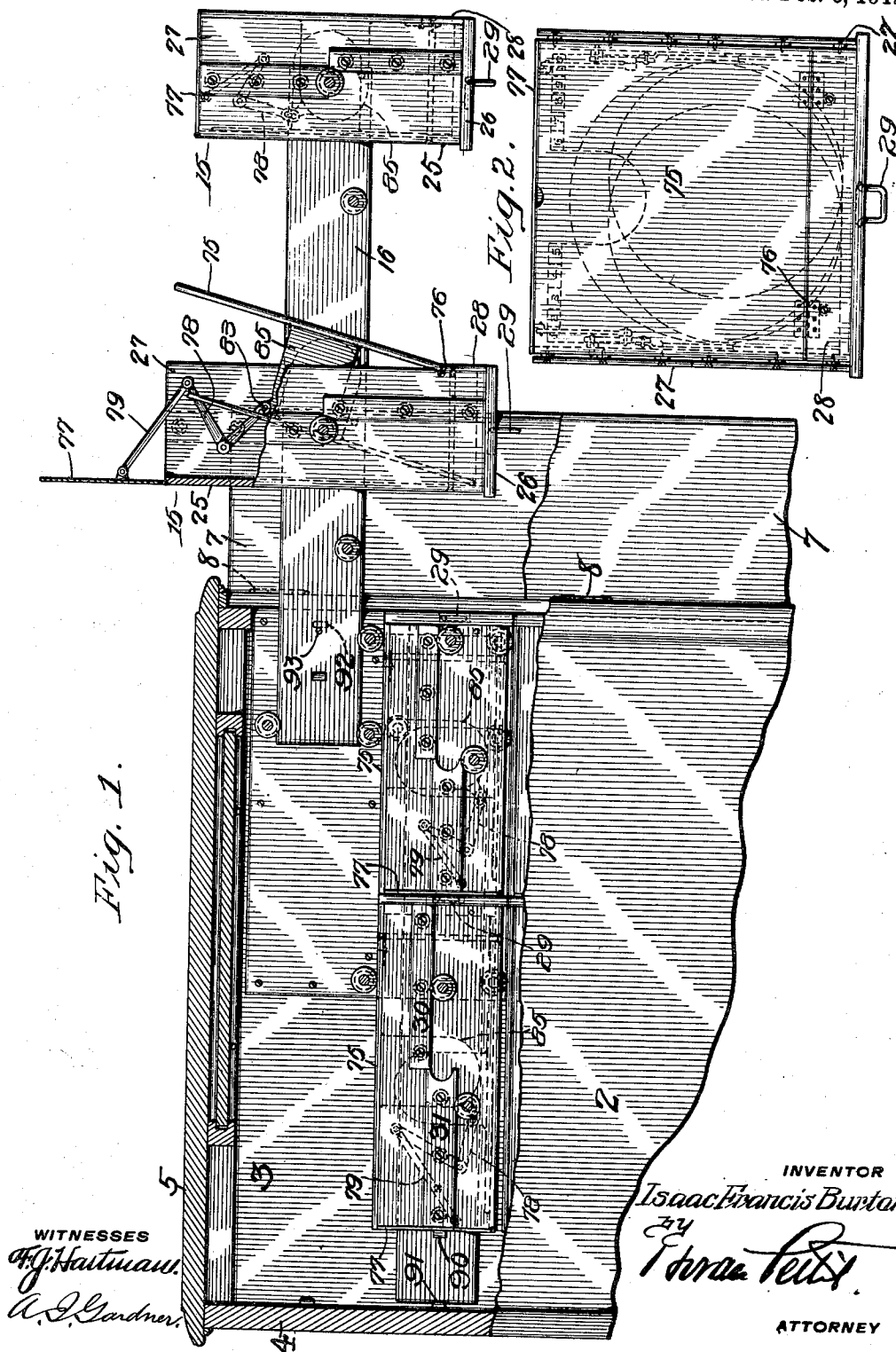


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC FRANCIS BURTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

The main objects of this invention are to provide a simple, durable and convenient cabinet for holding talking machine records and particularly disk records of various sizes; to provide in a filing cabinet a plurality of movable receptacles for talking machine records; to provide in a comparatively large filing cabinet improved mechanism for utilizing substantially the entire interior of the cabinet for the storage of records; and to provide other improvements as will appear hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a fragmentary elevation partly in vertical section of a filing cabinet constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 a front elevation of a receptacle shown in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, one embodiment of this invention comprises an upright substantially rectangular outer casing 1 consisting preferably of vertical parallel side walls 2 and 3, a vertical back wall 4 connecting the side walls and a horizontal top wall 5 resting upon and joining the upper edges of the side walls and the back wall. The front of the casing is closed by two doors 7 which are connected by hinges 8 to the side walls 2 and 3 respectively.

