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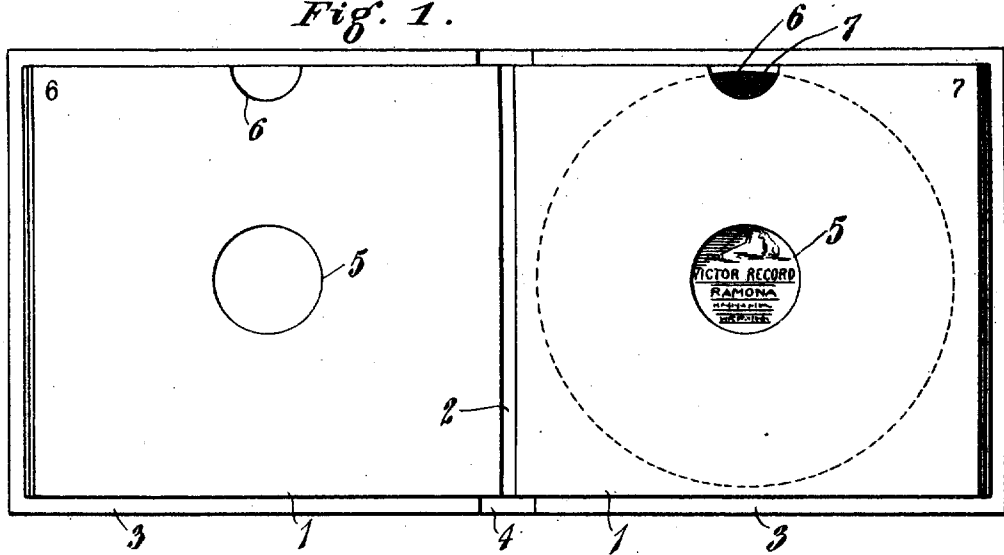


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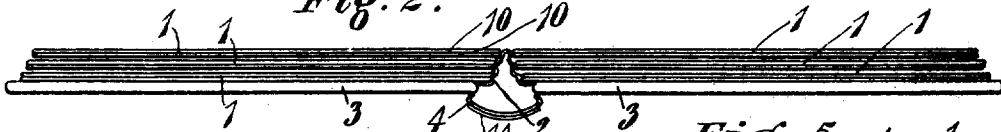


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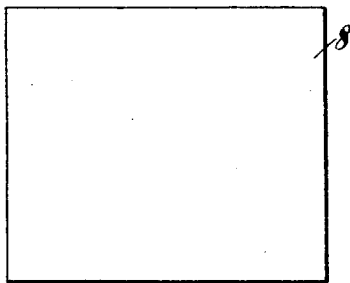


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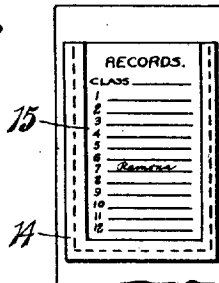


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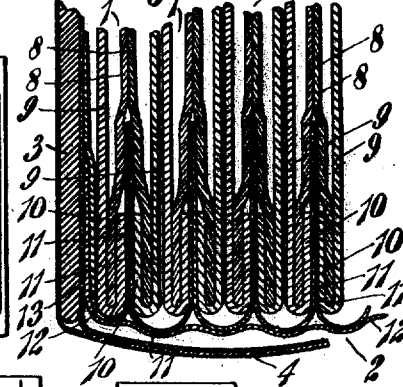


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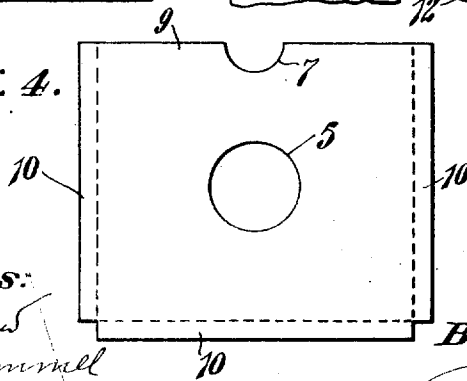
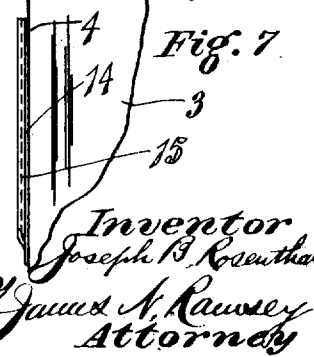


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. ROSENTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Albums for Flat Talking-Machine Records, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to albums, and has for its object the storage, for convenient access thereto, of flat records for talking machines.

My invention consists in a series of pockets, each pocket being provided with a label disclosing opening, and the pockets being in groups of two, each with its label disclosing opening presented oppositely from the label disclosing opening of the other in the group. Each group of pockets constituting a unit, and a flexible binding, whereby the units constituted by the groups of pockets are hinged together, as well as in the parts and in the combination and arrangement of parts as will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed.

