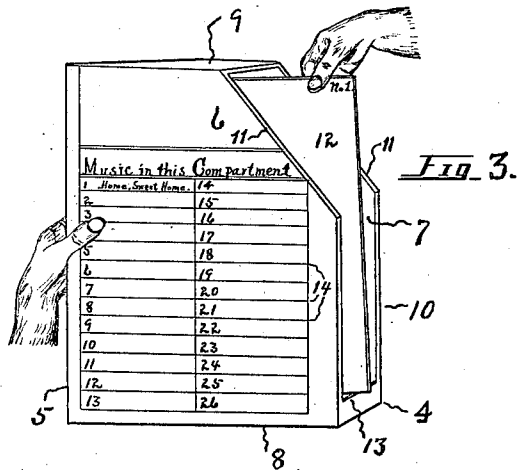
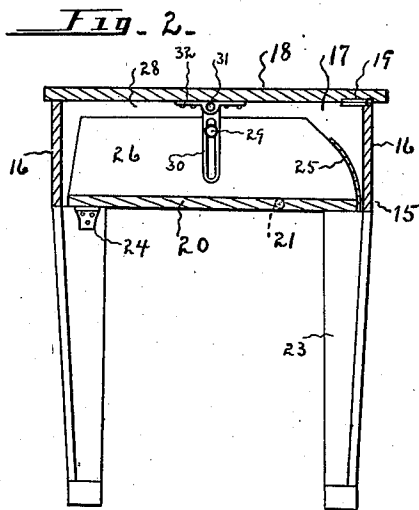
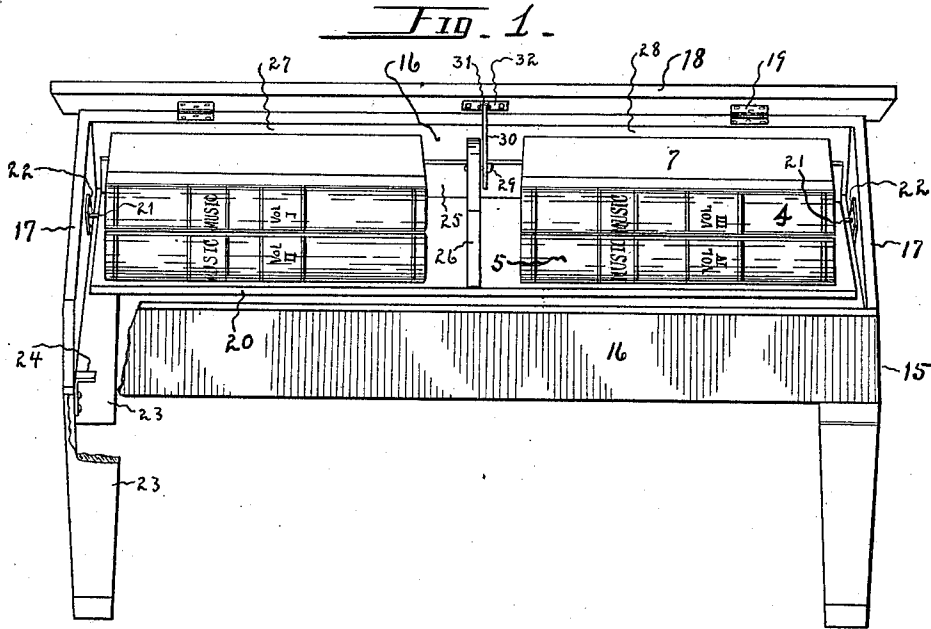


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. PERFIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing Devices for Sheet-Music, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in filing devices for sheet music, and has for one of its objects to provide a container for holding the leaves or sheets, and which will be convenient in use for the selection of any of the sheets.

Another object in the provision of a container for the purpose described which may be economically constructed, and by use of which a considerable quantity of sheet music may be stored in a limited space.

