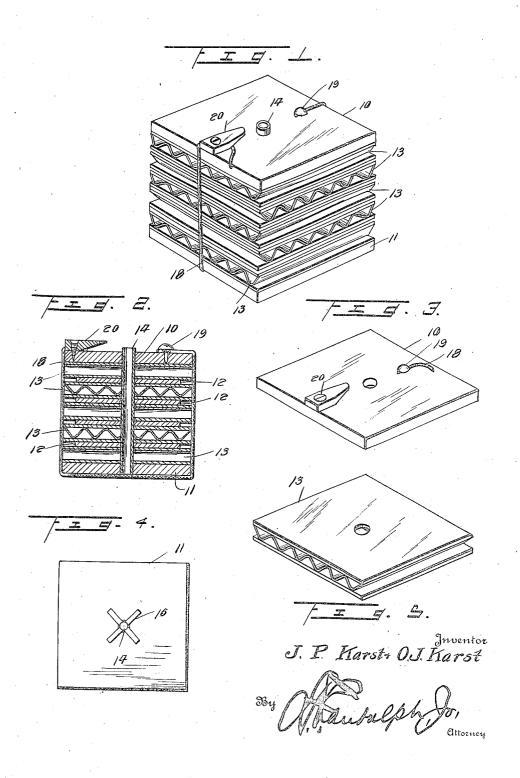
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Joseph P. Karst and Oliver J. Karst, citizens of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Transportation Package for Graphophone Records; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient packaging means for 15 use in the transportation by mail, express or otherwise of graphophone and similar records as a means of protecting the same against breakage, abrasion or mutilation in any way, and with this object in view the invention consists in a construction, combination and relation of parts of which a preferred embodiment is shown in the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a 25 packaging device embodying the invention. Figure 2 is a sectional view of the same.

Figures 3, 4 and 5 are detail views of the

elements of the package.

The device consists essentially of sepa-30 rate heads 10 and 11 which may be of wood, metal or any suitable material and may be of any suitable size adapted to completely cover a record of the diameter to be shipped, the said heads being either square as illustrated or of any preferred shape, together with means for securing said heads in parallel relation with the desired number of graphophone records 12 and interposed cushioning fillers 13. In the construction illustrated in addition to the heads the device includes a core or stem 14 consisting of a tube of metal or its equivalent having a terminal disk 15 for engagement with one of the heads, as for example the lower head, 45 by which in effect the same is carried, said core or stem being of a diameter adapting it to extend through the central openings 16 of the record disks and through a corresponding or registering opening 17 in the 50 upper head.

Attached to one of the heads, preferably the one designated as the upper head 10 is a flexible tie 18 secured for example by means of a tack or screw 19 and after pass-

ing the tie around the bundle consisting of 55 the spaced heads with the interposed record disks and fillers, it is attached to a fastening device 20 also mounted on the upper head and consisting of a tongue under which the cord constituting the tie may be slipped for 60 engagement and held from slipping, to maintain the fillers in their proper registering relation with the heads if, as illustrated in the drawing, said fillers and head are square or angular.

It will be understood that by making the tube constituting the core or stem of different lengths any desired number of records may be shipped in one package and corre-spondingly by varying the areas of the heads, 70 records of different diameters may safely be arranged therebetween with sufficient overhanging portions of the heads and fillers to protect the edges of the records against contact with the surrounding objects in the 75 handling of the package in the mail or by express.

While the preferred embodiment of this invention is shown and described it will be understood that minor changes in the de- 80 tails of construction and arrangement of parts may be resorted to within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what 85

we claim is:-

1. A transportation package for records and the like comprising separate rigid heads, a record adapted for disposition intermediate said heads, cushioning fillers interme- 90 diate the records and heads, said filler and one of said heads having openings therethrough to coincide with the spindle-opening of the record, a stem extending from the other head removably through said opening, and a tie means adapted to be passed about the package connected to one of said heads and serving to slide the first mentioned head along the stem and thereby compress the filler against the record.

2. A transportation package for records and the like comprising separate rigid heads, the record adapted to be disposed intermediate said heads, cushioning fillers intermediate the record and heads, said fillers and 105 one of said heads having openings therethrough to coincide with the spindle-opening of the record, a stem anchored on the other

head and extending removably through said opening, a tie means adapted to be passed about the package serving to slide the first mentioned head along the stem and compress the fillers against the record, means to permanently secure one end of the tie to one of said heads, and a fastening device for the free end of the tie means on the same head.

In testimony whereof we affix of tures in presence of two witnesses.

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