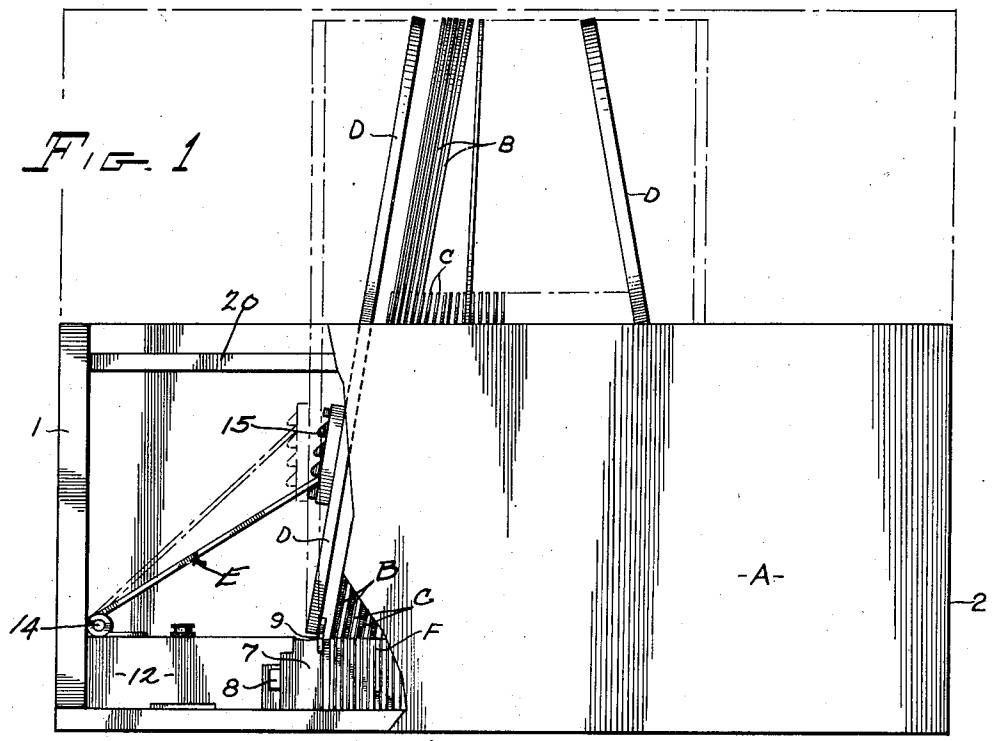
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FIG. 1



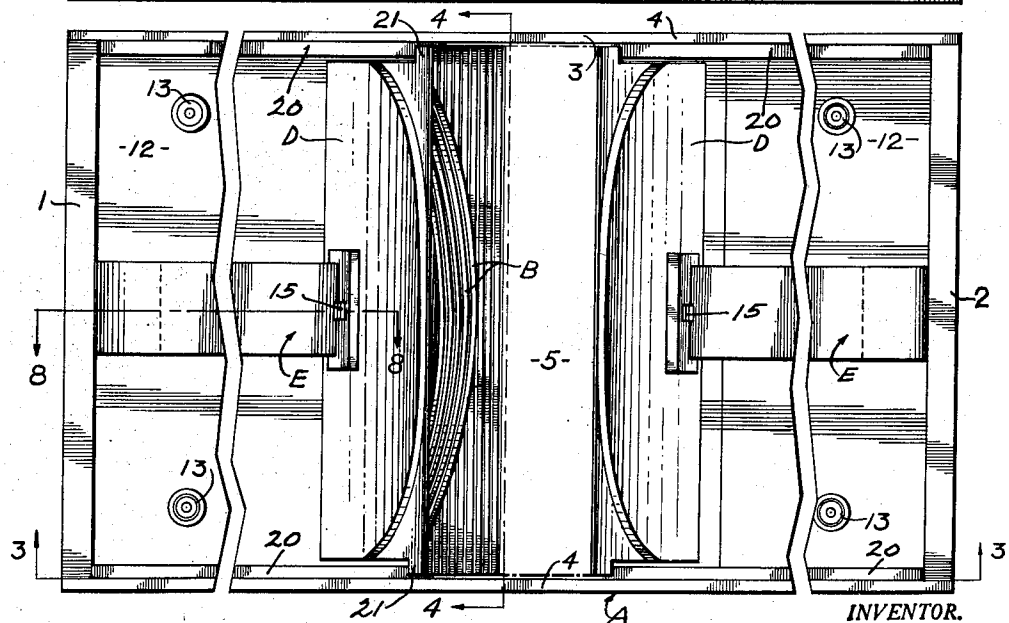


FIG. 2

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FIG. 3.

