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RECORD HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

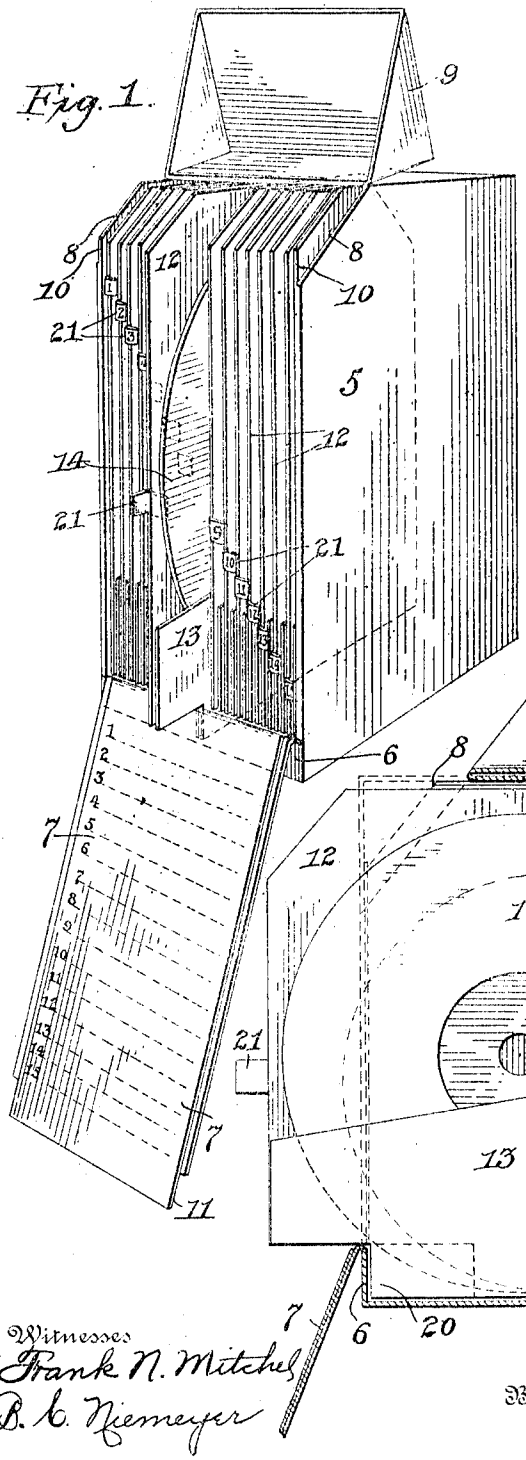


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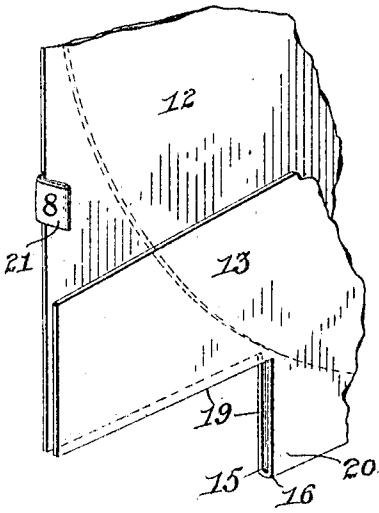


