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RECORD FILING JACKET

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Fig. 1.

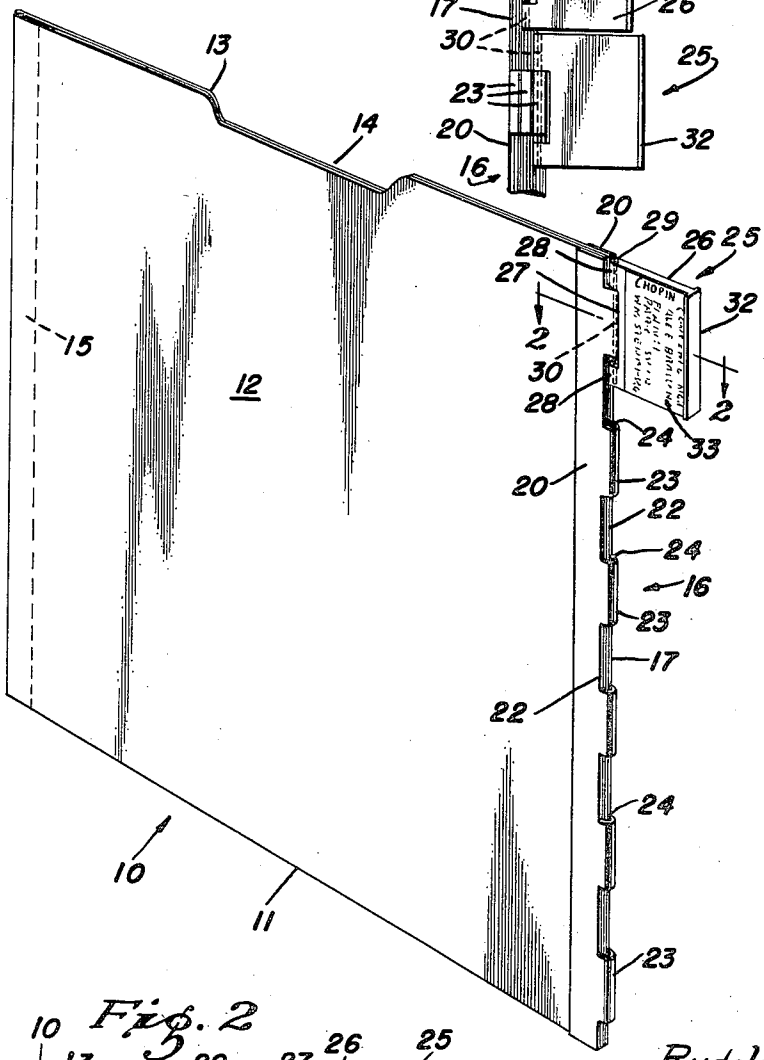


Fig. 3.

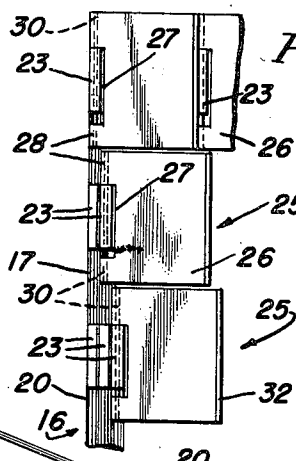


Fig. 4.

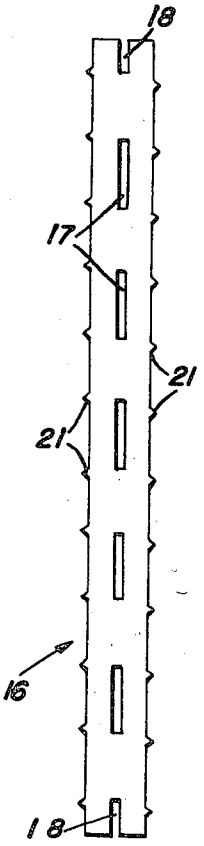
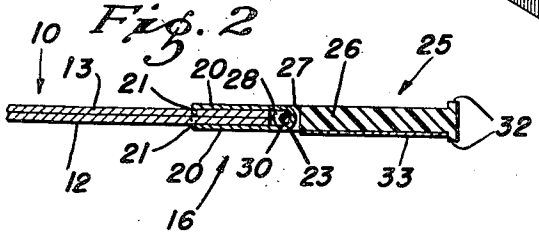


Fig. 2



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This invention relates generally to filing devices and relates more particularly to filing envelopes or jackets.

While the invention has particular utility in connection with envelopes or jackets for phonograph records and the like and is shown and described herein in connection therewith, it is to be understood that the utility of said invention is not confined thereto.

Phonograph records are generally provided with an envelope or jacket on which is printed identifying data and other informative and decorative material. These jacketed records are usually disposed edgewise in a filing cabinet and when a group of records is thus filed, it is impossible to identify individual records without at least partially removing them from the cabinet. It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide means which will facilitate identifying individual records.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an improved arrangement for identifying tabs for record envelopes or jackets.

