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Fig. 1

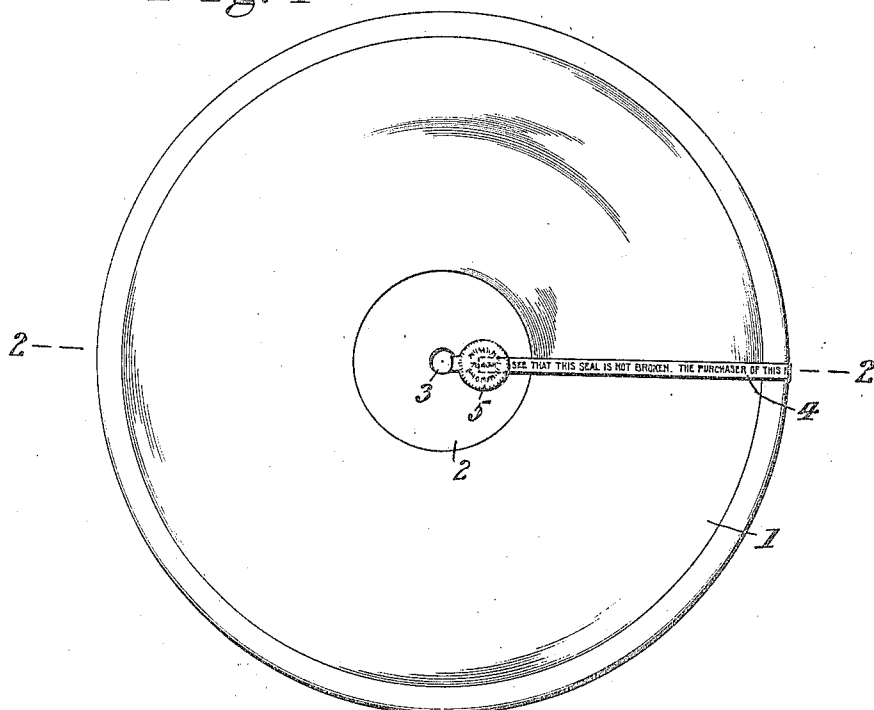


Fig. 2.

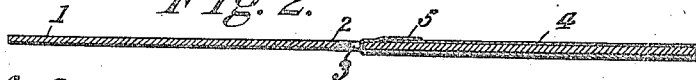


Fig. 3.

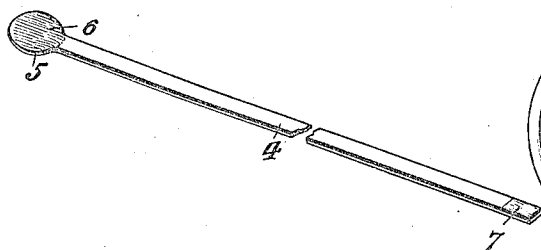
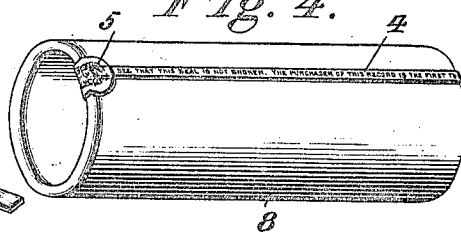


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST C. MUNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fostoria, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Seals for Phonograph Records, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in phonograph record seals, and the primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which makes it possible to indicate to the purchaser of a phonograph record that the same is fresh and new and has never been previously played.

Under present conditions of sale of phonograph records, a purchaser never knows whether he is getting a fresh and new record or not, due to the fact that records are being constantly played in the phonograph shop and returned to their folders or cartons in which they are stored. It is the desire, of course, of all purchasers to obtain a fresh and new record so that when played the best possible result will be attained.

It is a further object of the invention, therefore, to provide a seal which may be adhesively applied to the record so that said record may not be played without breaking the seal. Thus, the purchaser will detect through the breaking of the seal that the record has been previously played.

A still further object resides in providing a seal which may be so applied to the record that it will be readily disclosed through the folder in which the record is stored, thus enabling a purchaser to readily observe the seal through the opening in the folder.

A still further object resides in providing a device which is simple and durable in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and one which will be very efficient in use.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the specification and claims.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this application;

Figure 1 is a plan view of a disk record with my improved seal applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a section therethrough as seen on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the seal removed; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the seal applied to use in connection with a cylinder record.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 designates a phonograph record of the usual disk type, the central portion 2 of which is free from grooves and provided with the usual title and other descriptive matter which appears on records of this type. This record is also provided with the usual small central opening 3.

My invention contemplates the provision of a seal which is disposed through this opening 3 and continues on both sides of the record to positively prevent the record from being played without detection. To this end I provide a narrow strip 4 of paper, cloth or other like material, the one end of which has formed or otherwise secured thereto a disk like head or seal 5. The one side of this head or seal 5 may form a label containing the name of the manufacturer or other data concerning the application of this seal to use; whereas the under side of the same is gummed as shown at 6. The opposite end of the strip 4 has its one face also gummed as shown at 7.

In the application of the seal to use, the strip 4 is inserted through the opening 3 of the disk 1 and drawn around the edge of the record, whereupon the gummed face 7 of the free end of the strip is adhesively secured to the portion 2 of the record wherein the usual label appears. In order to positively secure this end of the strip 4 in place, and also to afford a positive seal for the record, the gummed portion 6 of the head or seal 5 is adhesively secured over the end of the strip 4 secured to the portion 2 of the record, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. A positive seal is thus provided for the record and it is obvious that this record cannot be played without breaking the seal and disclosing the fact to a proposed purchaser. These seals being applied at the factory and not sold to the various retailers, it is not possible that the same may be broken and replaced, without detection.

In Fig. 4 I have shown my improved record seal applied to a cylinder record 8. In the application of this seal to such a

record it is preferable to secure the one end of the strip 4 adjacent the one end of the record and to apply the seal or head 5 thereto in such a manner that it will be disclosed
5 at the edge of the record when the latter is inserted in its folder or carton.

In the drawing I have shown the head or disk 5 formed integral with the strip 4, but it will be understood that this head or disk
10 may be made separate from the strip so that the ends of the strip 4 may be pasted together on the record and the head or disk applied thereafter to secure the complete device in place.

15 From the foregoing description of the construction of my improved device, the application of the same to use will be readily understood, and it will be seen that I have provided a simple, inexpensive and efficient
20 means for carrying out the objects of the invention.

While I have particularly described the elements best adapted to perform the functions set forth, it is obvious that various
25 changes in the form, proportion and in the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit

or sacrificing any of the principles of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what
I claim is:

1. In combination with a phonograph record; of a seal therefor comprising an elongated strip encircling a portion of the record and having its one end gummed and
35 adhesively secured to the face of the record, and a disk on the opposite end of said strip having its one face gummed and adapted to be secured to the opposite end of said strip and also to the face of said record. 40

2. In combination with a phonograph record; of a seal therefor comprising an elongated strip encircling a portion of the record and having one end gummed on its under face for securing the same to the face
45 of the record, the opposite end being enlarged and carrying an adhesive substance on its under face, said enlarged end folded back upon the first mentioned end so that the adhesive face of the enlarged end engages
50 the plain face of the first mentioned end and is also secured to the face of the said record.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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