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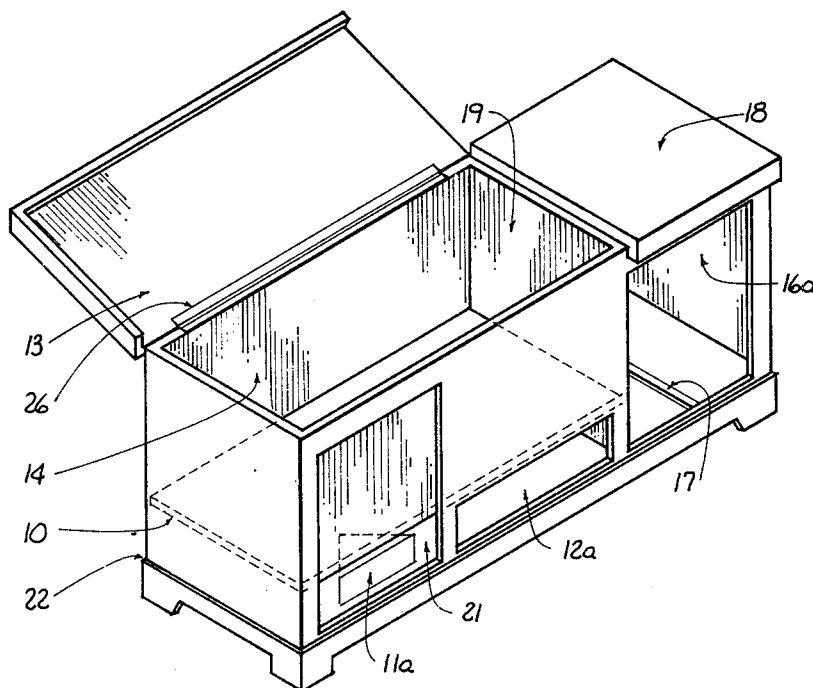
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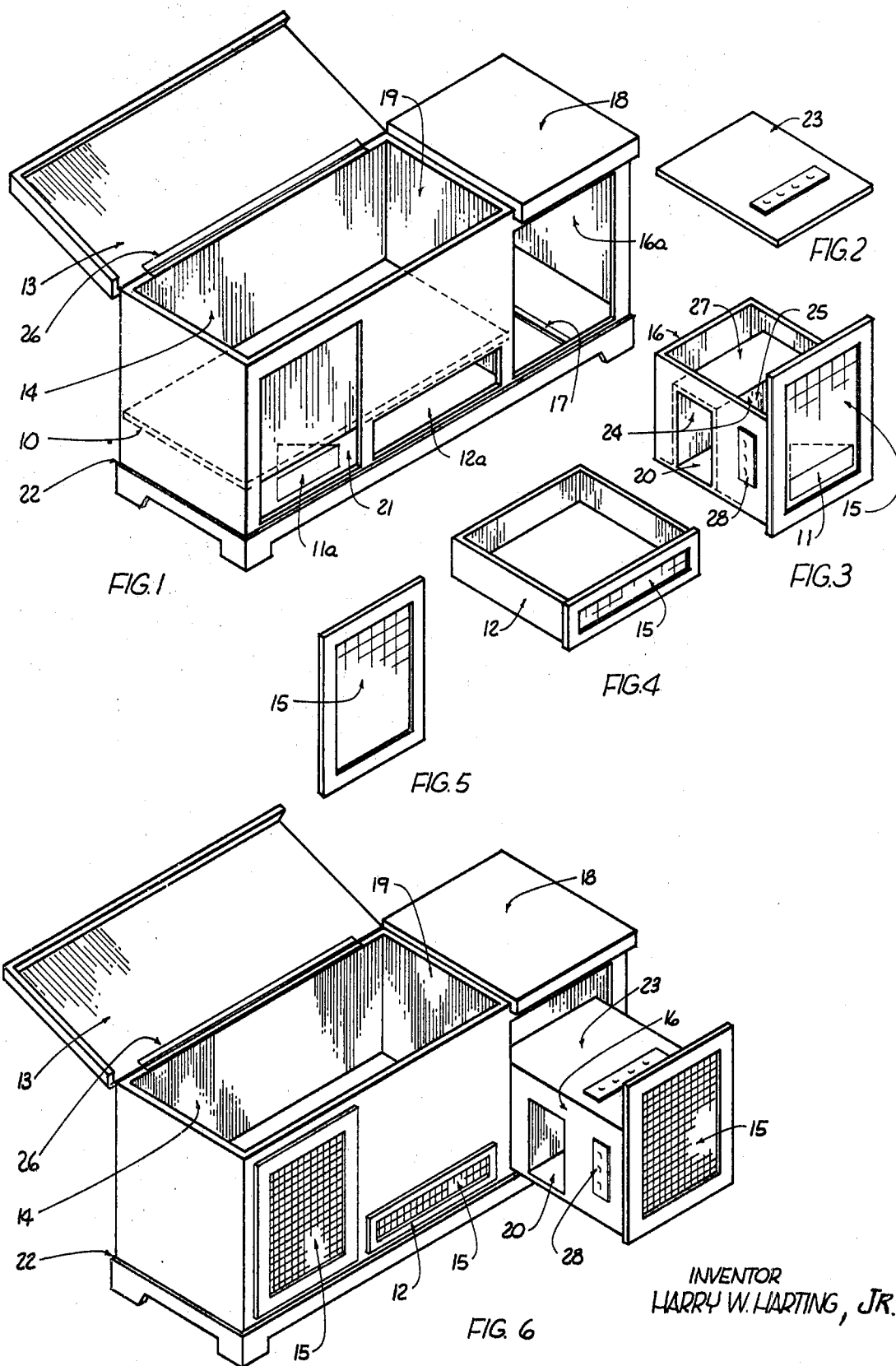
[54] **STEREO HOPE CHEST**
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ABSTRACT: A stereo hope chest lined with cedar and having a record player or cartridge tape player, and a tuner. The chest includes two sidewalls, a backwall, a front wall and an extreme bottom portion with a false bottom defining a space between the chest interior and the extreme bottom. A recessed opening is provided in the front wall adjacent to a sidewall, and a speaker for the stereo unit is provided in the space between the false bottom and the extreme bottom adjacent to the recessed opening, which speaker is covered by a decorative grill. The space between the false bottom in the chest interior and the extreme bottom portion also provides an opening into which a storage drawer is installed. A partition separates the chest interior partitions and a cover for creating a covered cavity serving as a storage space. The lid of the chest is attached to the backwall by means of a hinge.