For holding disk talking machine records or other articles, the cabinet is provided with a plurality of movable receptacles 15, which are carried upon a plurality of horizontal parallel supports 16 and arranged in such manner that the receptacles and supports may be easily withdrawn from the casing 1. Each pair of supports 16 preferably carries a plurality of the receptacles 15 for records, and these receptacles may be of equal or different size, to hold various sizes of records. In this instance the supports 16 carry a pair of horizontally spaced receptacles of different sizes. The exact manner by which the receptacles 15 are mounted upon the supports 16 consists in a pair of strips 30 and a second pair of strips 31, secured to and spaced from the respective outer side

walls 27 of the receptacles, as shown and positioned to engage rollers 33 and 34 respectively, said rollers being revolubly secured to and extending inwardly from the respective adjacent supports 16. The outer ends of the strips 31 are formed with substantially semicircular recesses adapted to engage the outer rollers 33, about which the receptacle reciprocates, when in its extreme outer position, to place the receptacle in its normal operative position for inserting and removing records. In the form of receptacle shown, each comprises preferably an oblong box-like structure, consisting of a back or bottom wall 25, a lower or outer end wall 26, spaced parallel side walls 27, and a strip 28 across the lower portion of the front of the receptacle and terminally secured to the side walls 27 of the casing. The outer end wall 26 of the outer receptacle 15 of each pair is provided with a suitable handle 29. The front of each receptacle is provided with a movable closure 75 which is connected at its lower edge by hinges 76 to the upper edge of cleat 28. The upper end of the receptacle is provided with a closure 77 which is hinged at its rear edge to the upper end of the rear wall 27 of the receptacle. For the convenient operation of the closures 75 and 77, these closures may be connected so that the movement of either closure upon its hinges will correspondingly move the other closure. For instance, bell crank lever 78 may be pivoted upon a horizontal axis against the inner surface of one of the side walls of the receptacle and the free end of one arm of the lever may be pivotally connected by a link 79 to the end closure 77. The free end of the other arm of the lever may be provided with an oblong slot 83 engaging over a stud fixed on a bracket 85, rigidly secured to the inner surface of the front closure 75. By this construction the closing or opening of either closure will automatically close or open the other closure. This automatic mechanism may be duplicated on the other side of the receptacle, and the bracket 85 is preferably duplicated, so that the two brackets may act to retain the records in alinement in the receptacle when the closures are open. The receptacle may be provided with suitable index cards.

In the operation of this invention the inward movement of the receptacle 15 with respect to its supports is limited by a stop

90 rigid with one of the supports 16 and projecting inwardly therefrom. The inward movement of the supports 16 is limited by a stop 91 rigid with the back wall 4 of the casing and projecting inwardly therefrom and opposed to the end of each support. The outward movement of the supports 16 is limited by stops 92 rigid with each side of the casing, adjacent to the front edge thereof, projecting inwardly therefrom and arranged to be engaged by a corresponding stop 93 projecting laterally outward from the corresponding support. This stop 93 may be conveniently formed of a screw which is threaded through the support from the inner side thereof. The inward movement of each outer receptacle 15 is limited by the ends of the respective lower walls 26 which project to a greater extent than the corresponding wall of the inner receptacle and sufficiently to engage against the outer ends of the corresponding supports 16.

Although only one form has been illustrated in which this invention may be embodied, it is obvious that it is not limited to the exact construction shown, but may be modified to suit various conditions without departing from the spirit of the invention as described or the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus fully described this invention, I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States:

1. In a filing cabinet, a receptacle provided with a plurality of closures, a guard extending inwardly from one of said clo-

tures and a connection between said guard and the remaining of said closures, said connection operating to open the remaining of said closures when one of said closures is actuated.

2. In a filing cabinet, a receptacle provided with a plurality of closures, a guard extending inwardly from one of said closures, and a series of links connecting said guard and the remaining of said closures, said links operating to open the remaining of said closures when one of said closures is actuated.

3. In a filing cabinet, a receptacle provided with a plurality of closures, a guard extending inwardly from one of said closures, and a connection between said guard and the remaining of said closures, comprising a link and a bell crank lever, said connection operating the remaining of said closures when one of said closures is actuated.

4. In a filing cabinet, a receptacle provided with a plurality of closures, guards extending inwardly from the sides of one of said closures, and a yielding connection between each of said guards and the remaining of said closures, said connections operating to open the remaining of said closures when one of said closures is actuated.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of January, 1911.

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