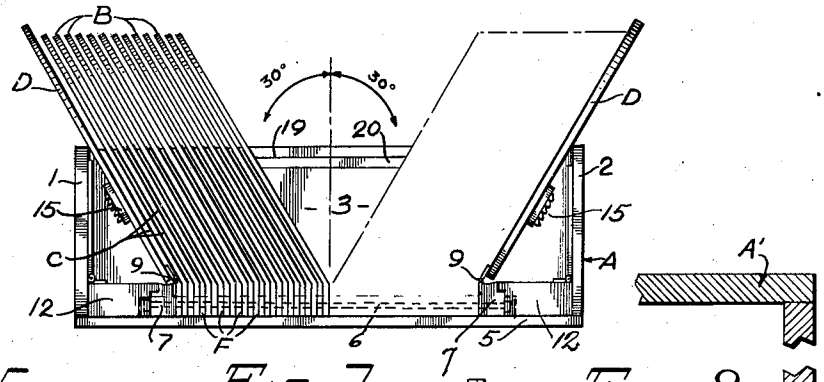


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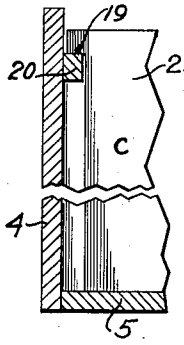


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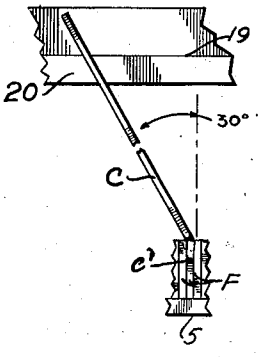
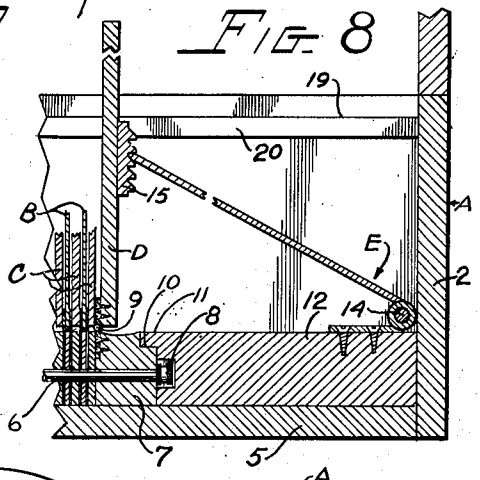


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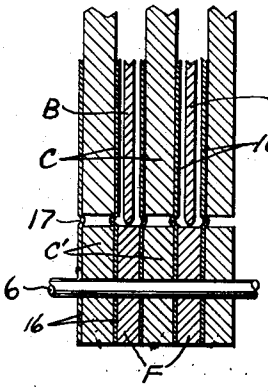


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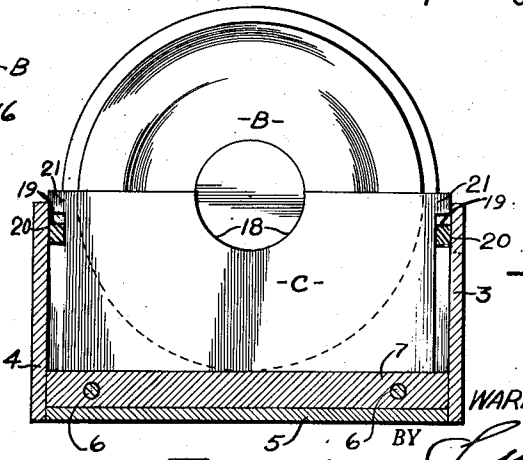


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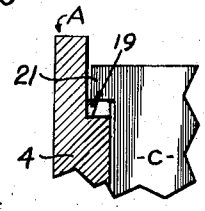


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to and has for an object the provision of a novel and efficient holder for phonograph records and the like whereby, in lieu of keeping the record discs in pockets or envelopes, they are tiltably held between stiff sheets of cardboard, fibre-board or other material and so arranged that they may be readily inclined to an extent of thirty degrees more or less in one or an opposite direction so as to facilitate the insertion of the records in and removal from selected spaces between the cards.

Another object is to provide rigid supports at opposite ends of a bank of records and cards which are adjustable and inclinable with the records and cards and are adapted to be supported normally in erect positions with the record discs and cards held likewise therebetween so that the records may not be distorted or impaired during periods when the holder is closed and no records are being used.

A further object is to provide means for adjustably supporting the rigid supports selectively in upright or in desired inclined positions.

An object, also, is to provide a suitable case in which a bank of record discs, cards and the pair of end supports may be supported near their lower extremities in such a manner that the individual records may be removed at will from positions between the separating cards, or, if desired, the entire bank of records, cards and the pair of supports may be removed from the case without necessitating the removal of the records, and replaced in the case by another bank of records, cards and supports.

A still further object is to provide a case formed with a ledge, or a bar attached to opposite sides thereof and extended from end to end of the case, a plurality of spaced cards or separators hingedly connected to the bottom portion of the case and capable of being tilted in opposite directions to a common extent and formed with shoulders adjacent their upper edges overlying the ledges on the sides of the case for limiting the inclination of the cards and alternating records to a predetermined extent.

Another object is to form the separator cards with hingedly connected and relatively narrow strips of material and spacers of like width between each adjacent pair of strips whereby the separators are held sufficiently spaced apart as to provide spaces for the reception of record discs, and means connecting said strips and said spacers for commonly and inclinably supporting all of said separators and the alternating records to a

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predetermined extent in opposite directions while held in the case.