In the drawing, which serves to illustrate my invention: Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved album in open position. Fig. 2 is a bottom edge view of same. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the solid back of one of the pockets. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the front of one of the pockets. Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view, enlarged, of part of the album in closed position, better illustrating the construction of the flexible binding. Fig. 6 is a rear elevation of the album, illustrating the index holder thereof. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of the index holder.

As illustrated, my improved album comprises six groups of pockets, each constituting a unit 1, hinged together by the flexible binding 2, which binding 2 is secured to the covers 3, and which covers 3 are joined by the back 4 of the album.

Each of the envelopes constituting the units 1 is provided with a label disclosing opening 5 through which the label of the flat talking machine record 6 may be readily seen. The envelop is also provided with a slot 7 at its top, where it opens, to afford convenient access to the record for withdrawing it from the pocket.

Each of the pockets is composed of a solid back 8 and a front 9 which is provided with the label disclosing opening 5 and the slot 7. This front 9 is also provided with flaps 10

and is so formed relative to the solid back 8 that the flaps will fold around the edges of the solid back 8 and may be secured thereto, producing the pocket in such form that three of its sides are closed and the fourth side or top is left open for the insertion and withdrawal of the flat record. Two of these pockets are secured together to form the unit 1 by joining them around the parts of their backs adjacent to their four edges, and where they are thus joined two of the strips 11, constituting part of the flexible binding 2 are inserted between the pockets along one side and secured therein by gluing or pasting or by any other well known means which may be used for securing the pockets together. Each of these strips 11 is thus made to come between the pockets of two adjacent units 1 and, there being two such strips meeting between the pockets of each unit, each entire series of units may be flexibly joined together in such number as may be desired. Thus joined together the strips 11 may be glued or sewed to a common backing 12 constituting the other part of the flexible binding 2, this backing 12 having a flap 13 extending at each side of the series of units 1 thus joined together, each of which flaps 13 is firmly secured to one of the covers 3 of the album. This backing 13 thus maintains the units in alinement and holds them to the covers while at the same time allowing the units to be moved pivotally independently of each other and permitting access to any one of the pockets comprising the units and reference to a record in any one of said pockets through the label disclosing opening therein.

The pockets are numbered as illustrated 95 and an index card 14 is provided, which is carried in a suitable holder 15 mounted on the back 4 of the cover near the top end, as illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawing.

By constructing the album with two pockets rigidly secured together in each unit the record contained in each pocket of the unit forms a reinforcement for the record contained in the other pocket, lessening the liability of breakage of the records in turning from one to the other in the process of selecting them, and, each pocket being provided with label disclosing openings, permitting the identification of any record without removing it from the pocket, the necessity for removing it from the pocket, until it is actually required for use, is eliminated.

This, in addition to reducing the effort required in the selecting of a certain record, also adds to the safety of handling by permitting the full attainment of the advantage offered by the reinforcement of one record by the other in the pockets of each unit.

The flexible binding of the peculiar construction herein set forth is the one best adapted for the construction of an album, the contents of the leaves or units of which occupy a relatively large space and which are of relatively considerable weight, requiring the album to be of strong construction. For providing the relatively large capacity and the degree of strength required, the backing 12 is preferably corrugated as shown, in which corrugations the folds of the strips 11, which join the units, are secured. This corrugated construction of the backing 12 affords a relatively large bearing surface between the backing 12 and allows the strips 11 to take the form required for holding the units 1 together in such relation as to permit them to hold the relatively thick talking machine records when the album is closed. The covers 3 with their back 4 are preferably constructed in the usual well known manner employed in constructing the backs for books.

Having fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In an album for flat talking machine records, the combination of a series of units each composed of two pockets rigidly secured together and each pocket of which is provided with a label disclosing opening facing in a direction opposite to the direction in which the label disclosing opening of the other pocket in the unit faces, a series of strips inserted between the pockets at one side where they are joined together, each

strip joining two units thus composed of the pockets, a corrugated flexible backing to which each of the strips is fixedly secured in a corrugation thereof, and covers for the album, the corrugated flexible backing being provided with flaps which are rigidly secured to the covers to hold the units in the covers in alinement with each other and to permit the pivotal movement of the units, substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

2. In an album for flat talking machine records, the combination of a series of units each composed of two pockets rigidly secured together and each pocket of which is provided with a label disclosing opening facing in a direction opposite to the direction in which the label disclosing opening of the other pocket in the unit faces, the lower part of the front of each pocket having an upturned flap adapted to fold over the lower end of the solid back, a series of strips inserted between the pockets at one side where they are joined together each strip extending between and beyond said flaps whereby the parts are reinforced, each strip joining two units thus composed of the pockets, a corrugated flexible backing to which each of the strips is fixedly secured in a corrugation thereof, and covers for the album, the corrugated flexible backing being provided with flaps which are rigidly secured to the covers to hold the units in the covers in alinement with each other and to permit the pivotal movement of the units, substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

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