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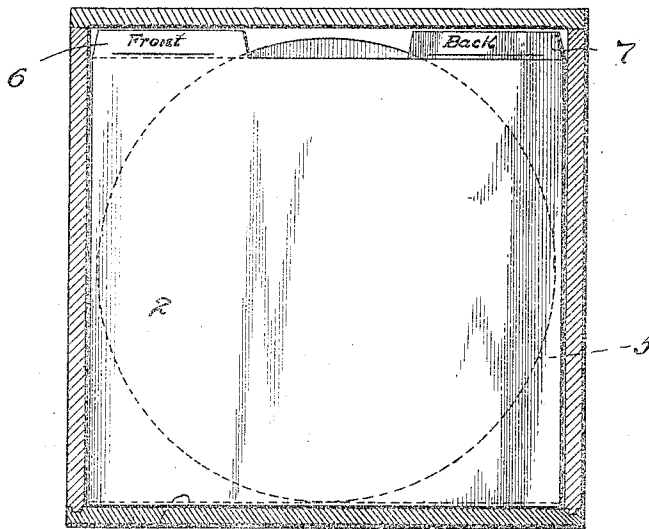


Fig. 2.

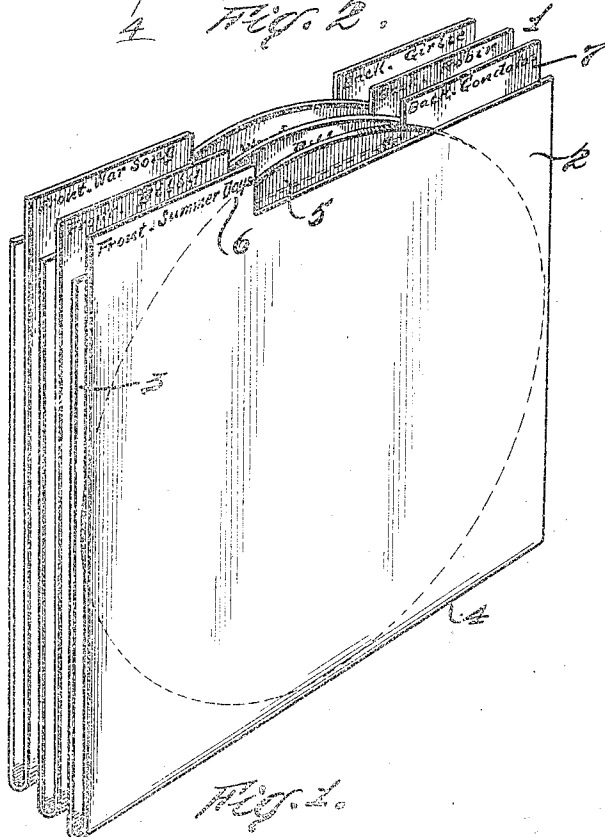


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES D. ROCKWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, New York, have invented
5 certain new and useful Improvements in Phonograph-Record-Disk Files, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description.

This invention relates to the filing of
10 phonograph records. When such records are of disk form, it is a common practice to provide a record on both faces of the disk. When such disks are filed in the ordinary
15 manner they are filed usually without respect to the position of the forward and rear faces so that when a certain disk is removed to be placed in the phonograph, the disk must be examined so as to ascertain which
20 side must be placed uppermost and in contact with the stylus. The disks after being used are usually not immediately returned to the cabinet but are placed together and filed away after the end of the phonograph per-
25 formance or recital.

One of the objects of the present invention is to produce a file of phonograph disks having a special indexing arrangement which facilitates the finding of the proper record and which also facilitates the placing of the
30 disk on the phonograph in its proper position without necessitating the exercise of great care.

In carrying out my invention I prefer to provide a plurality of index sheets which lie
35 between the disks, and one of the objects of the invention is to construct and arrange these sheets so as to facilitate the finding of the desired record and so as to facilitate the edge of the record being readily grasped to
40 enable it to be removed from the file.

The invention consists in the general combination of parts and simplicity of details hereinafter described, all of which contribute to produce an efficient phonograph
45 file.

The preferred embodiment of my invention will be particularly described in the following specification while the broad scope of my invention will be pointed out in the
50 appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective showing a short portion of my improved file; and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section through the file and showing the same in a
55 drawer or cabinet and further illustrating the invention.

In carrying out the invention I prefer to file the disks in a substantially vertical plane and separated by index sheets, said index sheets being preferably in the form of a plu-
60 rality of holders 1, each holder consisting of a forward sheet 2 and a rear sheet 3. These sheets are preferably connected together at their lower edges and may be most conveniently formed of a single sheet formed with
65 a folded edge 4 as indicated. These holders 1 are preferably formed with projecting tabs which correspond respectively to the records on the front and rear sides of the disks 5. The tabs 6 which relate to the for-
70 ward sides of the disks are preferably arranged on the same point of the holders; and the tabs 7 which bear the names of the records on the rear sides of the disks are similarly arranged at another point so that when
75 the holders are placed together the tabs relating to the forward sides of the disks present themselves in a row and similarly the tabs relating to the rear sides of the disks
80 present themselves in a second row. The disks 5 are filed respectively in the holders with the forward side of each disk disposed forwardly and the rear side disposed rear-
85 wardly.

From the arrangement described, the de-
90 sired record can be very readily found and the disk bearing it removed from the file; and on account of the fact that all the disks are in a corresponding position with respect to the index tabs, no time is lost in turning
95 the record over to ascertain which side should be placed uppermost when putting it upon the phonograph.

I prefer to separate the row of forward tabs as far as possible from the row of rear
95 or back tabs, and for this reason the tabs are preferably formed near the opposite vertical edges of the holders, and I prefer also to form the forward tabs on the forward sheets and the rear tabs on the rear
100 sheets, that is, so that a sheet bearing a certain name is adjacent to the corresponding record on the disk.

In order to facilitate the removal of the disks from the file, I prefer to make the
105 depth of the holders slightly less than the diameter of the disks so that the upper edges of the disks project up into the space between the tabs. In this way the effect of central notches in the sheets or holders is
110 produced to facilitate the grasping of the disks.

In order to save space in the cabinet, I prefer to make the holders of substantially square form and form the tabs by cutting down into the body of the sheets at the upper edges thereof. The upper edges of the tabs then lie nearly in line with the upper edges of the disks so that the presence of the tabs does not necessitate any increase in height in the file.

It is understood that the embodiment of the invention described above is only one of many forms the invention may take, and I do not wish to be limited in the practice of my invention nor in the scope of my claims to the particular embodiment of the invention set forth.

What I claim is:—

A phonograph record file, consisting of a plurality of holder sheets, and a plurality of record disks separated thereby and having different records on the forward and rear sides thereof, said sheets bearing the names of the forwardly disposed records arranged in a row, and bearing the names of the rearwardly disposed records arranged in a second row.

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