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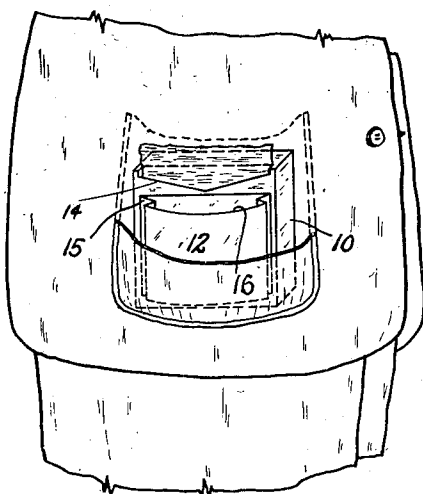


Fig. 1

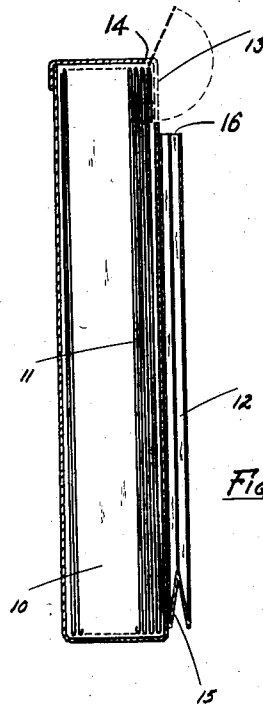


Fig. 2

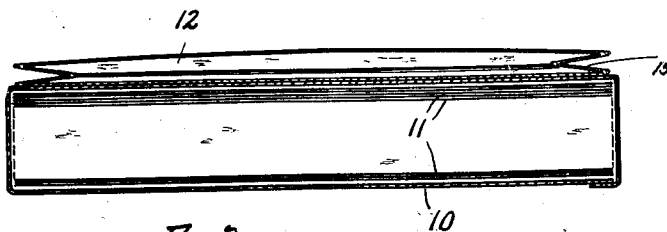


Fig. 3

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This invention relates generally to a holder or container for sanitary tissues but more particularly to a holder from which clean tissues may be dispensed for use and into which they may be disposed or received after use.

It has for one of its objects to provide a self-contained device of this character which is so designed as to be readily carried on one's person, and whereby the tissues can be conveniently dispensed for use as desired and as easily disposed of in a sanitary manner after use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a simple, compact and inexpensive dual-purpose tissue holder adapted for convenient use while contained in one's pocket or purse in a facile, non-awkward and non-embarrassing manner.

Other features of the invention reside in the construction and arrangement of parts herein-after described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tissue holder showing the same in position for use in one's pocket. Figure 2 is an enlarged transverse vertical section thereof. Figure 3 is a cross section of the same.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention shown in the drawing, my combination dispensing and disposing device for sanitary tissues is more particularly designed for portable use or for carrying on one's person, as for example, in one's pocket or in one's purse, and is so designed that the tissues may be readily dispensed from and easily disposed of by depositing them after use into the device in a facile and non-embarrassing manner. To this end it consists of a holder or packet of any appropriate shape or design to readily fit into one's pocket or purse and includes a main, comparatively rigid compartment 10 of substantially rectangular box-like form for containing a supply of clean tissues 11, and an auxiliary expandible compartment 12 disposed in cooperative relation with the clean tissue compartment for receiving the tissues after use. It is preferable that the tissues are stacked in any well-known interjoined or interfolded manner whereby after a tissue is removed from the compartment 10, an end of the next adjoining tissue in such compartment will be exposed or conveniently accessible for removal. At its upper end this clean tissue compartment is normally closed by a scored sealing flap 13 or the like to protect its contents before the device is put into use, and

when the container is to be used this flap is disconnected in an obvious manner to provide a resulting dispensing opening 14 for the ready removal of the clean tissues as they are desired for use. As shown in Figure 2, this closure flap 13 has been removed to provide the dispensing opening which faces generally upwardly and one of the tissues is shown with its end exposed for ready removal from the packet. By this construction, it will be noted from Figure 1, that the tissues are readily accessible for dispensing by the user merely inserting his hand in the pocket or purse in a natural manner and removing a tissue without any presence of awkwardness or clumsiness.

The used tissue-receiving or disposal compartment 12 is disposed alongside and parallel to the compartment 10 and is preferably associated with one of its side walls in the manner shown in the drawing. The bottom and side walls of this disposal compartment may be constructed with folds or plaits shown at 15 to permit the same to readily expand as required, while its upper end is left open, as indicated at 16, to provide for the ready insertion of a tissue, after use, into this compartment. By preference, the upper end of the disposal compartment terminates below the dispensing opening of the companion compartment 10 so that there is no interference between the dispensing and disposing operations as performed by the user, and like the dispensing act, the disposal of a used tissue into the compartment 12 can be accomplished in an easy, convenient and natural manner and without embarrassment to the user.

While this dual-purpose packet for sanitary tissues may be made of any appropriate material, whether opaque or transparent, it is desirable that the disposal compartment 12 be made of or lined with a moisture-proof material so that any moisture present in the used or soiled tissue will not permeate into the clean tissue compartment 10. In this connection, while the latter or main portion of the device may be made of cardboard or like material, its front or dividing wall between the companion compartments, as well as its top wall, may be made of a transparent material, such as Cellophane, whereby the condition of its contents can be readily observed.

I claim as my invention:

1. A combination dispensing and disposing device for sanitary tissues, comprising a packet adapted to be carried in and for use from one's pocket and having a comparatively rigid, box-like compartment for clean tissues arranged in a

predetermined fashion for individually dispensing them for use as desired, said compartment having a dispensing opening adjacent its upper end through which an individual tissue is exposed for withdrawal by the user, and an expansible compartment for receiving used tissues disposed alongside and in substantially parallel relation with the companion compartment and including expansible side walls, said receiving compartment being open at its upper end in a plane adjoining that of the dispensing compartment opening.

2. A combination dispensing and disposing device for sanitary tissues, comprising a packet adapted to be carried in and for use from one's pocket and having a comparatively rigid, box-

like compartment for clean tissues arranged in a predetermined fashion for individually dispensing them for use as desired, said compartment having an upwardly-facing dispensing opening at its upper end through which an individual tissue is exposed for withdrawal by the user, and an expansible compartment for receiving used tissues disposed alongside and in substantially parallel relation with the companion compartment and including expansible side walls, said receiving compartment being open at its upper end and terminating thereat below the plane of the dispensing compartment opening.

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