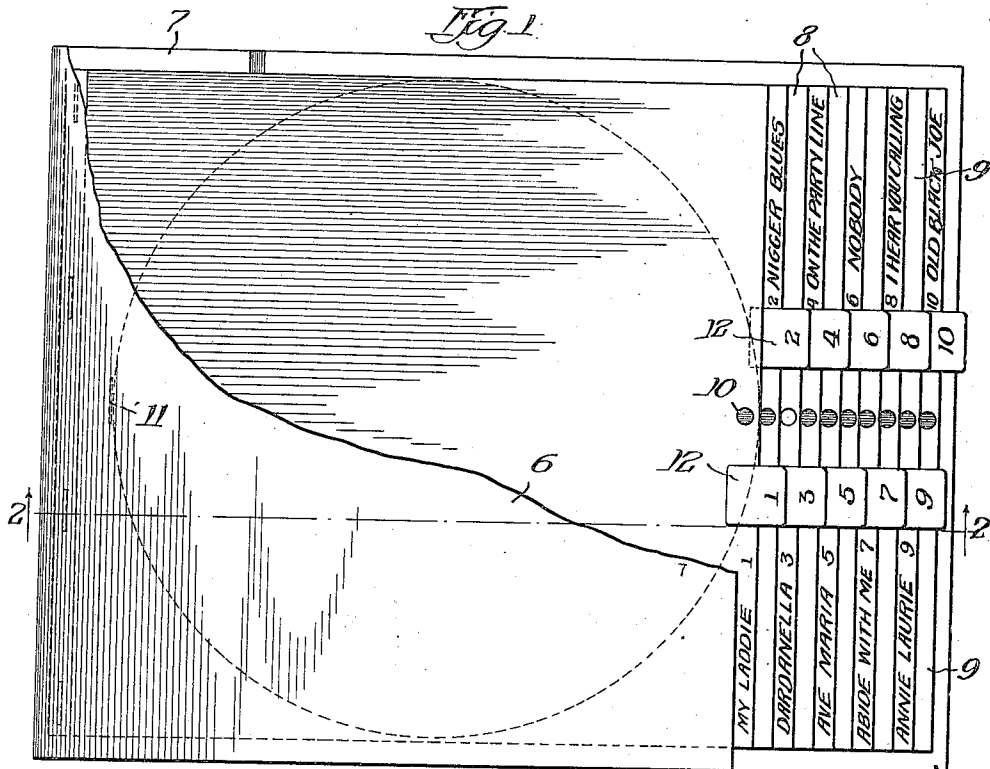
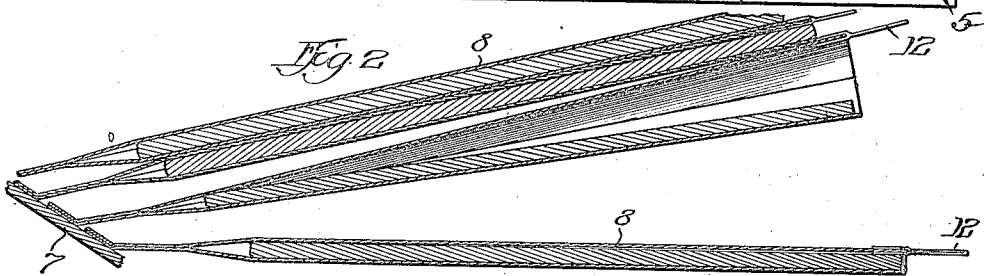
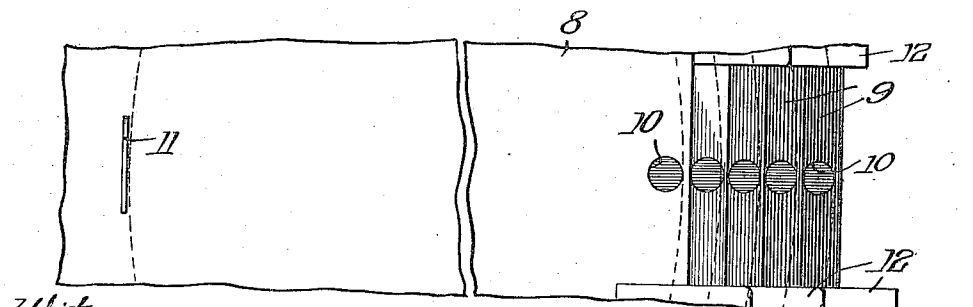


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP N. SEA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Phonograph-Record Albums, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to phonograph record albums its object being improved construction and arrangement which will greatly facilitate withdrawal of records from their envelopes and reinsertion thereof.