The invention also includes means for the storage of a plurality of the containers so that they may be handled conveniently when deposited or removed.

With these and other objects in view the invention presents a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as described herein and claimed and as illustrated in the drawing, wherein,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one of the sides of a storage receptacle or piano bench, a corner being cut away, the hinged lid, cover or seat being elevated, and showing the containers therein, within which the leaves or sheets are stored. Fig. 2 is a transverse, sectional view of the bench shown in Fig. 1, the lid being closed, and showing devices for the support and control of the movable shelf for supporting the several containers. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the containers shown in Fig. 1.

In the drawing, numeral 4 indicates a container having a closed back 5, parallel sides 6 and 7, a closed base 8, a closed top 9 and an open end 10. The upper, front corner of the container, preferably, is cut away as indicated at 11, to facilitate removal of sheets 12, and at 13 is indicated a wall projecting upwardly from the base, to prevent the sheets from sliding outwardly.

I provide upon side-wall 6, the parallel lines 14, each having an identifying numeral, said numerals being arranged in their usual order. Upon lines 14 may be indicated, by writing or printing thereon, the titles of musical compositions which appear

upon the sheets stored in the container, and by this arrangement, the particular sheet of music desired may be conveniently found in the container, since it may occupy a relative position therein corresponding numerically with the number found upon wall 6, upon the line adjacent to the title.

Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate a convenient means for storing the above described containers. At 15 is indicated a rectangular receptacle which may be the body of the ordinary piano bench shown, and comprising side-plates 16, end-plates 17 and a lid or cover 18, said cover being provided near its front edge with hinges 19, said hinges being mounted also upon the upper edge of the front side-plate 16.

At 20 is indicated a swinging shelf or base plate, supported in part upon end-plates 17 by means of lugs 21 which project outwardly from its ends, near its front edge, and engage the holding-plates or brackets 22 mounted upon the inner sides of end-plates 17 near the front part of the bench, whereby a pivotal mounting between its side edges, and near its longitudinal middle, is provided.

Legs 23 of the bench are preferably L-shaped or angular in cross-section, and I provide projections, ledges or brackets 24 secured upon the inner sides of the rear legs, and by this arrangement the weight of the shelf 20 and the containers 4 to be placed thereon will be sustained by lugs 21 and brackets 24, an upright, curved, longitudinal detaining-plate 25 being provided and secured upon the front edge of shelf 20. Containers 4 may be conveniently deposited in receptacle 15 thus provided, and, by causing a transverse swinging movement of shelf 20, its front edge moving downward, its rear edge will be elevated, and the containers may be readily removed, plate 25 preventing containers 4 from sliding forwardly upon the shelf, during this movement.

Shelf 20, midway between its ends, is provided with an upright, transverse partition 26, thereby forming two containing chambers indicated at 27 and 28, and, in order that the shelf may be under convenient control, devices are provided to the end that an upward swinging movement of cover 18 will cause a swinging movement of the shelf, so that containers 4 will be accessible.

Lug 29 is secured upon partition 26. A

slotted link 30 engages lug 29, this link being pivotally mounted at 31 upon bracket 32 secured to the lid or cover. When the lid is partly raised, link 30 will be moved, and
5 when the lower end of the slot engages the lug, shelf 20 will swing transversely, its rear side moving upwardly so that containers 4 may be conveniently removed.

Having fully described the several parts
10 of my invention, a further explanation relating to operation is not necessary.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

In combination with an upright, rectangular, walled receptacle having a cover and
15 provided upon its ends with inwardly projecting ledges and stationary holding-plates;

a longitudinally apertured link pivoted upon said cover and disposed dependently within said receptacle; a rectangular supporting-
20 shelf normally resting upon said ledges and provided with a lug engaging within the aperture of said link and with lugs pivotally engaging said holding-plates; said cover
25 adapted to have an upward swinging movement to elevate the supporting-shelf from said ledges after it has completed a part of its swinging movement.

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

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