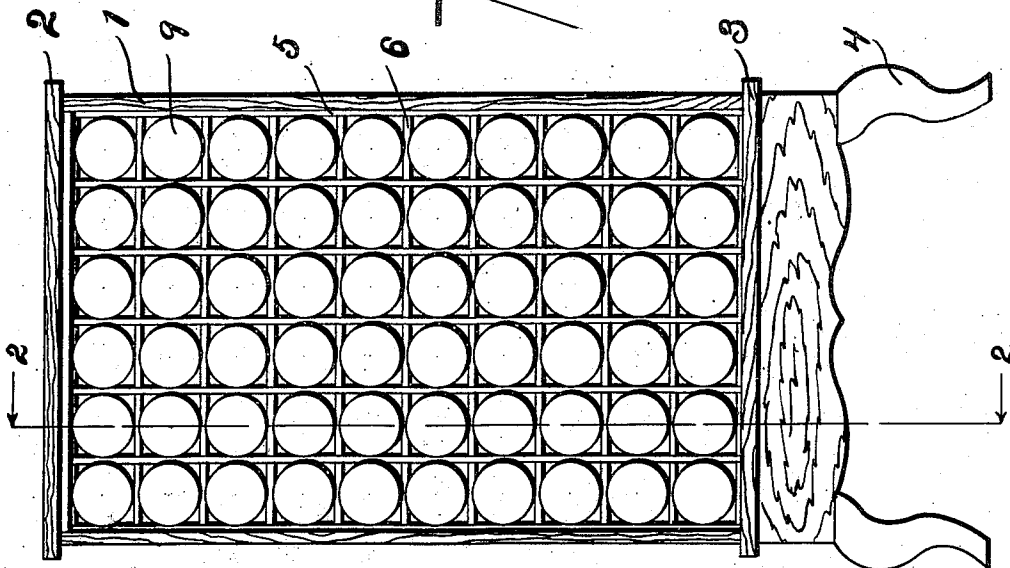
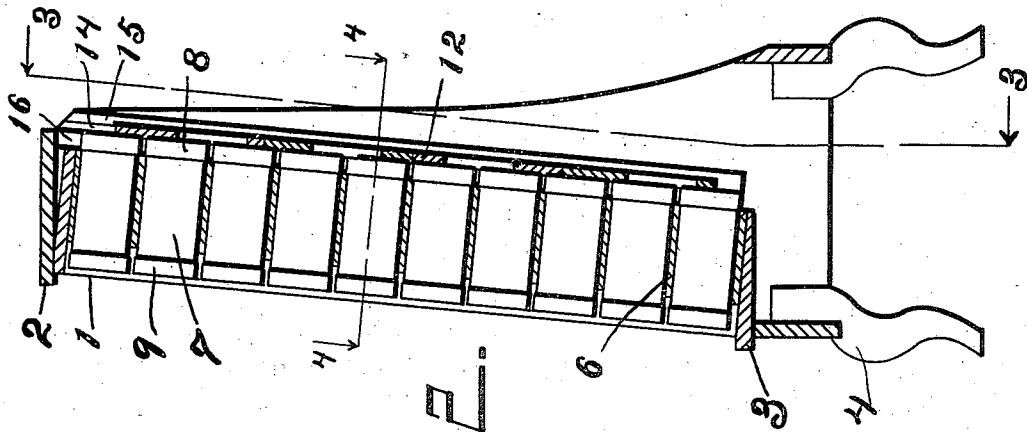


