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IDENTIFICATION CLIP FOR PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that Robert Austin, citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Identification Clips for Phonograph Records, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in identification clips for phonograph records and has particular reference to an improved form of clip which may be removably fitted over the circumferential edge of a record and the clip carries a printed tag exposed to view to indicate to the user of the records the names of the pieces contained on the record.

Heretofore to identify a phonograph record it has been the usual practice to either have a cabinet in which the records were all alphabetically arranged or have a cabinet and a record book associated therewith, and entered in the record book with the names of the pieces on the records and each piece being given a number which number would correspond with a certain shelf in the cabinet so that the desired record could be found. It necessitated however, first running through the record book, picking out the desired record to be played, ascertaining its number, locating its number in the cabinet, before the proper record is found. To overcome this I have provided a clip on which is fastened a printed tag which indicates the names of the pieces contained on the record. These clips are removably fastened to the circumferential edge of the records, and thus when the records are placed on file in the cabinet it is only necessary for one to look into the cabinet, pick out his desired piece and immediately produce the record.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved means detachably secured to phonograph records whereby any desired record may be easily and quickly found and does not necessitate any particular filing system other than keeping the clips exposed.

It is desirable that the clip be stamped from a single piece of sheet material of such thickness to insure necessary strength, that will flex and yield to the configuration of the circumferential edge of the record and also of sufficient resiliency as to automatically retain it on the record against accidental displacement.

I preferably accomplish the above object by making the clip from some kind of resilient material such as sheet, tin or the like, and when stamping the same from a sheet I also stamp from a sheet a piece of cloth of the same configuration of the clip to form a backing which will prevent the marking of the record when the clip is fastened to its surface.

The clip is also constructed so as to provide resilient arms, which assist in holding the clip in position on the record and also constitute anchoring members for the identification tags which are carried thereby.

With these and other objects in view, and others that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawing wherein like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the clip as made in accordance with this invention and showing the same applied to the circumferential edge of a record, the record being partially broken away.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the clip when in blank form, and

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view of clip after being formed, and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the backing used with the clip.

Referring to the drawing in detail, 5 indicates the blank of the sheet material from which the clip is made. This blank is stamped in a single operation by a suitable die press.

The blank when stamped in the form shown in Figure 2, includes a substantially rectangular body 6, which body has extended from diametrically opposite points of its opposite ends resilient arms 7. The arms 7, extending laterally from the opposite ends of the body 6, are in direct alignment of each other and constitute retaining means for the body 6, when the clip is in use.

The portions of the body 6 extending laterally beyond the side edges of the arms 7, are bent inwardly in the direction of each other on the dotted lines 8 and 9, respec-
tively. The bending of these portions form a housing 10, which receives the circumferential edge of a record therein.

The rear wall of the housing 10 and the arms 7, are curved in an arc to conform to the configuration of the circumferential edge of a record when the said record is placed in the housing. The configuration of the arc of the arms and the rear wall of the housing thus serve to retain the clip in position on the record.

The extreme terminals of the arms 7, are bent back upon themselves on the lines 11, to provide anchoring members 12. These anchoring members are constructed for the purpose of locking an identification tag 13, against the outer side of the arms 7 and the rear wall of the body 6.

The anchoring portions 12, of the arms 7, are provided with indentures 14, which serve as a locking means for the identification strip 13.

It will be readily seen that when the strip is placed against the outside surface of the arms and the rear wall of the body and the ends of this strip fastened under the anchoring members 12, that accidental displacement of this strip is prevented. It is of course understood, however, that to change this strip it is only necessary to raise the anchoring members by inserting some kind of a sharp instrument thereunder and lifting upwardly, removing the old strip and inserting a new one in its place.

When the blank 5 is stamped out of sheet material there is also placed on one face of the blank, a sheet of felt or the like material so that when the blank is struck out in the form shown in Figure 2, a piece of felt of the same configuration is also stamped out and this felt covers the entire area of the blank as well as the arms on the inside thereof.

The felt is indicated by the numeral 15, and is secured to the inner surface of the blank 5, by any suitable adhesive material and consequently when the blank is bent in the manner previously described to conform to the configuration of the circumferential edge of a record, the felt is consequently formed into the same shape, and when this clip as a whole is placed on the record as described, the felt will prevent the marking or scratching of the side faces of the record proper.

The record is indicated by the character A in Figure 1, and it shows the clip applied thereon and embracing the circumferential edge and portions of the body 6, engaging the opposite side faces thereof, which consequently exposes the identification tag 13 to the view of the user. It therefore remains obvious that when a certain record is desired it is only necessary to look in the cabinet, locate the particular piece desired, withdraw that desired record, remove the clip, and place the record on the machine.

In assembling, the blank is stamped out, together with the felt as described. The felt is secured to one face of the blank. The body 6 and arms 7, are then curved to an arc to conform to the configuration of the circumferential edge of a record. The side portions of the body 6 of the blank 5, are then bent inwardly on the lines 8 and 9, respectively, in the direction of each other to form the housing, thus consequentially also bending the felt. By virtue of the resiliency of the material it is easily understood that there will be sufficient friction in the material from which the blank is formed to removable retain the clip on the record against accidental displacement.

The identification strip or tag 13, is then placed against the outer surface of the arms 7 and the body 6, and the anchoring members 12 are then bent back upon themselves on the lines 11, against the ends of the strip so as to retain the strip in the position shown in Figure 1.

What I claim as new is:

A phonograph clip formed from a blank of material having a substantially rectangular body bent to form a housing, diametrically opposed arms formed on and extending laterally from said housing, said housing embracing the opposite side faces of a record when the arms are moved into contact with the circumferential edge of a record, anchoring members carried by the terminals of the arms, and an identification tag secured to the body and arms and retained thereon by the anchoring members, and a lining for the interior of the arms and housing.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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