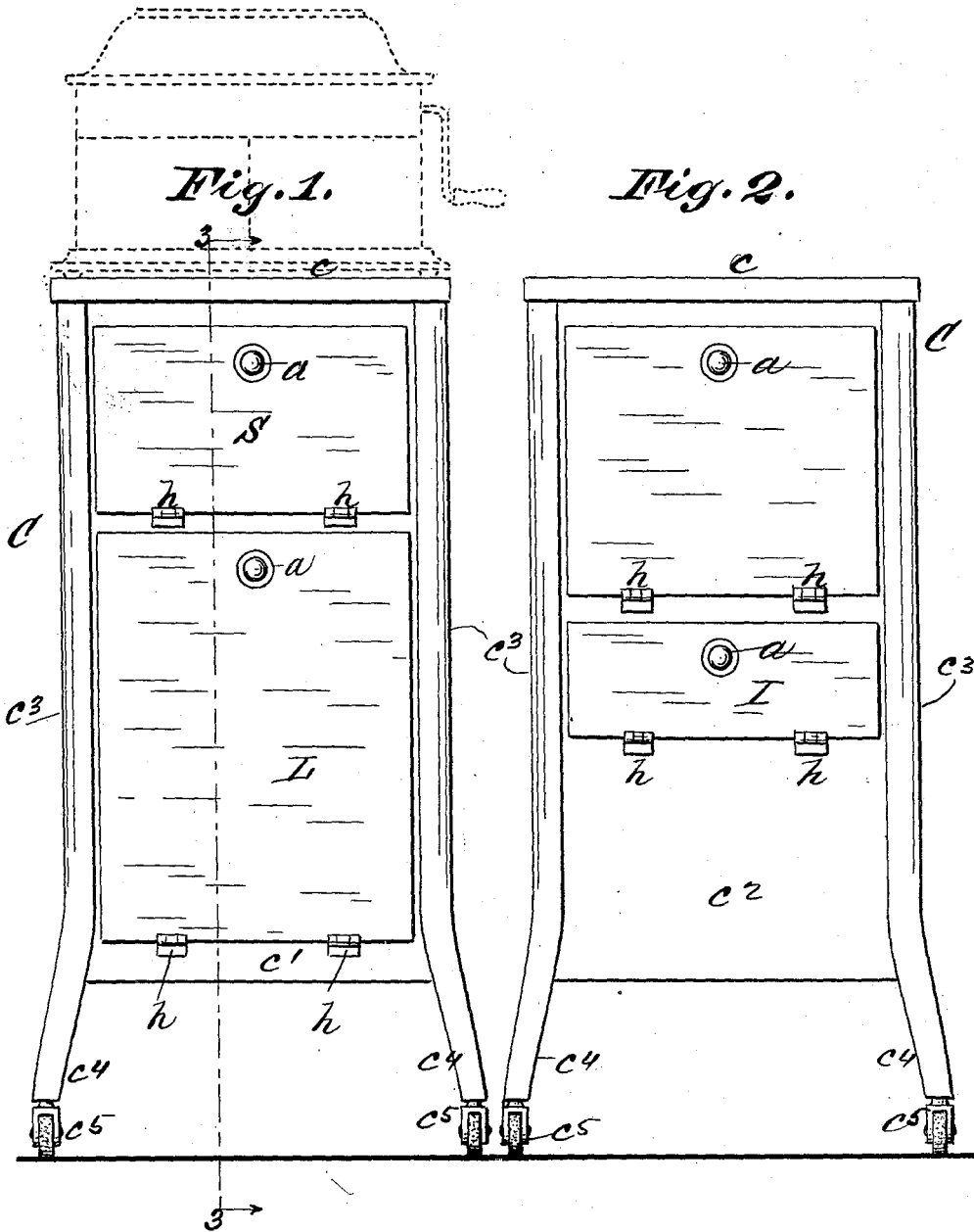


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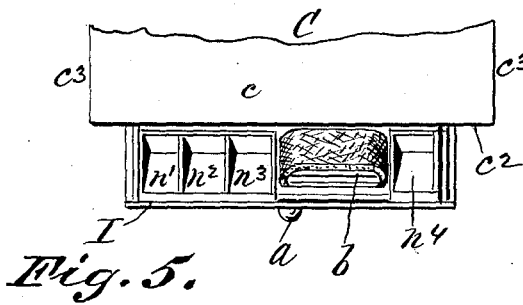


Fig. 5.

