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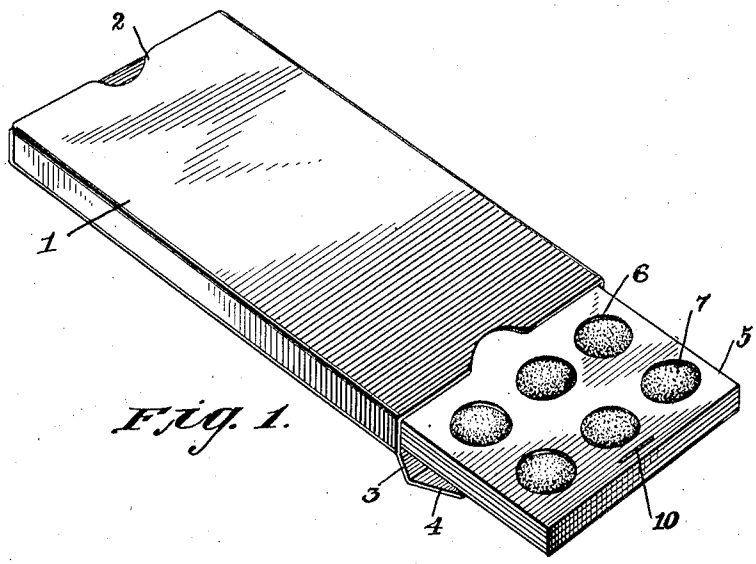


Fig. 1.

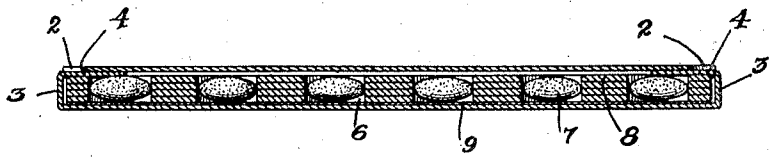


Fig. 2.

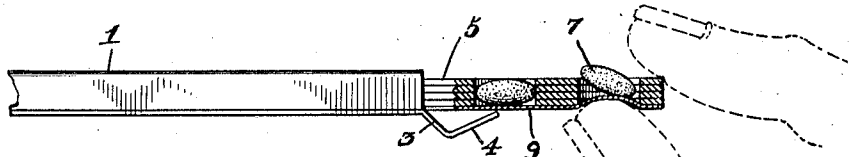


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates generally to that type of container comprising an inner slidable portion and an outer cover portion, the inner portion being designed to provide independent receptacles adapted to contain various articles. More specifically, the invention relates to a container that serves both as a receptacle for medicinal tablets and as a counter therefor.

An object of the invention is to provide a container whereby the inner or receptacle portion affords adjustable holders for medicinal tablets, so that by the exercise of finger pressure, the said tablets may be raised to a position for convenient removal.

Another object of the invention is to provide a container, the inner portion of which may serve both as a counter and a plurally constructed receptacle for medicinal tablets.

Another object of the invention is to afford a container whereby tablets used for one purpose may be segregated from tablets used for another purpose.

These objects and other incidental ends and advantages will appear incidentally in the progress of this disclosure. The following drawing being part hereof shows a preferred embodiment of the invention, wherein corresponding reference characters designate corresponding views.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a preferred form of the invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal, central and transverse section of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of Figure 1.

In the drawing, 1 represents the external portion of the container and serves as a sleeve for the inner receptacle portion 5. As shown, 1 is preferably in the form of a rectangular parallelepiped having a relatively small height. Covering 1 on the upper face thereof and along the outer edges is provided with centrally disposed excavations 2, to allow for the displacements in either direction of the slidable receptacle portion 5, as will hereinafter be more fully described. As shown, the edges of the lower face of 1 are provided with flaps, the flaps being creased to form portions 3 and 4. The purpose of the flaps is merely to enclose the outer edges of slidable and receptacle portion 5 of the container when the latter is in a normal position with respect to covering 1. It is understood, of course, that the flaps may be omitted, although they serve as end stops for receptacle portion 5, where the latter is in loose bearing relation with outer covering 1. By diminishing sliding clearance between 5 and 1, the container, the subject matter of this invention, may omit the use of the aforementioned flaps. Sliding receptacle portion 5 is provided with an aligned series of pockets 6 for medicinal tablets 7.

8 represents the thickness of inner portion 5 of the container and, as shown in the accompanying drawing, comprises a series of slabs of material superimposing one another to form an integral body. It is understood that the body 5 may be made of solid material, depending upon the economy and the ease of manufacture.

Pockets 6 preferably penetrate the receptacle portion of the container throughout the depth thereof, the underside of the said container 5 having lining 9 affixed thereto to form a stop for pockets 6. Finger-pressable lining 9 may be made of any material that is sufficiently yieldable to permit the contiguous portions to pockets 6 to assume a convex form the full width of the pocket, as illustrated in Figure 3, by the application of finger pressure. In this manner any article, such as medicinal tablet 7 in one of the pockets 6, may be raised above the upper surface of 5 and be in a position of easy removal therefrom. It is also within the scope of this invention to permit lining 9 for the under-surface of 5 to be broken by finger pressure at points contiguous to pockets 6 when it is desired to raise tablet 7 from the same.

10 represents transverse slits situated centrally on the upper surface of 5 proximate to the upper outer edges and serving as grip or fingernail excavations for applied pressure towards sliding inner member 5 of the container from either edge of covering 1.

As has been before mentioned, an element of the invention resides in the double function of the receptacle portion of the container. Portion 5, which may be designated as a tray, is utilized as a counter tray 5 upon being scooped or dipped through a container of tablets upon emerging will contain a tablet in each pocket. The sizes of the pockets of tray 5 may be varied in accordance with the size of the tablets to be used, while generally the shape of the pockets may also assume any geometric form. Moreover, certain portions of the tray may be given to one variety of pill, while other portions may be given to another variety. This may be accomplished by exposing a portion of tray 5 from container 1 and scooping the same through a store of one variety of tablet. When this act is accomplished, that portion of the tray with its pockets filled is covered by container 1 and the empty pockets

of tray 5 are exposed to another variety of tablets.

The container 1, which covers the full size of the tray 5, may by any means indicate the nature and kind of pills in the several portions or areas of tray 5.

I wish it understood that the container, as described, may be made of any material conducive to the purposes for which it is used; but cardboard, hard paper or composition is preferable.

I wish it also understood that minor changes and variations in the size, location, and composition of the several parts of the invention may all be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, nor departing from the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a medicinal container, comprising a covering, a tray in said covering, comprising a plurality of superimposed slabs forming an integral body, said slabs provided with pockets formed therethrough, finger-nail receiving excavations only in the upper slab of said tray and at opposite ends of said upper slab, and a lining over the bottom of said tray and closing the inner ends of said pockets.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a medicinal tablet container comprising a two-way open-ended covering, a slidable tray in said covering and adapted to be projected from either end, said tray provided with pockets, each pocket having an open bottom the same size or width as the pocket, and a finger-pressable yieldable lining adapted to assume an unbroken convex form in each pocket over the bottom of said tray and closing the entire open bottom of each pocket, whereby said finger-pressable lining can be projected into either pocket its full width in said convex form and in an unbroken condition for facilitating the removal of a tablet therefrom, substantially as shown and described.

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