Other and more detailed objects will appear as the description of my improvements progresses.

I have shown in the accompanying drawings a preferred embodiment of my invention, subject to modification, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention. In said drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my record holder, partly in section;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation in line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation on line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary section in the plane of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary section in the plane of Fig. 4, showing a modified structure;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view in the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 8 is a partial section on line 8—8 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 9 is an enlarged fragmentary section in the plane of Fig. 8.

Briefly described, a record embodying my improvements includes a suitable case A adapted to tiltably and removably support a plurality of sound record discs B, B, etc., between adjacent hinged separators C, C, etc., hinged supports D, D arranged at opposite ends of a bank of records and separators, means generally represented at E, E for holding the bank of records and separators erect, and spacers F, F, etc., alternating with the separators for providing pockets or spaces between the separators for receiving the records.

Case A is of generally rectangular form with opposite ends 1 and 2, sides 3 and 4 and a bottom 5 and is arranged to removably hold a bank of records, separators and spacers, together with a pair of the end supports E which are commonly connected as shown in Fig. 8 by a pair of longitudinal rods 6, 6 having their terminal portions carried by cleats 7, 7 and held as by means of nuts 8, 8. Supports D are each hinged to a cleat 7 at a point 9 so that they may be adjusted from an upright position as shown in Fig. 8 to an inclined position as shown in Fig. 3. Cleats 7 have rabbeted shoulders 10 adapted to be overlaid by ribs 11 formed on the inner portions of retaining blocks 12 which are in turn secured to bottom 5 of the case as by means of screws 13. Thus, when the bank of records and separators are

positioned in the case and the blocks 12 are secured to the case the records B may be removed individually from their pockets, but when the blocks 12 are removed the entire bank of records and accompanying parts may be removed bodily from the case and another substituted therefor.

The supports D are held in upright positions as by means of the members E which are hinged as at 14 to blocks 12 while their free ends are engageable, pawl-like, with ratchets 15 attached to the outer surfaces of members D, but are readily detached from members D by swinging the members E in one or an opposite direction so as to permit the swinging of the supports into the inclined positions shown in Fig. 3.

Referring now to Fig. 9, it will be observed that each of the separator cards C has a companion strip C' of equivalent thickness disposed in the same plane as the card and hingedly affixed to the card by means of adhesive strips 16 on opposite sides thereof with sufficient looseness as at points 17 to permit the inclination of the cards in one or an opposite direction to an extent of thirty degrees, more or less as may be required. Said strips C' are threaded on the rods 6 as are also the spacers strips F. Cards C are of a height corresponding to the horizontal diametrical line of the records B, as shown in Fig. 4 and are accurately cut or formed at 18 so as to provide a space through which the titles of the records may be observed.

Sides 3 and 4 of the case A are arranged with longitudinal ledges 19 extending throughout the length of the case and formed as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 by the provision of metal or wood bars 20, or as shown in Fig. 6 by rabbeting the upper portions of the sides 3 and 4 as may be most desirable or convenient. Cards C are provided with outwardly extended portions 21 which overlie the ledges 19 and when the cards are tilted as shown in Fig. 3 the portions 21 rest upon and limit the further inclination of the cards, yet when the cards are held erect by members D the portions 21 are elevated to positions out of engagement with said ledges so as to permit ample inclination of the cards and alternating records for the purpose of inserting or removing selected records from the spaces between the adjacent cards C.

It will be observed that all of the separator cards C and the strips C' and F are commonly anchored at the bottom of the case on rods 6 and that the tilting of the cards and records is occasioned without cramping or moving the records in their pockets by reason of the flexibility of the adhesive strips 16 when attached and mounted as shown. Also by the removal of

blocks 12 from the case the entire bank of records B, cards C, strips C' and F, together with cleats 7 and adjustable supports D, may be readily removed and another set of records and accompanying parts may be substituted therefor. Otherwise one or more records may be removed from pockets formed between adjacent cards C for use or substitution of new records for old ones.

The holder when not in use is preferably arranged with the cards C and records B supported in upright position as by means of the adjustable members D, D so as to prevent distortion of the records from a normal plane as is sometimes occasioned by excessive heat or other causes.

It is desirable to provide a suitable cover as at A' for enclosing the records against accumulation of dust and for protecting them against accidental damage, although such a cover is not material to my invention.

I claim:

1. A record holder comprising: a case, a plurality of transversely disposed strips of material in abutting relation in the bottom of the case, cleats at opposite ends of the group of strips, means for rigidly connecting said strips with said cleats as a unit, separators hingedly connected to alternate strips for inclination in opposite directions to a predetermined extent whereby records may be held in the spaces between the separators and the remaining strips, supports hinged to the cleats and cooperating means internally of the case and on the upper portions of the supports for limiting the inclination of the supports and separators.

2. A record holder as described in claim 1 including: means detachably secured to the case and engageable with the cleats for removably securing the separators, strips, cleats and supporting members as a unit.

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