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STEREO HOPE CHEST

This invention relates to improvements in combining a storage chest or the like with a record player or a cartridge tape player and/or tuner.

The primary object of this invention is to combine a chest, which is often referred to as a "hope chest" and most often lined with an aromatic material such as cedar or the like, with a record player or a cartridge tape player, and a tuner.

While I have illustrated by the accompanying drawings one facial design or style of the chest, I want to emphasize that this invention is capable of variations both in the facial design and the type of wood and/or material used without departing from the spirit of the invention. I therefore do not wish to be limited to the precise details of facial design set forth in accompanying drawings, but desire to avail this invention of such variations and modifications as demands or manufacturing require.

The invention will be best understood by reference to accompanying drawing.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the invention with four components parts separated for a more detailed view.

FIG. 2 is a mounting board for cartridge tape player or stereophonic and/or monaural record player and/or tuner.

FIG. 3 is a player drawer that supports the mounting board, provides storage area, and houses one speaker.

FIG. 4 is a storage drawer.

FIG. 5 is a decorative grill cover.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the invention with parts in place, and with player drawer extended for detailed view.

In construction of the chest as shown in FIG. 1 the fundamental procedure, to assemble the two ends, back, face, and extreme bottom, is in the same manner as construction of any fine furniture.

The partition 19 separates the chest interior 14 from the cavity 16a which houses the player drawer 16 shown in FIG. 3. The lid 13 is attached to the back of the chest by a hinge 26. The cover 18 over the player drawer 16 shown in FIG. 3 is stationary.

The space created between the false bottom 10 in the chest interior 14 only, and the extreme bottom 22, serves several purposes. The wires needed to operate speaker 11a are concealed in same space. The space created between the false bottom 10 in the chest interior 14 only, and the extreme bottom 22 also provides an opening 12a into which a storage drawer 12 shown in FIG. 4 is installed. The construction of the said drawer is of the same construction as in any fine furniture.

The space between the false bottom 10 and the extreme bottom 22 adjacent to recessed opening 21 houses speaker 11a and said speaker is covered with decorative grill 15 shown in FIG. 5. Said decorative grill is secured firmly to the recessed opening by means of four screws from the interior of chest 14 shown in FIG. 1 to said decorative grill 15, thus allowing easy access to speaker 11a.

In this particular facial design or style of chest, the face of the grill 15 shown in FIG. 5, drawer 12 shown in FIG. 4, and player drawer 16 shown in FIG. 3 all match. This is a flexible idea of this invention, as any design preferred may be carried out equally well.