A further object of the invention is to provide tabs for groups of records arranged so that said tabs will not overlap and obscure identifying information thereon.

A still further object of the invention is to provide tabs which are removable and which may be arranged in desired order.

Another object of the invention is to provide tabs of this character which are easy to grip for removing the selected jacket and record.

Still another object of the invention is to provide means of this character that is simple in construction.

A further object of the invention is to provide a jacket and tab arrangement that is relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

The characteristics and advantages of the invention are further sufficiently referred to in connection with the following detailed description of the accompanying drawings which illustrate one embodiment of the invention.

After considering this embodiment, skilled persons will understand that many variations may be made without departing from the principles disclosed and I contemplate the employment of any structures or arrangements that are properly within the scope of the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings, which are for illustrative purposes only,

Fig. 1 is a perspective of an envelope or jacket and tab arrangement embodying the present arrangement;

Fig. 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an end view showing a plurality of jackets with their respective tabs; and

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank which is secured to one edge of the jacket to provide means to which tabs may be attached.

Referring to the drawing, there is shown an envelope or jacket, indicated generally at **10**, which is formed of any suitable material such as cardboard or the like. The envelope may be of a single sheet of material folded along the bottom edge **11** to provide sides **12** and **13** which are notched at **14** to expose an edge of a record within the

envelope so that said record may be readily removed. A vertical edge portion **15** of side **13** is folded over and the overlying edge portion of the side **12** is secured thereto by any suitable adhesive. The opposite vertical edge is closed by a tab supporting member, indicated generally at **16**. The tab supporting member is of sheet metal and comprises an elongated strip having a series of elongated aligned perforations **17** along the longitudinal center of said strip. The openings **18** form notches in the ends of said strip, as best shown in Fig. 4. The strip is bent along the longitudinal center thereof to provide the member that is generally U-shaped in cross section, the bent member then having sides **20**. The free longitudinal edges of said sides are provided with sharp projections **21** which are spaced apart longitudinally relative to the member **16** and the projections along one edge are staggered with respect to the projections along the other edge. When the member **16** is formed, the projections **21** extend toward the opposite side and when the member **16** is attached to the vertical edge portion of the jacket, the projections **21** are pressed into the material of said jacket to thereby secure said member on said jacket. It is to be noted that the edge **22** of the jacket is spaced inwardly of the bottom of the formed member **16** and the bottom portions **23** of said formed member project outwardly of said edge **22** and in substantially the same plane as the jacket. Thus there is an opening **24** between each portion **23** and the adjacent edge **22** of the jacket to permit reception of a hinge pin, described more particularly hereinafter. It is to be noted that the portions **23** are spaced apart longitudinally with respect to the member **16** by the openings **17**.

The tabs, indicated generally at **25**, may be of any suitable material such as, for example, a plastic. Inasmuch as all of the tabs are the same, a description of one will suffice. The tab comprises a body portion **26** with a notch **27** in one edge thereby leaving ears **28** at the ends of the tab. Each ear is provided with an opening **29** which extends longitudinally with respect to the tab and the openings **29** of the ears are aligned for reception of a pin **30**. The pin **30** is received in said openings **29** and also in the opening **24** of the respective portion **23** to which said tab is secured. The vertical free edge of the tab is provided with oppositely extending flanges **32** to provide a better grip on said tab when removing a record from a cabinet in which the record is stored. An information carrying strip **33** of suitable material may be attached to the side of the tab, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 2. That is, strips may be of paper or the like and may be attached to the tab by any well-known adhesive.

Records are generally stored in cabinets in an upright position. That is, the envelopes of the records are arranged vertically so that the records are on edge. When thus stored, the tabs may be arranged at right angles to the plane of the envelopes, as shown in Fig. 3, with the information carrying strip facing outwardly. When thus arranged, the tab of each succeeding envelope is attached to the next lower portions **23** of the respective member **16** so that the tabs do not overlap. Also, it is to be noted that the effective width of the tabs is such as to be no greater than the combined thickness of the number of envelopes and enclosed records as the number of portions **23** less one.

For example, with a tab secured to a record such as the upper tab in Fig. 3, the width of said tab will be substantially the same as the combined thickness of five envelopes and records contained therein inasmuch as there are six of the portions **23**. Thus the tabs in a horizontal row will not overlap each other and the information on said tabs will always be visible.

When removing an envelope, the tabs normally disposed above the tab of said envelope will be swung outwardly

as said envelope is removed. Thus it will be readily apparent where to replace the envelope when the record thereof has been played. After replacing such envelope, the tabs which have been swung outwardly may be again swung into the position whereat the information thereon is readily visible.