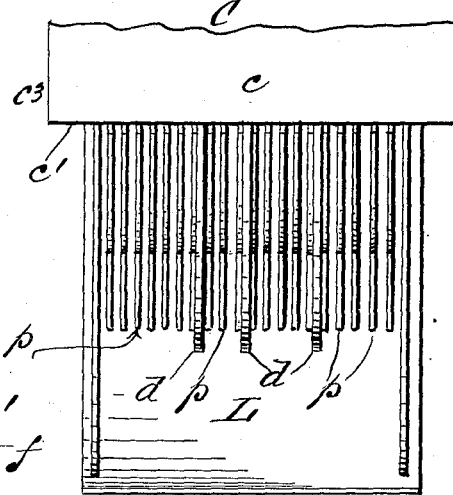


Fig. 4.

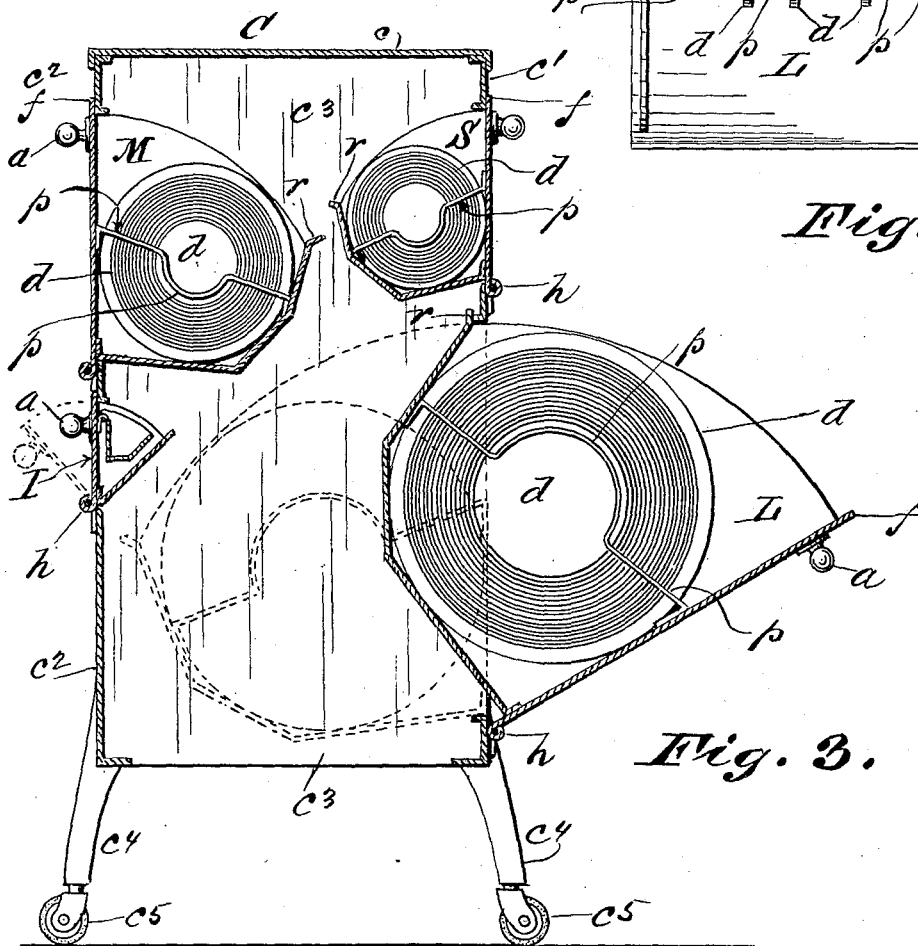


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS SHARLOW, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Yonkers, county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Containers for Phonographic Records, &c., of which the following is a specification.

While applicable for use for various analogous purposes my invention is designed more particularly to afford a simple, compact, cheap, light-weight container, for phonographic record disks, constructed in such manner that a maximum holding capacity is attained in a minimum of area,—the invention consisting essentially in nesting a plurality of hinged disks receptacles, each of a different size, in a common casing, for the accommodation of different sizes of disk records, etc.,—certain of said hinged receptacles being positioned in the casing on a side thereof opposite to the side on which the others are positioned so as to utilize and economize space, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings,

Figures 1 and 2, are elevations of the two facial sides of my phonographic record container;

Fig. 3, is a vertical section thereof taken upon plane of line 3—3, Fig. 1, with the larger disk receptacle open and accessible;

Fig. 4, is a view of a portion of the top of the container, showing the larger disk receptacle protuberant, as in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5, is a view of a portion of the top of the other side of the container, showing the relatively small auxiliary receptacle open and accessible.

