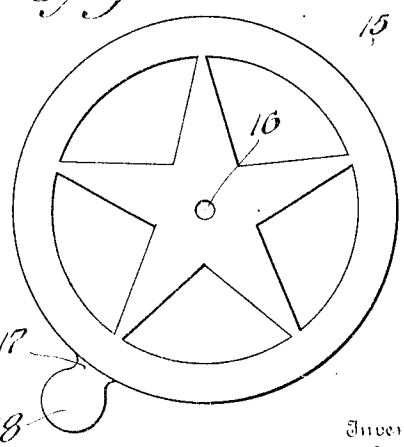
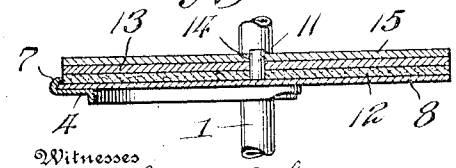



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## PHONOGRAPH-RECORD HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OLGA LAROUSSINI, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Phonograph-Record Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder for phonographic or graphophonic records of the disk type, the object of the invention being to provide a simple, convenient and efficient construction of holder whereby a large number of records may be compactly supported and readily applied and removed and also prevented from warping or getting out of shape.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of a cabinet showing the use of holders embodying my invention within the body and upon the body and door of the cabinet, the door appearing in open position. Fig. 2 is a side view on an enlarged scale of the upper portion of the holder. Fig. 3 is a cross section through a portion of the holder, taken, for example, on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the compression plate.

In the practical embodiment of my invention, I provide a holder comprising a supporting rod 1 having angularly bent upper and lower ends 2 having heads or disks 3 fixed thereto and properly perforated for the passage of fastenings to secure the rod to a suitable support. Mounted upon the rod, one above the other, is a series of semicircular or crescent-shaped brackets 4, each of which is fixed at one end, as at 5, in any suitable manner to the rod, the outer opposite or free ends of all the brackets of the series being connected, stayed and supported by a brace 6. The brackets extend laterally in one direction beyond the longitudinal center of the rod, with their open sides inwardly disposed, and each bracket preferably comprises a semicircular piece of sheet metal having at its outer edge an upturned or hooked retaining lip 7 or equivalent retaining means. Each bracket is adapted to support a phonographic disk supporting plate 8, which is preferably circular in form and composed of sheet metal or other suitable material, said disk being provided with an eye 9 by which it is pivotally mounted upon the rod to swing toward and from the bracket, the edge of the portion of the disk resting on the bracket being adapted to fit within and to be engaged by the lip 7 to retain the disk in position. The portions of the bracket and disk which are respectively fixed to and pivotally mounted on the rod are preferably arranged between collars 10 on the rod, by which they are respectively supported and mounted for movement in a true path.

The disk 8 is preferably provided with a central upwardly extending holding pin or stud 11, and has its upper surface covered with a facing 12 of felt or some other suitable soft material, to prevent marring or scratching of the record resting thereon. The disk is coextensive in diameter with the record 13 which rests upon the soft facing 12, and which is retained in position thereon by the pin or stud 11, which passes through the usual aperture 14 in the center of the record. It will be understood that one or more records may be mounted upon each bracket in the manner specified, and that by swinging the supporting plate outwardly from the bracket the records will be conveniently exposed or withdrawn for removal.

In order to hold the records securely in position upon the supporting plates, a compression or weight plate 15 is provided and is preferably in the form shown in Fig. 4, comprising an annular rim and an open or star-shaped center, the latter being formed with an opening 16 to receive the pin 11, whereby such compression plate will be held from displacement. The said compression plate is adapted to be rested upon the top surface of the phonographic record disk and to hold the same by its weight pressed against the supporting plate, thus keeping the record flat and preventing it from warping or becoming distorted from climatic changes. At one side of the compression plate is a downwardly bent portion 17 carrying an outwardly projecting finger piece 18 by which said plate may be readily applied and easily removed when it is desired to extract a record.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the application of a pair of the supporting devices A and A′ within the body B and upon the inner side of the door B′ of a cabinet. The holding device applied to the door B′ conforms in all particulars to the foregoing description of

construction, but that applied within the cabinet is modified to the extent that the rod is provided at its upper and lower ends with eyes 19 slidably engaging rods 20 secured to the top and bottom walls of the body and extending a sufficient distance from front to rear thereof to enable the holder to be moved backward to dispose the records within the cabinet and to be moved forward to project the records for ready withdrawal from the brackets. (When the holder A is moved rearwardly, as described, sufficient space is left at the front of the cabinet for the accommodation of the holder A′ when the door B′ is closed.)

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, the construction and mode of use of my improved record holder will be readily understood, and it will be seen that the invention provides a simple, convenient and comparatively inexpensive type of holder for supporting a number of disks in position for ready application and withdrawal, and which is adapted to effectually prevent warping or distortion of the records.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A record holder embodying a support, a fixed semi-circular bracket mounted upon the support, said bracket being provided with marginal retaining means, a record holding plate pivoted to the support and movable toward and from the bracket and into and out of engagement with said retaining means, and means upon said plate for holding a record thereon.

2. A record holder embodying a semi-circular supporting bracket having marginal retaining means, a disk holder movable into and out of engagement with said bracket and retaining means, a record holding pin carried by the disk holder to pass through the opening in the record, and a compression plate adapted to rest upon the record held by said pin, said plate having an opening to receive the pin and a projecting finger piece.

3. A record holder comprising a supporting rod, a semicircular bracket mounted on the rod, said bracket being provided with a marginal retaining lip, a pivoted record holding plate movable toward and from the bracket and into and out of engagement with said lip, and means upon said plate for holding a record thereon.

4. A record holder comprising a supporting rod, a series of semi-circular brackets carried by the rod, each bracket having marginal retaining means, a brace connecting the series of brackets, pivoted supporting plates mounted on the rod for movement toward and from the bracket and engagement with the retaining means thereof, each of said plates being provided with a record engaging pin or stud, and weight or compression plates adapted to rest upon the records held by the supporting plates and having openings to receive the stud.

5. A record holder embodying a supporting bracket, a disk holder movable into and out of engagement with the bracket and provided with a retaining pin adapted to pass through the opening in the record, and a compression plate or disk adapted to rest upon the record held by said pin, said plate having an opening to receive the pin, and a finger piece whereby it is adapted for attachment or removal.

6. A record holder comprising a supporting rod, a series of semicircular brackets carried by the rod, each bracket having a marginal retaining lip, pivoted supporting plates mounted on the rod for movement toward and from the brackets and in engagement with the lips, each of said plates having a record engaging stud, and weight or compression plates adapted to bear upon the records held by the supporting plates and having openings to receive the studs.

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

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