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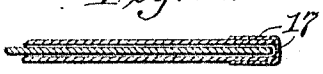
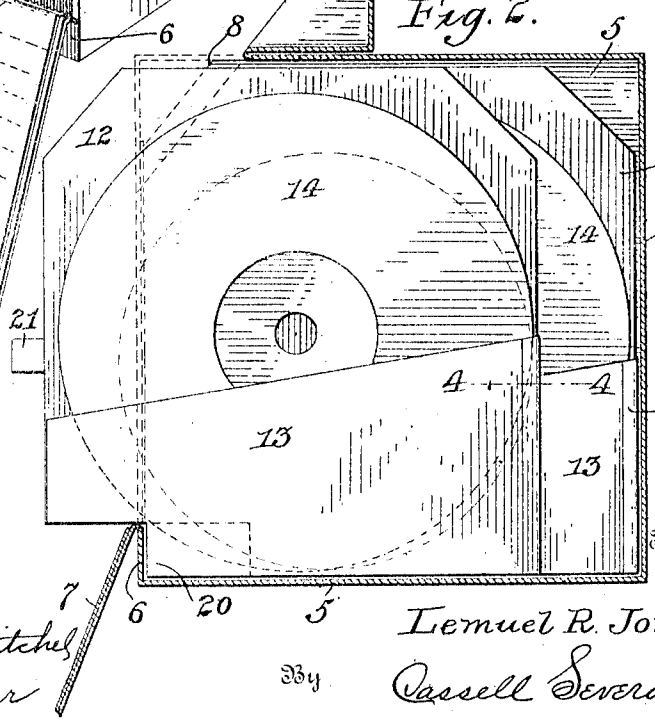


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEMUEL R. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Record-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in storage receptacles or cases and particularly to receptacles adapted for storing and properly holding disk records for phonographs.

It is an object of the invention to provide a disk holding receptacle or box carrying disk holders adapted to fit within the box, and capable of drawing the disks forward when desired so that they may be removed from the receptacle.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a record holding casing with individual holders for each record or disk, the said holders being adapted to draw their disks outwardly to a limited degree so that any disk may be taken from the casing, the holder thereof remaining in its outer position for indicating the place where the disk belongs, when it is to be restored to the casing.

It is a still further object of the invention to provide a record holding case, having a front cover adapted to be turned outwardly and downwardly, a limiting wall being provided below said cover to prevent records or disks from rolling out of the casing, and also to provide movable record carrying holders of thin material capable of drawing forward any desired record so that it may be taken from the casing.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel constructions, arrangements and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved casing or receptacle, the front thereof being open, and one of the disk holders being shown as drawn forward to present a desired record. Fig. 2 is a vertical, longitudinal, sectional view through the said casing, one of the record holders being shown as drawn forward, while the others behind are shown in their innermost positions. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary, detail, perspective view showing a portion of one of the record or disk holders upon an enlarged scale, the front notched lower end thereof being illustrated to show the manner in which its movement is limited. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary, detail, sectional view taken upon the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The casing or receptacle forming the subject matter of the present invention is designed to provide an inclosure in which such articles as the ordinary circular records or disks used upon phonographs, may be stored in as compact form as possible and yet may be reached and selections made therefrom with ease and quickness. In the accompanying drawing, the preferred form of casing or receptacle with its holders has been illustrated, and the details and features of the invention will now be described with reference thereto.

In the said drawing, 5 indicates a rectangular box or casing which may be made of any desired material, but is usually formed of pasteboard or like materials for the sake of lightness. The said casing is open at one edge and is provided at the bottom part of said open edge, with a front wall 6 of suitable height to prevent the records or disks from accidentally rolling out of the casing at any time. A front cover or lid 7 is hinged to the upper edge of said front wall 6, and is adapted to be folded upwardly for closing the receptacle or casing 5. The upper front corner of the casing is preferably cut diagonally as at 8, and a corner cover 9 is provided and hinged to the top of the casing 5, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing. The diagonal edges of the casing walls are usually thinned at 10 so that the cover 9 may fit over them. The free end of the front lid 7 is also usually thinned at 11 so that the cover 9 may fit over it and hold it in closed position. The small corner cover 9 thus locks the parts of the casing together.

The holders for the records also form an important feature of the invention and cooperate with the shape of the casing and particularly with the front wall 6 for facilitating the proper limitation in the movement of said holders and the records.

The holders 12 are preferably formed of thin material, usually of light cardboard or manila paper and generally folded at the lower edge as shown in Fig. 3. One wall of the holder extends approximately the full

height of the casing, while the other wall as 13 preferably extends only a part of the way from the bottom of the casing toward the top. A convenient proportion in the heights of these walls is shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing. Since the disks or records 14 have some thickness, the lower edge of the material of which the holders are formed, is preferably creased to form square corners at 15 and 16 as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The side walls of the holders may thus lie flatly against the records so that each holder with its record occupies very little space. Thus in a casing of very little width, fifteen or twenty records can be readily stored, making a very compact way of keeping the records.

