

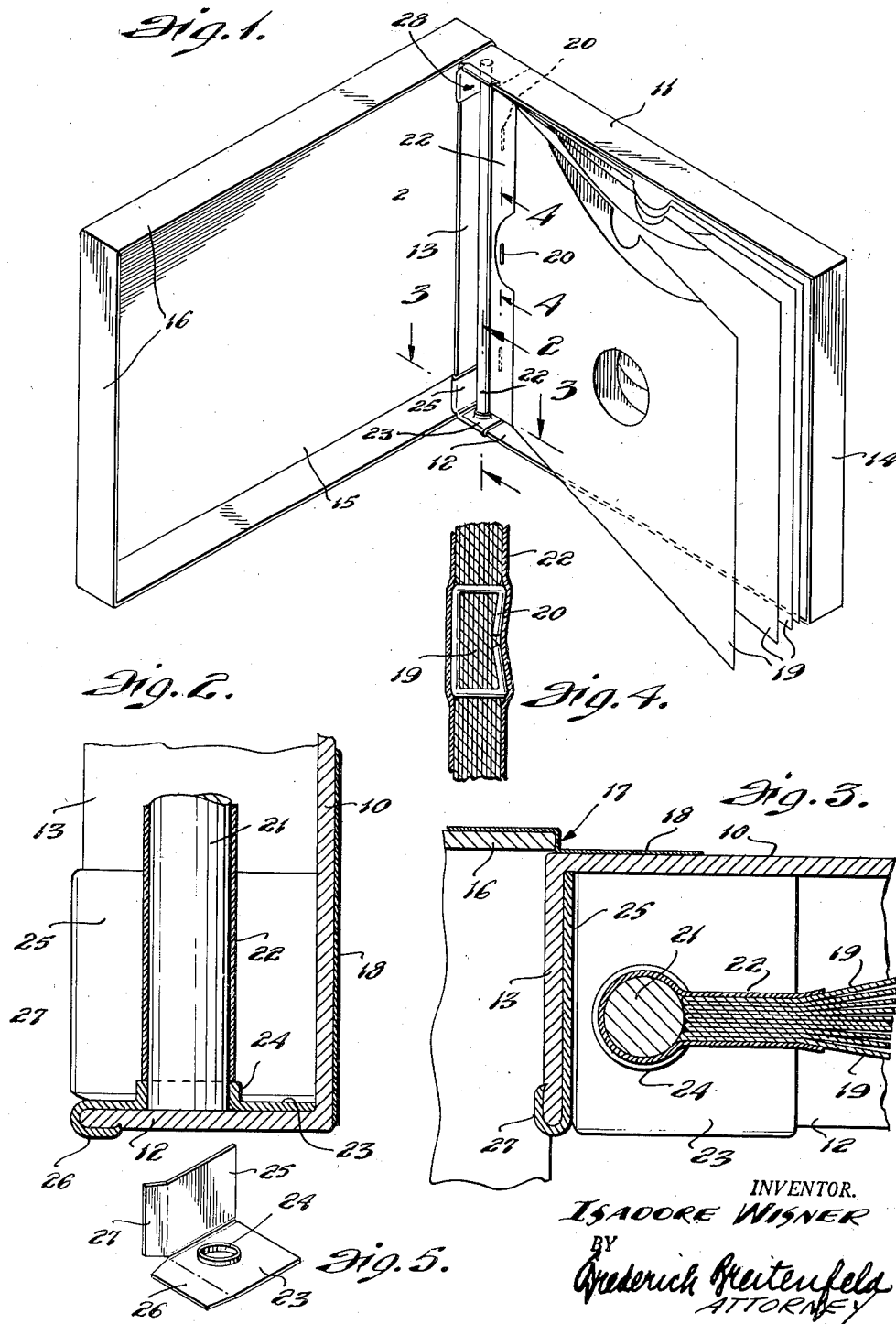
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My present invention relates generally to receptacles, and has particular reference to holders for disk phonograph records.

It is a general object of the invention to provide an album-like device which is of staunch protective character, neat and attractive in appearance, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, and adapted to accommodate a set of phonograph records in compact but readily accessible fashion.

The improved record holder consists of a structure composed of relatively simple and inexpensive parts; and a feature of the invention resides in the special way in which these parts are assembled, particularly in the novel manner in which a stack of record envelopes is retained in pivotal association with a box-like enclosure.

A preferred way of constructing a device to embody the features of the present invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder of the present improved character, shown in open condition;

Figure 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 4—4 of Figure 1; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of one of the improved journal sockets.

One of the essential elements of the present improved construction is a box, preferably of the ordinary rectangular cardboard variety. For illustrative purposes, I have shown a box consisting of a container part and a hinged cover part. The container part has a bottom wall 10, and a peripheral wall structure which consists of the two opposed parallel side walls 11 and 12, and the parallel connecting walls 13 and 14. The cover part consists of a top wall 15 and a peripheral set of walls 16, one of which is hinged as at 17 (Figure 3) to the other part of the box. The hinge may be established, if desired, by a simple element of tape 18 which extends adhesively from one hinged part to the other.