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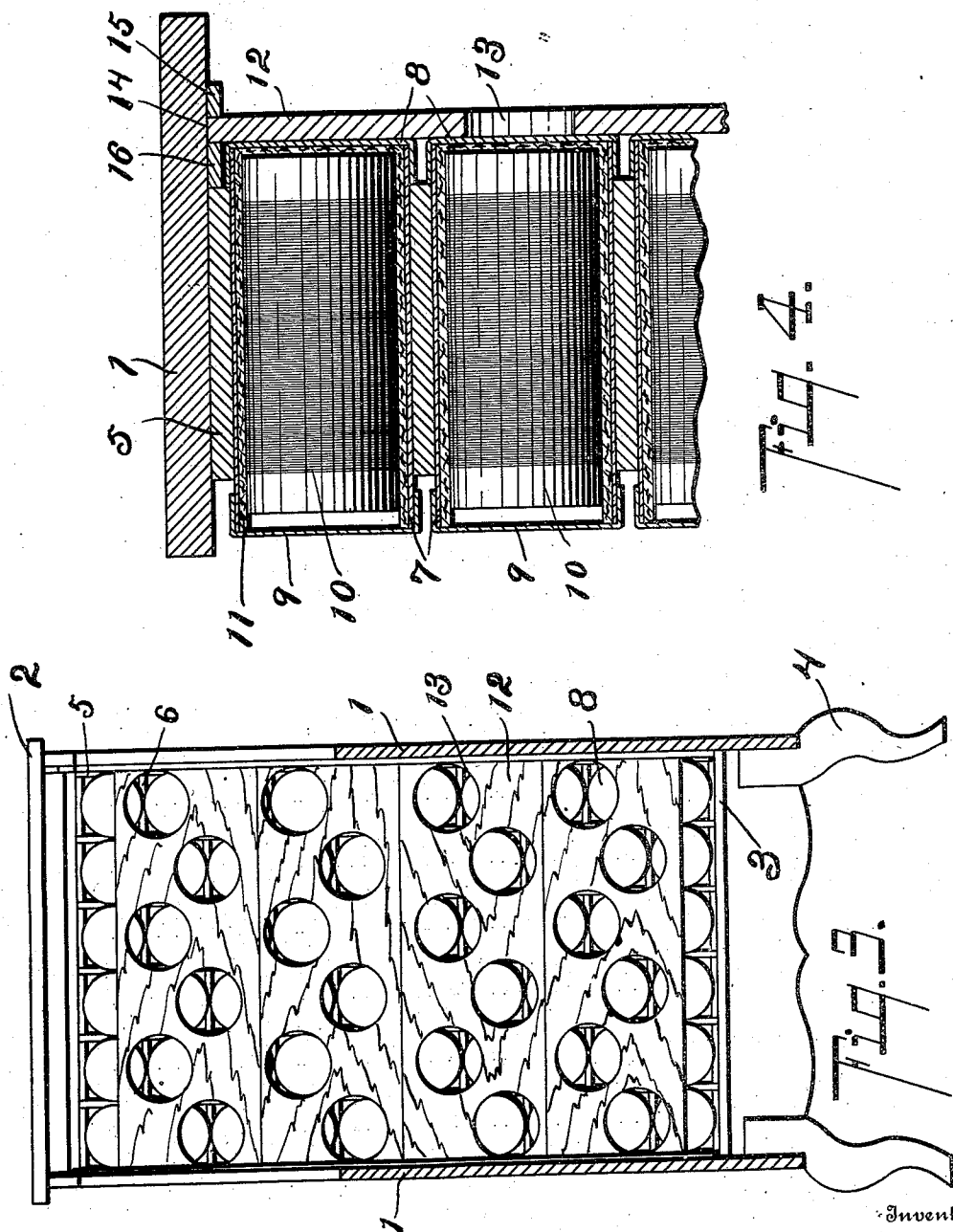
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. EDSSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Otsego, Allegan county, Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Phonographic-Record Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in racks or cabinets.

10 The main objects of this invention are: first, to provide an improved rack or cabinet for cylindrical phonographic records, which permits of the use of the original record boxes as receptacles for the records; second, 15 to provide an improved rack or cabinet for phonographic records by which they are so supported that all of the record boxes in the cabinet are in view, and, at the same time, are so supported and secured as to prevent 20 accidental displacement although they may be readily placed or removed from the cabinet; third, to provide an improved cabinet for phonographic records in which the records are effectively supported and are protected from dust and the like, and, at the 25 same time, are very accessible and may be quickly removed or inserted; and fourth, to provide an improved rack or cabinet which is of large capacity, and, at the same time, 30 is compact and economical in structure and one in which the articles may be quickly inserted or removed.

Further objects, and objects relating to details of construction, will definitely appear 35 from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

40 The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which,

45 Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved rack or cabinet; Fig. 2 is a vertical section, taken on a line corresponding to line 2—2 of Fig. 1, the record boxes being shown in full lines; Fig. 3 is a rear elevation, partially in section, taken on a line corresponding to the broken line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and 50 Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail section, taken on a line corresponding to line 4—4 of Fig. 2, the records being shown in full lines.