Commercially considered, there are four standard sizes of phonographic disk records on the market, the smaller size being five inches in diameter and the largest twelve inches in diameter, the intervening sizes being respectively nine and ten inches in diameter. It is the object of my invention to afford accommodation for all these sizes of records, and for phonograph needles, etc., in a container that is adapted also for use as a stand or support for a phonograph. To this end I make my container C, with a flat top c , on which the ordinary detached portable phonograph may be placed when desired, so as to be in convenient proximity to the records, etc., stored below.

The container C, consists of an outer shell or casing formed essentially of the two opposite facial sides c' , c'' , the blank sides c^3 , and the top c , and is preferably made of relatively thin, light weight but rigid metal; and it is also preferably formed with legs c^4 , terminating in casters c^5 , to facilitate moving and turning so that either of the opposite facial sides c' , c'' , may be rendered conveniently accessible.

To one facial side c' , of the container C, is hinged the larger record receptacle L, and the smaller record receptacle S,—the smaller receptacle S, being positioned above the larger one L. In Fig. 3, the larger receptacle L, is shown in solid lines as opened up and protuberant, while its position when within the container C, is indicated by dotted lines, which latter it will be observed show that when so closed the larger receptacle L, occupies substantially the whole of the lower part of the container C. The positioning of the smaller record receptacle S, on the same side c' , and above the larger record receptacle L, leaves space in the container C, for the positioning (on the other facial side c'') of the medial sized record receptacle M, above that occupied by the larger record receptacle L, when closed, and between it and the intumed position of the smaller record receptacle S, as shown in Fig. 3,—a still smaller receptacle I, for incidentals, being also provided on this facial side c'' , of the container below the said medial record receptacle M, and between it and the intumed position of the larger record receptacle L, thus utilizing practically all the available space within the container C.

The hinges h , by which the several receptacles L, S, M, and I, are connected to the container C, may be of any desired or suitable form and construction; and each of said receptacles is formed with a front stop f , and a rear stop r , for contacting with the container in each extreme of position. Each receptacle is also provided with a handle a , to facilitate manipulation; and it is to be noted in this connection, that the receptacles are so hinged to the container that gravity will maintain them in either position,—i. e., advanced or retracted,—in both of which positions their centers of gravity are beyond the hinged support.

The record receptacles L, S, and M, are each formed with a series of partitions p ,

to afford lateral support for the record disks *d*, placed therein. I have herein shown these partitions *p*, as consisting of a series of spaced apart wires, for lightness and cheapness of construction, although I do not restrict myself in this respect, since other forms and structures of partition may be resorted to with like result in so far as the independent lateral support of the record disks *d*, is concerned.

The receptacle for incidentals, I, is provided with pockets or compartments *n*, *n*², *n*³, *n*⁴, adapted to hold needle points, as hard, medium, soft and discards; and these pockets may be made detachable. This receptacle I, also affords accommodation for the storage of a disk brush *b*.

The main or larger record receptacle L, is designed to accommodate the two larger sizes of record disks,—those of ten and twelve inch diameter respectively; while the small, five inch record disks are stored in the smaller receptacle S, and the nine inch records in the medial record receptacle M. Thus the various commercial grades of phonographic records may be stored compactly and conveniently in a relatively small area, and in such manner as to be readily acces-

sible, together with accessories used in connection therewith.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

The container described comprising opposed facial sides, opposed blank sides at right angles thereto, and a top, a receptacle for large records hinged to one facial side near the bottom thereof, a receptacle for smaller records hinged to the opposite facial side at a point at substantially the mid-height of the container, a receptacle for a smaller size record hinged to the same side as the first-named receptacle and above the latter and at a point substantially opposite the receptacle for smaller records, and a receptacle for needles, etc., hinged to the facial side opposite that to which the first-named receptacle is hinged, each receptacle being movable each independently of the others and closable into spaces intervening in position to those occupied by the remainder of the receptacles.

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