Each holder is adapted when drawn forward, to pull its record with it, and for this reason, the rear edges of the holders are closed to the full height of the wall 13. The walls may be connected at the rear edge of the holders by paper strips 17 as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 4 of the drawing, though of course it will be readily understood that the edges of the holders may be secured by any ordinary paper securing means, as for instance, clips or fasteners, within the spirit and scope of the invention.

The holders have a limited movement, their inner movement being limited by the back wall 18 of the box 5, while their forward movement is limited by the front wall 6. In order to permit the records to be drawn forwardly sufficiently far to be grasped and taken from the case, each holder is cut away or notched at its lower front corner, as indicated at 19. The cut away portion can thus be drawn forward over the wall 6, when the lid 7 is open. The shoulder formed at 20 upon each holder will engage and be stopped by the said wall 6. The corner of each holder is thus cut away a sufficient distance to allow the holder to be drawn forward far enough to expose the edge of the record, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In order to be able to select the desired record at any time, each holder is provided with a tab 21, and the said tabs of the holders are consecutively numbered, the numbers being arranged to correspond with a numbered index placed upon the inner face of the front cover 7, as will be clearly understood by reference to Fig. 1. The tabs also afford a means for drawing forward, in the casing 5, any desired holder.

In using the device, the records are inserted in the holders, which is readily accomplished since one wall 13 of each holder is lower than the other, and a record can thus be readily thrust between the walls of the holder. The names of the records are then placed upon the index on the cover 7 opposite the numbers which correspond with the numbers of the tabs carried by the holders of the records. When it is desired to select a particular record, it is only necessary to note upon the index what the number of the desired record is, and then grasp the tab containing that number and draw the holder carrying the same, forwardly until the shoulder 20 is stopped by the front wall 6 of the casing. This brings the desired record to view, and causes it to project a sufficient distance beyond the adjacent holders in the box, so that it may be readily grasped by the fingers and taken out of the casing for use. The holder 12 is allowed to remain in its outermost position until the record is to be returned to its casing, and thus the said casing serves an additional function of indicating immediately the place to which the record is to be returned, without the necessity of a further consultation of the index or tabs. The record with its holder is then pushed backwardly into the box and other records may be selected and used in the same manner. When all the records with their casings are pushed back into the box, the front wall 7 can be folded upwardly and its upper edge caught and held by turning down the corner cover 9, thus completely closing the box and protecting the contents thereof. It will be observed that each holder performs the functions of drawing forward the record, indicating the position to which it is to be returned and by means of its tab, also indicating the record which may be desired for use. Each holder has a limited movement. The front wall 6 also performs a double function, namely: the preventing of the records from rolling out of the box or holders, and the limiting of the holders in their forward movements. The space between the upper edge of the wall 6 and the top of the casing is ample for the removal of any of the records.

It will be observed that the holders are of such character that records of different sizes may be employed with the same holders. Thus, large and small records may be stored in the same receptacle, some being placed in some of the holders while others are in the others, without changing the formation or dimensions of the device.

What is claimed is:

1. A receptacle for records having side guiding walls and front and rear limiting walls, disk carrying holders movable between the said guide walls and limited in their movement by the said front and rear walls, the said front wall being shorter than the rear wall and the holders having projecting portions adapted to extend over said front wall and means for pulling the holders forwardly.

2. A receptacle for records comprising a casing having an open side partially closed by a stop wall, record holders movable with-

in said receptacle having a forward projecting portion adapted to extend over said stop wall for delivering the contents of the holders, the said stop wall acting to prevent disk records from rolling out of the holders and receptacle, as well as acting as stops for the said holders.

3. A disk record receptacle comprising a storage receptacle, movable record holders mounted in said receptacle, each of said holders having a short side wall and a tall side wall whereby the records may be easily inserted within the holders and a cover for closing the said receptacle.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, in presence of two witnesses.

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