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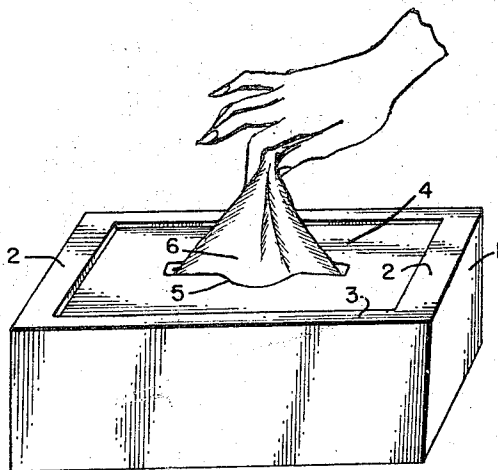


FIG. 1

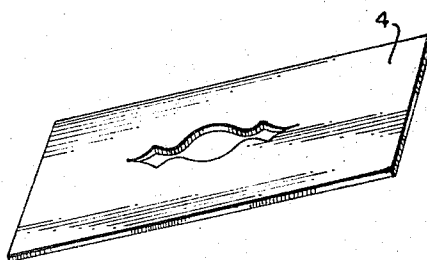
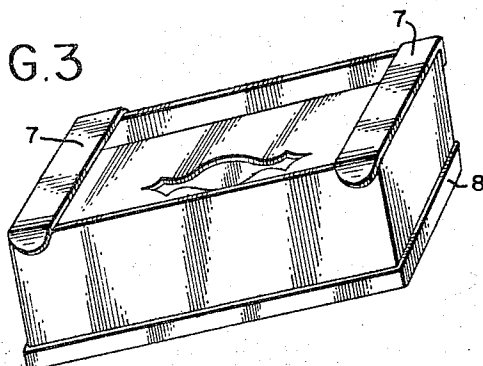


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This invention relates to improvements in tissue dispensers, and more particularly to an improved dispenser for a quantity pack of tissues whereby they are kept substantially protected from dust and germs, and each one is accessible for withdrawal up to the very last one. In the popular deep box packages, the last ones are difficult to reach. Our device is suitable for manufacture in such materials as plastic, cardboard or metal.

A further object of our invention is to provide a dispenser with the foregoing advantages without having to open and close a cover each time a tissue is desired for use.

Still another object of the invention is to provide for the attainment of the foregoing advantages together with the provision for a new, simple and different manner of filling and refilling the dispenser.

These and other objects will be apparent from the following specification, when taken with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the dispenser with a tissue being withdrawn from it.

FIGURE 2 is a perspective view of the loose inlay device or cover of the assembly.

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the device having affixed end portions, showing the embodiment in which the cover is dropped down on a portion of tissues.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, our dispenser comprises a body portion 1 of which the top is open except for narrow inwardly projected ledges 2 at the ends which could be extended around the sides as shown at 3. An inlay 4 which we may call a magic cover, loosely fits the interior of the box and rests upon the top of the pack of tissues in the box. The inlay 4 has a small central aperture 5 adaptable for permitting the thumb and finger to grasp a tissue, the opening becoming smaller at each side, terminating in short, narrow or pointed ends. It will be perceived that as the tissue 6 is pulled through this small aperture 5 for withdrawal the cover 4 is forced to move upward with it. Thus the tissue 6 is not released until the cover 4 contacts the overhanging ledges 2 and 3 at the top when, as the tissue is withdrawn, the cover 4 drops down to rest on the next tissue to be plucked. Thus it can be seen that the cooperative functioning of the ledges 2 and 3, the cover 4, and the aperture 5 accomplishes a unique dispensing procedure. A further advantage of our device can be perceived in the opportunity it provides for unusual placements of decorations. Also it will be perceived that the ledges 2 and 3 are not required to have straight inside edges, and therefore could incorporate a decorative element in their outline, as well as being further enhanced with decorations applied, embossed, pierced or printed.

The end portions 7 in FIGURE 3 may be made separately and affixed in a manner to be movable and swing backward over the ends of the container 1, to expose the entire interior, so that a pack of tissues can easily be dropped therein. These end portions 7 may also be entirely removable, and certain flexible plastic materials or

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small inner projections on them would allow them to be clamped easily and firmly onto the box 1 after refilling.

The frame 8 shown at the base of the embodiment in FIGURE 3 could be molded in one with the dispenser 1 or could be in one with a separately attached bottom on which the box-like structure sets, when the dispenser 1 may be filled from the bottom.

While we have shown and described two specific embodiments of our invention it will be understood that we do not wish to be limited exactly thereto since various modifications may be made without departing from the scope of our invention as defined in the following claims.

We claim:

1. A tissue dispensing device comprising a box-like container adapted to contain a stack of tissues, said container having opposed side walls and end walls, being open at the top, a cover loosely positioned within said container for free vertical movement therein, said cover extending into relatively close proximity to said side and end walls and being adapted to rest on the stack of tissues in said container and move downwardly as the stack is depleted, a small dispensing aperture in said cover through which the tissues may be withdrawn one at a time, a narrow ledge extending in normal position across the open top of the container, adjacent each end wall and extending inwardly therefrom to engage and prevent withdrawal of the cover from the container as a tissue is being drawn through said small dispensing aperture, each of said ledges extending over the upper edges of said side walls and terminating in downwardly extending tabs pivoted to said side walls so that said ledges may be swung outwardly over said end walls to permit removal of said cover and refilling of said container with tissues.

2. A tissue dispensing device comprising a box-like container adapted to contain a stack of tissues, said container having opposed side walls and end walls, being open at the top, a cover loosely positioned within said container for free vertical movement therein, said cover extending into relatively close proximity to said side and end walls and being adapted to rest on the stack of tissues in said container and move downwardly as the stack is depleted, a small dispensing aperture in said cover through which the tissues may be withdrawn one at a time, a narrow ledge extending in normal position across the open top of the container, adjacent each end wall and extending inwardly therefrom to engage and prevent withdrawal of the cover from the container as a tissue is being drawn through said small dispensing aperture, each of said ledges extending over the upper edges of said side walls and terminating in downwardly extending tabs resiliently and removably gripping the outer surfaces of said side walls so that said ledges may be removed from said container to permit release of said cover and refilling of said container with tissues.

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