I claim:

1. A phonograph record holding and identifying device, comprising: an envelope formed of a sheet of paper of suitable weight folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope, said sides having edge portions secured by an adhesive to provide a closed edge adjacent the fold; a tab supporting member of sheet metal, said member being U-shaped in cross section and having a plurality of sharp projections spaced along the free side edges thereof and normal to the plane of the arms of the U, said member being disposed along one of the other edges of the envelope opposite a closed edge so as to be disposed vertically when the envelope is placed on edge in a cabinet, said projections being imbedded in the material of the envelope to secure said member in place, the closed edge portion of the supporting member having notches therein spaced apart longitudinally of said member, the portions of the tab supporting member between said notches providing hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along said supporting member, said envelope being open at one edge and the sides thereof being notched at said edge; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive a hinge part of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch, each of said ears having an opening therethrough longitudinally of the tab; a pin received in the tab openings and in the hinge part to which the tab is attached; oppositely extending flanges along the free vertical edge of the tab; and an information carrying strip secured to one side of said tab, the effective width of said tab being related to the number of the remaining hinge parts of the supporting member.

2. In a phonograph record holding and identifying device: an envelope formed of a sheet material folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope; means closing two of the remaining edges, including a tab supporting member of sheet metal at one edge, said tab supporting member being U-shaped in cross section and having a plurality of sharp projections spaced along the free side edges thereof, said projections being imbedded in the material of the envelope to secure said member in place, the closed edge portion of the supporting member having notches therein spaced apart longitudinally of said member thereby providing between said notches projecting hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along said supporting member; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive a hinge part of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch in said tab, each of said ears having an opening therethrough longitudinally of the tab; a pin received in the tab openings and in the hinge part of the tab supporting member to which the tab is attached; and an enlargement along the free edge of the tab parallel to the tab supporting member; the effective width of said tab related to the number of the remaining hinge parts of the supporting member.

3. A phonograph record holding and identifying device, comprising: an envelope formed of a sheet of paper of suitable weight folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope, said sides having edge portions secured by an adhesive to provide a closed edge adjacent the fold; a tab supporting member of sheet material, said member being U-shaped in cross section and secured on one of the other edges of the envelope opposite a closed edge so as to be disposed vertically when the envelope is placed on edge in a cabinet, an edge portion of the envelope being received between the arms of said member with the closed end of the U spaced from the adjacent envelope edge and having notches spaced apart longitudinally of said member so that there are closed edge portions therebetween which provide hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along said supporting member; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive one of said hinge parts of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch with aligned openings; a pin received in the tab openings and in the hinge part to thereby swingably attach the tab to said member; oppositely extending flanges along the free vertical edge of the tab; and an information carrying strip secured to one side of said tab.

4. In a phonograph record holding and identifying device: an envelope formed of a sheet material folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope; means closing two of the remaining edges, including a tab supporting member of sheet material at one edge, said tab supporting member being U-shaped in cross section and secured on said edge with a portion of the envelope edge between the arms of the U, the closed edge of the supporting member having notches spaced apart longitudinally of said member thereby providing hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along said supporting member; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive a hinge part of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch in said tab with aligned openings therethrough; a pin received in the tab openings and in the hinge part to which the tab is attached; and an enlargement along the free edge of the tab parallel to the tab supporting member.

5. In a phonograph record holding and identifying device: an envelope formed of a sheet material folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope; means closing two of the remaining edges, including a tab supporting member of sheet material at one edge, said tab supporting member being U-shaped in cross section secured to said one edge; hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along the closed edge of said supporting member; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive a hinge part of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch in said tab with aligned openings therethrough; pin means received in the tab openings and in the hinge part to which the tab is attached, and an enlargement along the free edge of the tab parallel to the tab supporting member; the effective width of said tab, when disposed at an angle normal to the plane of the envelope, being no greater than the combined thickness of the number of envelopes and enclosed records as the remaining hinge parts of the supporting member.

6. A phonograph record holding and identifying device, comprising: an envelope formed of a sheet of paper of suitable weight folded to provide sides, said fold closing one edge of the envelope, said sides having edge portions secured by an adhesive to provide a closed edge adjacent the fold; a tab supporting member of sheet material, said member being U-shaped in cross section; means securing said member on one of the other edges of the envelope opposite a closed edge so as to be disposed vertically when the envelope is placed on edge in a cabinet; hinge parts spaced longitudinally apart along said supporting member; a tab having a notch in one edge portion adapted to receive a hinge part of said supporting member, said tab having ears at each side of the notch with openings therethrough; pin means received in the tab openings and in said hinge part to which the tab is attached; oppositely extending flanges along the free vertical edge of the tab; and an information carrying strip secured to one side of said tab, the effective width of said tab, when disposed at an angle normal to the plane of the envelope, being no greater than the combined thickness of the number of envelopes and enclosed records as the remaining hinge parts of the supporting member.

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