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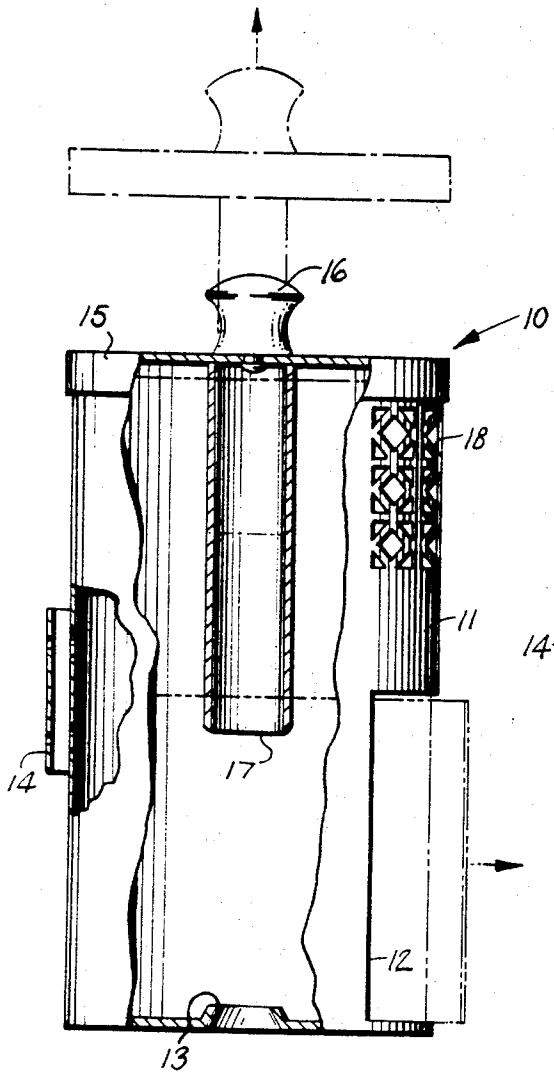


Fig. 1

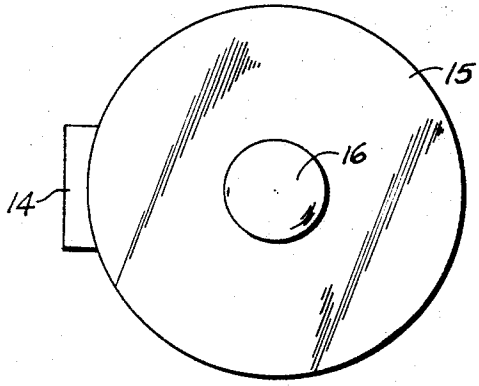


Fig. 2

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cylindrical dispenser holding on a vertical axis two or more tissue rolls so as to have them readily available when needed. The only movable part, the lid, has a permanently fixed tubular guide extending from its under surface for positioning the tissue rolls allowing them to turn easily.

Brief summary of invention

A toilet tissue holder comprising, a cylindrical housing adapted to hold two rolls of toilet tissue positioned one upon the other, said housing including an opening at its top end, the roller portion of said side wall of said housing having a cutout for removing the toilet tissue or the tissue roll from said housing, means for centrally supporting the bottom roll of said toilet tissue within said housing but allowing it to turn freely, a cover having a downwardly positioned guide member to support the upper roll of said toilet tissue thereon when not in use, said guide member extending downwardly beyond the dispensing opening to a point wherein the distance between said guide member and said means for centrally supporting the bottom roll is less than the thickness of said bottom roll whereby the bottom portion of said guide member acts to align the bottom roll onto the central supporting means and whereby said bottom portion in cooperation with said central supporting means acts as the pivot points about which said bottom roll freely rotates, and mounting means for securing said housing to a flat surface.

This invention relates to storage devices, and more particularly a toilet tissue holder.

It is therefore the main purpose of this invention to provide a toilet tissue holder which is adapted to dispense rolled toilet tissue which is adapted to position for use when the supply of tissue on the first roll has been exhausted.

Another object of this invention is to provide a toilet tissue holder which includes a plurality of symmetrically disposed perforations for the purpose of visualizing the contents of said holder.

Another object of this invention is to provide a toilet tissue holder wherein the additional roll of tissue is readily available by merely removing the cardboard center roller of the first roll of tissue from said holder.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a toilet tissue holder which is relatively inexpensive to manufacture, may be reasonably priced, adapted to be used in bathrooms, is of sturdy construction, is of simple construction, and being provided with a mounting bracket for affixing said holder to a flat surface.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein a satisfactory embodiment of the invention is shown. However, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the details disclosed but includes all such variations and modifications as fall within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a side view of this invention shown in elevation and partly broken away.

FIGURE 2 is a top plan view of FIGURE 1.

According to this invention a toilet tissue holder **10** is provided with a cylindrical casing or housing **11**. A generally rectangular cutout **12** is provided at the bottom-side portion of housing **11** to allow convenient removal of the cardboard center (not shown) from housing **11**. An upwardly extending bottom guide is suitably centered on the bottom portion of housing **11** and is designed to extend into the center portion of the tissue roll, keeping it aligned but at the same time, allowing it to rotate freely. A circular cover **15** encloses the opening of housing **11**. A cylindrical guide member is secured to the center portion of cover **15** for maintaining the top roll of toilet tissue thereon and extending into the center portion of the bottom roll so that said bottom roll may be unwound easily and conveniently. The top portion of said cover **15** is provided with a knob **16** for inserting and removing said cover **15** and said guide **17** to and from the housing **11**. It will also be noted that a plurality of symmetrical perforations or openings **18** is provided on the upper portion of housing **11**, so that it is possible to visualize the contents within upper portion of housing **11** without having to remove cover **15**. In addition, one side of housing **11** is suitably provided with a mounting bracket **14** which is secured thereto in a known manner. Said mounting bracket **14** is designed to firmly affix housing **11** to a flat surface such as bathroom wall, etc. Bracket **14** may be affixed to said surface by any known means such as screws, nails, gluing, etc.

While various changes and alterations may be made in the detailed construction of this invention, it is understood that such changes and alterations will be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

What I now claim is:

1. A toilet tissue holder comprising, in combination, a cylindrical housing adapted to hold two rolls of toilet tissue positioned one upon the other, said housing including an opening at its top end, the roller portion of said side wall of said housing having a cutout for removing the toilet tissue or the tissue roll from said housing, the upper portion of said side wall of said housing having a plurality of perforations to allow inspection of the contents within said housing, means for centrally supporting the bottom roll of said toilet tissue within said housing but allowing it to turn freely, a cover having a downwardly positioned guide member to support the upper roll of said toilet tissue thereon when not in use, said guide member extending downwardly beyond the dispensing opening to a point wherein the distance between said guide member and said means for centrally supporting the bottom roll is less than the thickness of said bottom roll whereby the bottom portion of said guide member acts to align the bottom roll onto the central supporting means and whereby said bottom portion in cooperation with said central supporting means acts as the pivot points about which said bottom roll freely rotates, and mounting means for securing said housing to a flat surface.

2. The combination according to claim **1**, wherein said means for centrally supporting the bottom roll of said toilet tissue includes an upwardly extending perforation of a diameter which is not as great as the inside diameter of the cardboard roll supporting said toilet tissue.

3. The combination according to claim **2**, wherein the top portion of said cover is provided with a knob to facilitate grasping means when it is desired to remove cover from said housing.

4. The combination according to claim **1**, wherein said mounting means include a mounting bracket suitably attached to a side wall of said housing, and said bracket having a plurality of holes to admit fasteners therein for securing said housing to a flat surface.

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