My invention may be considered to be an improvement over the construction and arrangement shown in my co-pending application Serial Number 379,189, filed May 5th, 1920. As in the construction and arrangement of this co-pending application I prefer to hinge the various envelopes on a back section which in turn is hinged to a base section and a cover section, so that when the album lies flat the envelopes will underlap at their front ends thus affording space for printing for identifying the various records. However, instead of having the envelopes open at one side as shown in my co-pending application I prefer to have them open at the front so that records are extractable without removing the album from its compartment within a phonograph cabinet. The most important feature of my invention is the application of tabs to the top walls of the envelopes at the front thereof so that when a tab is raised the top wall of the corresponding envelope and all envelopes thereabove will be raised to free and expose the record which can then be very easily withdrawn from the envelope whose top wall has been raised.

My improved construction and arrangement is clearly illustrated on the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1, is a plan view of an album with part of the cover broken away;

Fig. 2, is an enlarged sectional view on plane 2—2 Fig. 1, and

Fig. 3, is an enlarged plan view of a section of the album.

The album shown comprises a base member 5, preferably of stiff material, and a cover member 6 also preferably of stiff material, the base and cover members at their rear edges being connected by a back mem-

ber 7 which is also preferably of stiff material. The back has hinged connection with the base and cover members and such base and cover members can therefore freely swing, or when the album is lying flat the back member is free to change its inclination in accordance with the increasing thickness as more records are added. The hinged connection also permits the base and cover members and the envelope record containing members to at all times lie flat.

Secured to the back member 7 at regular intervals and extending forwardly therefrom are the envelopes 8, all of the same length, and open at the front. With this arrangement, when the album lies flat, the envelopes will underlap at their front edges to provide the surfaces 9 on which may be printed the title of the record contained within the respective envelopes. Just within the front edge of each envelope at the center line thereof is a sight hole 10 through which the record is visible when it is within its envelope. When the record is not within its envelope the back wall of the envelope will show through the sight opening and being of a lighter color than that of the record, the absence or presence of a record can easily be detected. In order to properly position a record within its envelope so that it will extend forwardly to properly cooperate with the sight hole, I provide abutments 11 for the rear edge of the record, and such abutments can be in the nature of wire stitches.

Coming now to the main feature of my invention, I apply a tab 12 to and extending forwardly from the upper wall of each envelope, the tabs being of such material and so applied that they will be strong and will not cause tearing of the envelope material when the tab is pulled upwardly. In order to clear the sight holes 10, the tabs are applied at one side of the holes and preferably in alternate arrangement so that there will be a row at each side of the row or sight holes, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. With my improved arrangement, when it is desired to withdraw a certain record its envelope is first located on the index and then the corresponding tab is grasped and the upper wall of such envelope raised sufficiently to expose the record so it can be freely withdrawn. If a lower tab is raised, the upper

wall of the corresponding envelope together with all the envelopes thereabove will be raised, but as the tabs are of strong material and securely fastened to the envelopes, there will be no danger of tearing under such weight. By consulting the sight holes it can be ascertained whether or not the desired record is in place. For example, on the arrangement shown in Fig. 1, the record is shown missing out of number three envelope. With my improved arrangement of sight holes and tabs, records can be withdrawn or inserted while the album is lying in its shelf compartment of a phonograph cabinet. By merely raising a tab a short distance, the record enclosed in the corresponding envelope will be sufficiently exposed so that it can be readily grasped and withdrawn. With my improved device it is therefore unnecessary to withdraw it entirely from the cabinet and to fully open the cover member before access can be obtained to the envelope.

I claim as follows:

25 1. In a phonograph record album, the combination of a plurality of record-receiving envelopes hinged at their rear edges and open at their front ends, a sight hole in the upper wall of each envelope near such open
30 end through which the record is visible when within the envelope, and a tab secured to the upper wall of each envelope adjacent the re-

spective sight hole by means of which tab such upper wall may be raised to permit withdrawal or insertion of a record. 35

2. In a phonograph record album, the combination of covers and a plurality of record-receiving envelopes bound therein with their front ends underlapping, said envelopes being open only at their front ends, and a lifting tab secured to the upper wall of each envelope near the center of its open end whereby when the tab is raised the upper wall will be raised away from and to expose the contained record, said tabs underlapping. 40 45

3. In a phonograph record album, the combination of cover members and a plurality of record-receiving envelopes bound therein and open only at their front ends, such front ends underlapping short distances, a sight hole in the upper wall of each envelope at the open end through which the record is visible when within the envelope, and a tab secured to the upper wall of each envelope adjacent the respective sight hole by means of which the upper wall may be raised away from and to permit withdrawal or insertion of the contained record, the tabs of alternate envelopes being arranged in rows. 50 55 60

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 9th day of June, A. D. 1920.
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