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Fig. 1

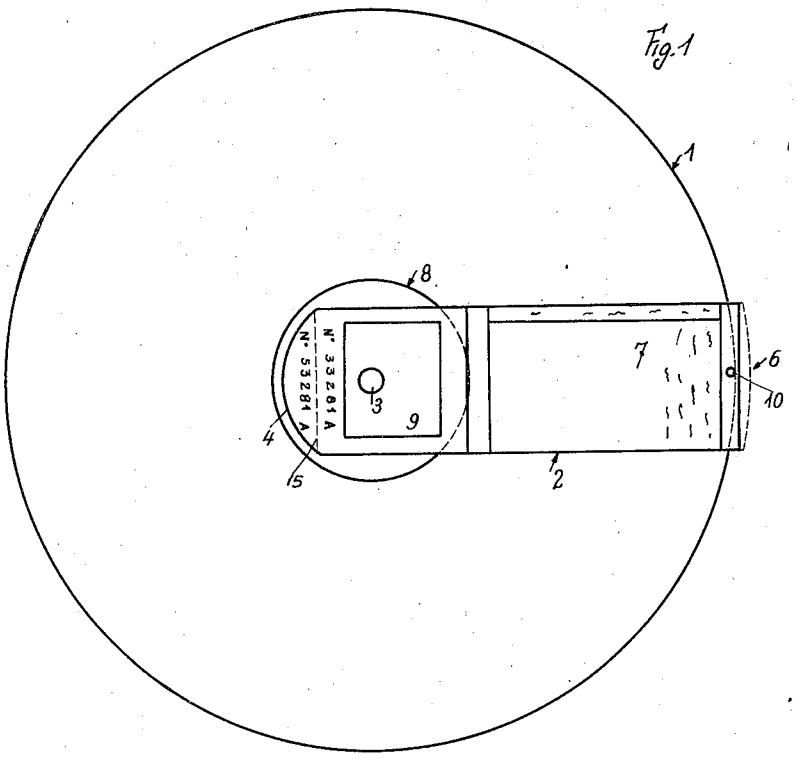
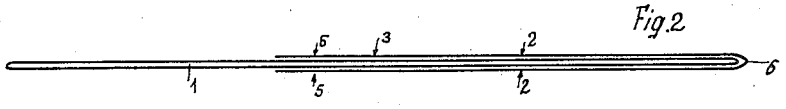


Fig. 2



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As it is known, phonographic disks are marketed nowadays simply in open envelopes so that the buyer has no guarantee that the disks bought by him did not undergo a great number of repetitions, so as to be considered as already worn and, therefore, no more susceptible of the normal lasting of use. Moreover, such disks are never provided with illustrations sufficient to render their employ more intelligible and useful for the auditor, whilst it should be more convenient that the latter could follow the phonic repetition having before his eyes the text of the song, or the music, or the translation into a known language of the words pronounced or sung in another language, said translation being very useful for the study of languages by the help of suitable phonographic disks. Other illustrations of various kind might be useful or desirable in other numerous instances.

The scope of the present invention is to meet the aforesaid necessities and its subject is a device easily applicable to any phonographic disk, but not more applicable when removed, and, if wanted, provided with all desirable illustrations, which can be collected and kept by the owner for being used at any repetition of the corresponding disk. Said device of guarantee is characterised by a band of flexible material such as paper, folded on the edge of each disk to be protected, so as its two folds cover the two faces of the disk from the periphery until beyond the central label applied on each of the two faces around the hole for the insertion on the axle of the phonograph and bearing the usual characteristic indications; apertures being provided in the band, for allowing visibility of said labels, and means being provided for allowing to fix the two folds of the band on the disk so that, when said band should be removed, it is impossible to apply it again without leaving a trace of the manumission.

In order to better explain the nature of the invention, this will be described hereinafter with reference to the attached drawing, representing as a not limitative example a preferred embodiment, but not exhausting all the possibility of actuation of said invention.