The two box parts are so constructed that one fits snugly within the other, as will be readily understood. That is, when the cover part is applied to the other part of the box, the peripheral walls 16 fit snugly around the upstanding walls 11, 12, 13 and 14, thus producing a compact

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rectangular unit which is easy to handle, to arrange in stacks, or in side-by-side relation with other similar devices on a shelf or in a cabinet. When access to the interior of the holder is desired, the cover part is swung into the position of Figure 1, or may be opened even to a greater extent. Although the cover part has been shown in hinged relation to the other part of the box, it will be understood that this is not essential.

Of particular importance, so far as the present invention is concerned, is the fact that the box is in all respects a conventional type of box structure, and this is a factor in making the manufacture of the present device a procedure of unusually low cost.

The record-holding part of the present structure consists essentially of a plurality of ordinary record envelopes 19. These are usually composed of heavy paper or the like, and are provided with the usual circular openings at the center to reveal the title-bearing label at the center of the record.

I have chosen to show five envelopes 19, although it will be understood that this number may be varied to suit different requirements. The envelopes are arranged in a stack, and are bound together along one edge of the stack by means of staples 20. A rod 21 is then laid alongside this edge of the stack, and is secured to the stack so as to form a part of the assembly. I have illustratively shown the rod 21 as being of circular cross-section throughout its length. Its opposite ends project slightly beyond the corresponding edges of the stack, and define oppositely-extending journals. The rod is preferably held in association with the stack by means of a binding tape 22 which encircles the rod and extends also along the adjacent margin of the stack of envelopes 19, as shown most clearly in Figure 3. This secures the rod 21 to the stack and also serves to conceal the staples 20, so that the resultant sheaf of record envelopes is an attractive unit which may be readily adjusted, like the pages of a book, to bring one or another of the envelopes into an accessible position.

This assembly is then ready for association with the box body, and in accordance with my invention this is capable of accomplishment without requiring that the box be of any special or unusual design or structure. The desired assembly is accomplished by employing a pair of journal sockets of special but simple design. One such socket is shown in Figure 5, and represents the socket shown at the bottom of Figure 1, prior to the completion of the desired assembly of the present structure.

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The element shown in Figure 5 is preferably composed of a blank of flat inexpensive bendable metal. It has a flat part 23 provided with an up-standing socket 24, and another flat part 25 arranged at right angles to the part 23. The marginal parts 26 and 27 are bendable substantially along the dot-and-dash lines shown in Figure 5, for attaching the socket member to the box.

At 28 (top of Figure 1) I have shown a socket element of similar character. After the stack of record envelopes has been stapled together and secured to the rod whose opposite ends define journals, the journal socket 28 is fitted over one of the journals, and the journal socket shown in Figure 5 is fitted over the other journal. The rod 21 is of such a length that the resultant assembly will fit snugly between the opposed parallel walls 11 and 12 of the box. The marginal parts 26 and 27 of the lower socket element are then crimped back over the edges of the walls 12 and 13, respectively, and the corresponding marginal parts of the opposite socket member are similarly crimped back over the edges of the walls 11 and 13, respectively. This secures the journal sockets to the box, with the journal parts of the rod 21 pivotally supported within the sockets.

The simple act of crimping the marginal parts of the journal sockets around the edges of the box is all that is necessary to complete the assembly of the present improved structure.

It will be understood, of course, that those skilled in the art will readily make changes in the details herein described and illustrated, without necessarily departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a record album, the combination of a plurality of record envelopes arranged in stacked relation and being secured together along one edge of the stack, a rod disposed along such edge and means for securing the rod to the stack comprising an elongated member which is generally U-shaped in transverse section which extends around the rod and which is secured adjacent its terminals on opposite sides of the stack, a generally rectangular box in which the stack is mounted in pivoted relation, such box including a bottom wall, opposed side walls and connecting end walls, and a cover section for the box, the distance between the side walls being substantially the same as the length of the rod which is received therebetween adjacent one end wall, a bracket provided with a socket secured to each

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side wall and provided with a flange which is secured to the adjacent end wall, each socket receiving a terminal of the rod and providing a journal bearing therefor.

2. In a record album, the combination of a plurality of record envelopes arranged in stacked relation and being secured together along one edge of the stack, a rod disposed along such edge and means for securing the rod to the stack comprising an elongated member which is generally U-shaped in transverse section enclosing a portion of the rod and being secured along its open end to opposite sides of the stack, a generally rectangular box in which the stack is mounted in pivoted relation, such box including a bottom wall, relatively shallow, opposed side walls and connecting end walls, and a hinged cover section for the box, the distance between the side walls being substantially the same as the length of the rod which is received therebetween adjacent one end wall, a bracket provided with a socket secured to each side wall and provided with a flange which is secured to the adjacent end wall, each socket receiving a terminal of the rod.

3. In a record album, the combination of a plurality of record envelopes arranged in stacked relation and being secured together along one edge of the stack, a rod disposed along such edge and means comprising a binding tape for securing the rod to the stack, a generally rectangular box in which the stack is mounted in pivoted relation, such box including a bottom wall, relatively shallow, opposed side walls and connecting end walls, and a hinged cover section for the box, the distance between the side walls being substantially the same as the length of the rod which is received therebetween adjacent one end wall, a sheet metal bracket provided with an integrally formed, laterally extending socket secured to each side wall and provided with a flange which is secured to the adjacent end wall, each socket receiving a terminal of the rod and providing a journal bearing therefor.

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