This invention relates to a cabinet or container designed primarily for use in containing and dispensing paper sacks used in packaging articles when purchased at stores.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will maintain the sacks in their extended positions eliminating any possibility of the sacks becoming rumpled or damaged when they are being removed from the device.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a spring arm which acts as a follower in forcing the sacks towards the opening of the container, through which the sacks are pulled, when being removed from the container.

Another object of the invention is to provide means whereby the tension of the spring may be relieved and the spring moved to a position exteriorly of the container, to permit the container to be loaded with sacks, with facility.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing,

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a combined sack container and dispensing device, constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmental perspective view, illustrating the lower end of the spring follower arm and pivoted plate by means of which the arm is supported.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the spring arm tensioning members.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the body portion of the device is indicated generally by the reference character 5, the body portion being box-like in formation having a curved upper end or top 6 and a discharge opening 7 formed adjacent to the upper front edge of the body portion, through which the sacks are removed from the container.

The bottom of the container is indicated by the reference character 8 and has its forward edge extended upwardly as at 9 providing a stop against which the lower ends of the sacks held within the container, are positioned when the container is loaded.

The rear of the container is open so that ready access to the interior of the container through the rear thereof, may be had.

Pivotedly mounted within the body portion is the plate 10 which has ears 11 that extend downwardly from the rear corners thereof, the ears 11 having openings to receive the pivot pins 12 that extend inwardly from the side walls of the body portion. A bar indicated by the numeral 13 is secured to the plate 10, the ends of the bar 13 having openings to accommodate the bolts 14, which bolts also extend through the plate 10 where they are provided with nuts to secure the bar 13 in position. This bar 13 clamps the lower end of the spring 15 to the plate 10, the spring 15 providing an arm of a yieldable character, which acts as a follower to force the sacks held in the container, forwardly within the container so that they may be removed through the discharge opening 7.

Pivotedly mounted on the inner surfaces of the side walls of the container, are the arms 16 that have right angled ends 17, which right angled ends move into contact with the plate 10 to tension the spring arm 15 and hold the spring arm against the sacks contained in the device.

As shown by Fig. 1 of the drawing, the front of the container is also open, and is provided with inwardly extended flanges 18 against which the sacks engage, as they are being forced forwardly, by the spring arm 15.

As clearly shown by Fig. 2 of the drawing, the spring arm 15 is curved as at 19 so that it will conform to the curvature of the sacks held within the container and hold the sacks in position for being removed readily.

In loading the container, the arms 16 are moved to the dotted line positions as shown by Fig. 2 of the drawing, and the spring arm 15 together with its plate 10 are swung rearwardly to the dotted line position in Fig. 2. This leaves the container open and free to receive the pile or pack of sacks used in loading the container. In positioning the sacks, the open ends of the sacks are disposed downwardly with the folded portions 19 of the sacks arranged so that they will spring outwardly through the discharge opening 7 so that the folded ends of the sacks may be readily gripped and pulled, removing the sacks from the container.

From the foregoing it will be seen that due to the construction shown and described, I have provided a combined paper sack container and dispensing device which will maintain the sacks in their extended unwrinkled condition at all
Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A paper sack container comprising a cabinet having side walls, a bottom and curved top, the front and rear of the cabinet being open, stops adjacent to the open front against which sacks held in the cabinet are forced, a pivoted plate mounted within the cabinet adjacent to the bottom thereof, a spring arm secured to the plate and extending upwardly therefrom, said spring arm engaging the sacks held within the cabinet, pivoted arms secured to the inner surfaces of the side walls, said arms having right angled ends engageable with the said plate holding the plate inwardly and tensioning said spring arm, said arms mounted on the side walls of the cabinet adapted to swing outwardly away from said plate, whereby said plate and spring arm are moved rearwardly from the cabinet providing a space for loading the cabinet with sacks.

2. A paper sack container comprising a cabinet having side walls, a bottom and curved top, the front and rear of the cabinet being open, flanges arranged along the open front of the cabinet against which sacks are pressed, a pivoted plate mounted within the body portion, a spring arm secured to the plate and extending upwardly therefrom, said spring arm being curved, conforming to the curvature of the top of the cabinet, forcing sacks forwardly within the cabinet, plate engaging arms pivotally mounted within the cabinet and being movable into engagement with said plate holding the plate in its normal active position tensioning the spring arm, and said plate engaging arms adapted to swing rearwardly releasing the plate for outward rearward movement, when loading the cabinet with sacks for dispensing.

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