55 In the drawing, the sectional views are taken looking in the direction of the little

arrows at the ends of the section lines, and similar numerals of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, the frame or casing preferably consists of the side walls 1 connected by suitable top and bottom pieces 2 and 3. The casing is preferably provided with supporting legs, as 4. The rack or cabinet is provided with a plurality of compartments preferably formed by the horizontal 65 and vertical partitions 5 and 6, respectively. As the details of the securing of these partitions in proper relation forms no part of this invention, I have not illustrated the same 70 herein. These compartments are open at both front and rear, as clearly appears from the drawing, and are adapted to receive the phonographic record boxes. These record 75 boxes preferably consist of the cylindrical bodies 7 which are provided with bottoms 8, the bottoms being secured thereto as is the usual practice. The tops or covers 9 are made removable to permit the insertion or removal of the records, as 10. The 80 boxes are preferably provided with a felt or other suitable lining 11, so that the records are fully protected and are also wiped free from dust when they are inserted into or removed from the cabinet. The compartments are of such size as to receive the 85 record boxes when presented endwise thereto with their covers removed, the boxes being introduced from the rear of the cabinet. The covers may then be replaced and the record 90 is fully protected.

It is customary to place the title of the record on the cover so that the titles of all of the records may be read from the front of the cabinet when the covers are in position. 95 To avoid mistakes, I preferably place the title upon the projecting end of the record boxes, also, so that the covers are not likely to be changed. The boxes are retained in the compartments by means of a suitable 100 back, as 12, which is adjustably supported so that the openings 13 therein may be brought into register with the compartments, the openings being of such size as to permit of the insertion or removal of the record boxes 105 therethrough. The back is preferably slidably arranged in suitable ways 14 on the inside of the side walls 1, the ways being preferably formed by nailing cleats or strips 15 and 16 thereto, as clearly appears in Fig. 4. The 110 openings 13 in the back are preferably arranged in rows in zigzag series, which is of ad-

vantage on account of the compact arrangement of the compartments. This permits the back being made of light material, and, at the same time, be of sufficient strength.

5 It is evident, as I have stated, that the records arranged in my improved cabinet are all fully accessible and at the same time they are fully protected. The cabinet is of very large capacity in proportion to its size
10 and is at the same time an economical structure to produce.

I have illustrated and described my improved cabinet in detail in the form preferred by me on account of its structural
15 simplicity and economy. I am, however, aware that it is capable of considerable variation in structural details without departing from my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what
20 I claim as new and desire to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. In a rack or cabinet, the combination of a frame or casing with top, bottom and side walls; a plurality of partition walls arranged
25 in said frame to form compartments; a back for said cabinet having openings therein adapted to be brought into register with said compartments; and vertical ways for said back arranged on the inside of said side
30 walls.

2. A rack or cabinet comprising a casing divided into a plurality of compartments open at both the front and rear; and an
35 adjustable back for said cabinet having rows of openings therein adapted to be brought into register with said compartments, said openings being arranged in a zigzag series.

3. A rack or cabinet comprising a casing divided into a plurality of compartments
40 open at both the front and rear; and an adjustable back for said cabinet having openings therein adapted to be brought into register with said compartments.

4. In a structure of the class described, the
45 combination with a rack or cabinet, comprising

ing a casing divided into a plurality of compartments, open at both the front and rear, of boxes comprising cylindrical bodies and bottoms and tops therefor, said bottoms and tops being adapted to be capped upon the
50 bodies, and the bottoms being secured thereto, said compartments of said racks being adapted to receive said bodies when the same are presented endwise thereto with their
55 covers removed, and the said bottoms being adapted to prevent the withdrawal of said boxes from the front of the rack and their contents made accessible from the front of the
60 rack, said bodies projecting beyond the front edges of the rack compartments to receive the covers; and an adjustable back for said cabinet having openings therein through
65 which said boxes may be inserted or removed when said openings are brought into register with said compartments.

5. In a structure of the class described, the combination with a rack or cabinet, comprising a casing divided into a plurality of compartments, open at both the front and rear,
70 of boxes comprising cylindrical bodies and bottoms and tops therefor, said bottoms and tops being adapted to be capped upon the bodies, and the bottoms being secured thereto, said compartments of said racks being
75 adapted to receive said bodies when the same are presented endwise thereto with their covers removed, and the said bottoms being adapted to prevent the withdrawal of said boxes from the front of the rack and
80 their contents made accessible from the front of the rack, said bodies projecting beyond the front edges of the rack compartments to receive the covers.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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