The player drawer 16 shown in FIG. 3 is also constructed basically as in any fine furniture. By installation of two wall-like partitions 24 shown in FIG. 3 and cover 27 shown in FIG. 3, a covered cavity is created, and this cavity serves as a storage space 20 for record albums, or cartridge tapes while same are not in use.

The opening 25 shown in FIG. 3 created between the decorative grill 15 and first partition 24 extends to the bottom of the player drawer 16 and provides easy access to speaker 11. Said opening also provides space for installation of tuner 28 shown in FIG. 3.

The mounting board 23 shown in FIG. 2 is capable of supporting any one of the musical components previously described, and is secured onto the four walls of player drawer 16 shown in FIG. 3 by use of four screws.

The cavity to house player 16a shown in FIG. 1 has only an extreme bottom 22. Mounted in a central position at the bot-

tom and secured on the front and back of said cavity is a track 17. The track is a roller-type guide, and whose counterpart is mounted on extreme bottom of player drawer 16 and enables same to easily glide into storage position, or out position for easy accessibility to operating controls of the player and other components.

In reference to FIG. 6, the assembled parts are viewed as a finished product with the lid 13 in open position and player drawer 16 in open position.

I claim:

1. A combination hope chest and stereo unit which consists of a base, the entire length of said base being covered by a sub-floor extending upward from said subfloor are two sidewalls spaced apart, an inner wall running parallel with said walls is arranged inward a short distance from one of said sidewalls, a back wall and a front wall spaced apart are secured to said sidewalls and said inner wall thus creating two compartments with one compartment having approximately twice the volume of the other compartment, a false floor is spaced a short distance above said subfloor in said larger compartment only and secured to the other of said sidewalls and said inner wall, the interior of the chest being lined with an aromatic material and said chest is covered with a lid which is secured to said back wall by hinge means near the far side, and at least one speaker for the stereo and a movable small storage drawer being arranged in the space created between said subfloor and said false floor.

2. A combination hope chest and stereo unit which consists of a base, the entire length of said base being covered by a sub-floor, extending upward from said subfloor are two sidewalls spaced apart, an inner wall running parallel with said sidewalls is arranged inward a short distance from one of said sidewalls, a back wall and a front wall spaced apart are secured to said sidewalls and said inner wall thus creating two compartments with one compartment having approximately twice the volume of the other compartment, a false floor is spaced a short distance above said subfloor in said larger compartment only and secured to the other of the chest being lined with an aromatic material and said chest is covered with a lid which is secured to said back wall by hinge means near the far side, and at least one speaker for the stereo and a movable small storage drawer being arranged in the space created between said subfloor and said false floor, the smaller of said two compartments having movably arranged therein a large drawer housing a stereo system and/or tape player and a tuner, said large drawer having a bottom, two vertical sidewalls, a mounting board which accommodates the record and/or tape player and amplifier, and two inner walls so as to provide three small compartments, one of which is for at least one of said speakers and recessed tuner, while a second compartment is for storage and having an opening in said sidewall in alignment with said inner walls, a back wall is secured to said two vertical sidewalls and said mounting board, and said drawer having track means on the bottom thereof for easy movement into or out of said compartment.

3. A combination hope chest and stereo unit which consists of a base, the entire length of said base being covered by a sub-floor, extending upward from said subfloor are two side walls spaced apart, an inner wall running parallel with said sidewalls is arranged inward a short distance from one of said sidewalls and a front wall spaced apart are secured to said sidewalls and said inner wall thus creating two compartments with one compartment having approximately twice the volume of the other compartment, a false floor is spaced a short distance above said subfloor in said larger compartment only and secured to the other of said side walls and said inner wall, the interior of the chest being lined with an aromatic material and said chest is covered with a lid which is secured to said backwall by hinge means near the far side, and at least one speaker for the stereo and a movable small storage drawer being arranged in the space created between said subfloor and said false floor, the smaller of said two compartments having movably arranged therein a large drawer housing a stereo system and/or tape

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player and a tuner, said large drawer has a bottom, two vertical sidewalls, a mounting board which accommodates the record and/or tape player and amplifier, and two inner walls so as to provide three small compartments, one of which is for at least one of said speakers and recessed tuner, while a second compartment is for storage and having an opening in said two vertical sidewalls and said mounting board and said drawer having track means on the bottom thereof for easy

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movement into or out of said compartment, and two decorative grills, which are substantially equal in size and matching in style, for covering the front of said large drawer and a recessed opening on the opposite end of said front wall behind which is at least one said speaker, and said small storage drawer is covered with an appropriately sized, similar grill.

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