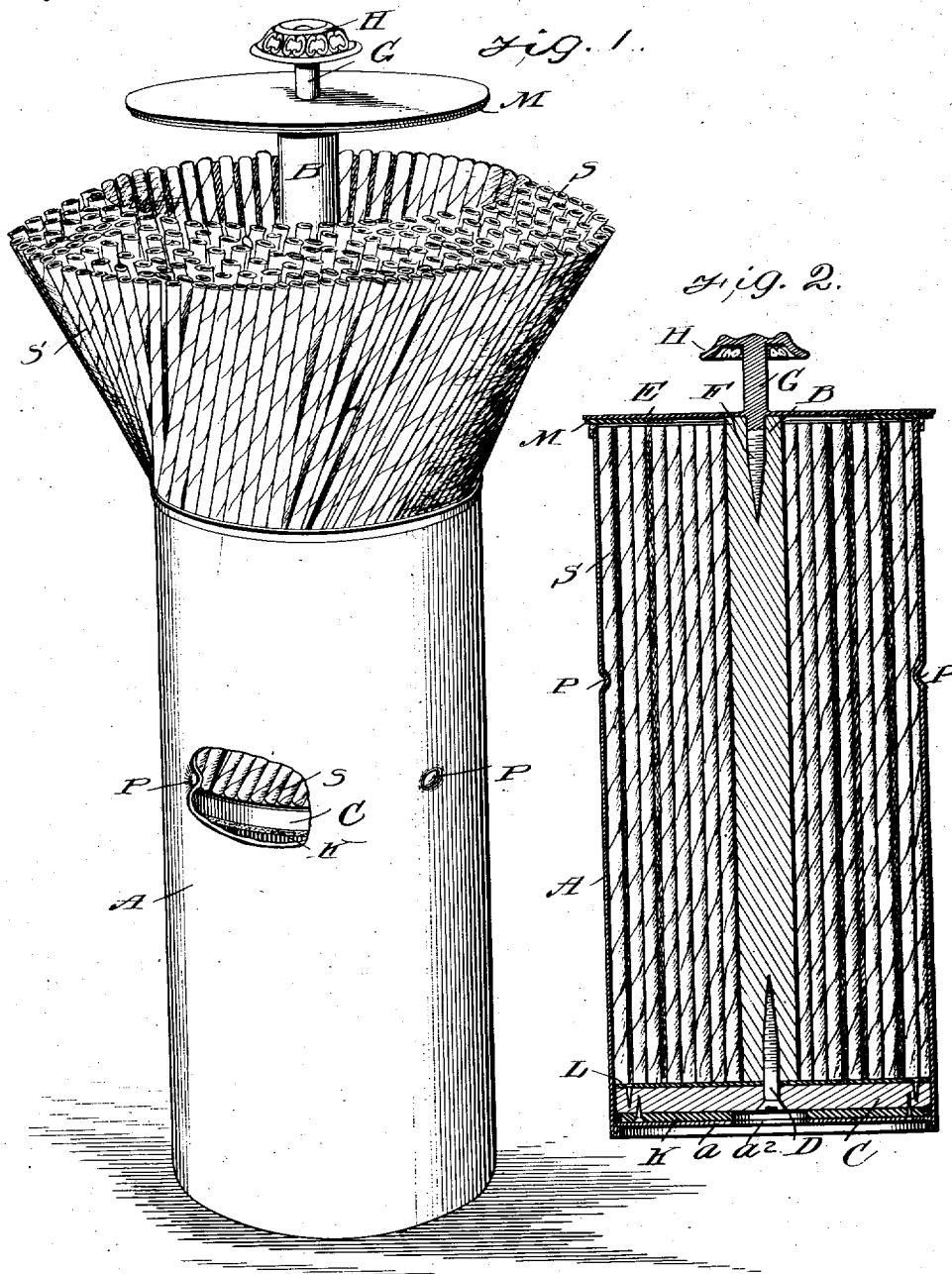


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM BERMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Straw-Dispensers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in means for dispensing straws to be used at soda fountains and the like, and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a retainer for holding the straws which will keep them in a sanitary condition, free from dust and germs, and which will permit them to be readily withdrawn for use.

A further object of my invention is to provide means for raising the straws into position for extraction from the receiver, so that the latter will automatically assume such position.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device in which the straws may be instantly brought into a compact mass for retention in the holder.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the device will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my invention in operative position, and, Fig. 2 is a cylindrical section showing the device closed.

Referring now to the drawings, I have shown a cylindrical holder A, which may be made of metal, glass, paper, or any other suitable material. This holder is provided with a bottom *a* having a central perforation or opening *a*<sup>2</sup> therethrough. Within the holder A, I arrange a slidable carrier comprising a central rod B, at the bottom end of which is secured a cylindrical member C which fits inside of the cylinder A. The means for securing the member C to the rod B is preferably a screw D. At the top of the rod B is secured a plate or cover E, which has an integral screw F by which it is attached to the rod B, and is provided with an upwardly extending handle G, terminating

in a rosette or other ornamental knob H. To the under side of the bottom member C of the carrier is secured a layer of resilient material K, while above the member is secured a similar layer L. The bottom of the plate or cover E is also provided with a piece of resilient material M. At P I have shown two stamped portions, which form inwardly projecting lugs to limit the movement of the carrier.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. In filling the receiver, the handle H is grasped and the carrier is lifted until its bottom engages the lugs P. The straws S are then placed in the receiver and tend to assume the positions shown in Fig. 1. Now by lowering the handle, the cover E will come into contact with the top of the receiver, while the straws will assume the positions shown in Fig. 2, the resilient cushions K, L and M rendering the device noiseless. Now when it is desired to extract a straw, the handle H is grasped and pulled upwardly, and as the upper ends of the straws emerge from the receiver they tend to spread out in the positions as shown in Fig. 1, beyond the edges of the handle H. At the same time their upper ends will spread. This permits the ready extraction of one or more of the straws. Now by simply lowering the carrier, the straws will instantly be forced into the compact position shown in Fig. 2. The opening *a*<sup>2</sup> serves to permit the entrance and exit of air and insures the easy operation of the device.

The holder is of light weight and may be readily transferred. It may be placed on the counter and forms a neat and attractive article, besides keeping the straws in a sanitary condition.

I claim:

1. In a dispensing apparatus, an outer cylinder having a perforation in its bottom, a carrier comprising a central rod, a lower plate arranged to fit within said outer cylinder, an upper plate secured to said rod and constituting a cover for said outer cylinder, and an integral handle projecting upwardly from said cover.

2. In a straw dispensing device, an outer

cylinder, a carrier comprising a central rod, a lower plate arranged to fit within said cylinder secured to said rod and constituting a support for the straws, an upper plate secured to said rod and constituting a cover for said cylinder, an upwardly projecting handle for said cover, and means carried by

said outer cylinder for limiting the movement of the carrier.

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