The drawing represents the subject of the invention by a front view (Fig. 1) and a side view (Fig. 2).

In the embodiment represented the control band consists of a long strip of paper or other similar pliable and resistant material to be applied by folding it in the middle and lapping it over the edge of the disk 1, so as to partially cover the two faces of said disk with two folds 2—2' long enough to pass beyond the central hole 3 of the disk. The extreme edge of each fold may bear the matricular number given to the disk, by the manufacturing firm, and said edge will be secured, e.g., by gluing, on the disk in correspondence to the usual label 8 wherewith each disk is usually provided already. Instead of gluing, however, any other fastening system might be utilised, provided this should be not reconstructable after the removal of the band without leaving a trace of the abusive manumission.

In order to facilitate the removal of the band, this may be provided, above the matricular number written on the edge, with a perforation 5, predetermining an established stripping line, beyond which the matricular number might be repeated so as to render it possible to find again the band corresponding to each disk when it bears also the illustration mentioned further. A similar perforation may be provided in correspondence to the middle fold 6 both to facilitate folding and to allow the separation of the two folds of the band, each of them being relative to one of the faces of the corresponding disk.

It is evident after the above that the disks marketed and provided with the band described cannot be manumitted, so that the buyer will have a complete guarantee on the integrity of the same. To this advantage, however, a series of other valuable advantages may be added.

The central labels 8 usually applied on the disks contain only quite summary indications relative to the registration engraved in the corresponding face, and said indications can remain visible if apertures 9 will be opened in each fold of the control band placed upon the disk in correspondence to said central label. Each band, however, presents moreover a very large blank space, wherein at will or according to necessities, may be reproduced the music played or the text or the translation of the words sung or pronounced and repeated by the disk during the reproduction. Other indications of any kind according to the various necessities or circumstances may be produced on each fold of the band. To allow the collection of the bands bearing the above indications, so as to find and use the same at every reproduction, it may be suitable to provide each band with an eye 10 applied on the folding edge, if necessary suitably strengthened.

The further advantages obtainable by this way are evident, as well as the incitement which may derive in the commerce of phonographic disks in view of the better guarantee in the purchase and increased utility and satisfaction in the use.

Of course the embodiments will vary according to necessity or will, without exceeding the limits of the invention because of said variations.

What I claim is:

1. A seal for phonograph records comprising an elongated foldable strip having free ends, each free end for engaging, respectively, a face of said record, said strip having adjacent its ends apertures for rendering visible the labels of said record when applied thereto, and securing means provided at said free ends for fixing the latter, respectively, to a portion of the labels of said record.

2. A seal for phonograph records comprising an elongated foldable strip having free ends, each free end for engaging, respectively, a face of said record, said strip having adjacent its ends apertures for rendering visible the labels of said record when applied thereto, and securing means provided at said free ends for fixing the latter, respectively, to a portion of the labels of said record, said free ends being scored adjacent the edges thereof, said securing means including an adhesive located between said ends and said labels, respectively, when said strip is applied to said record.

3. A seal for phonograph records comprising an elongated foldable strip having free ends, each free end for engaging, respectively, a face of said record, said strip having adjacent its ends apertures for rendering visible the labels of said record when applied thereto, and securing means provided at said free ends for fixing the latter, respectively, to a portion of the labels of said record, said strip including portions between the fold edge thereof and said apertures for carrying indicia thereon.

4. A seal for phonograph records comprising an elongated foldable strip having free ends, each free end for engaging, respectively, a face of said record, said strip having adjacent its ends apertures for rendering visible the labels of said record when applied thereto, and securing means provided at said free ends for fixing the latter, respectively, to a portion of the labels of said record, said strip including portions between the fold edge thereof and said apertures for carrying indicia thereon, said portions provided with means adjacent said fold edge for carrying said portions upon removal of said strip from said record.

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