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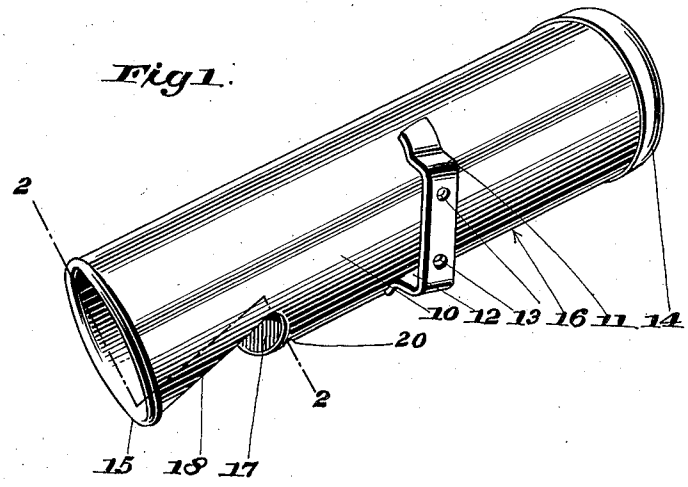


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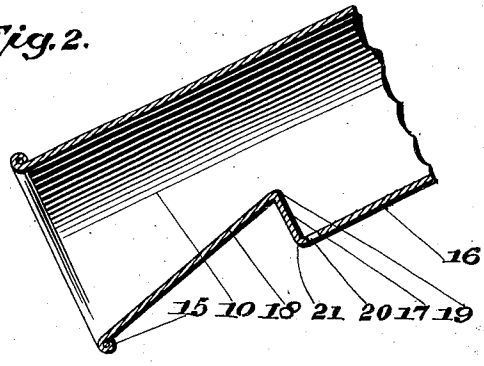


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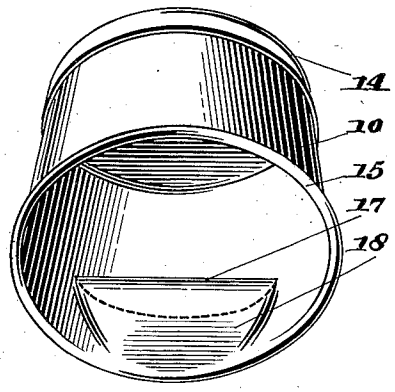


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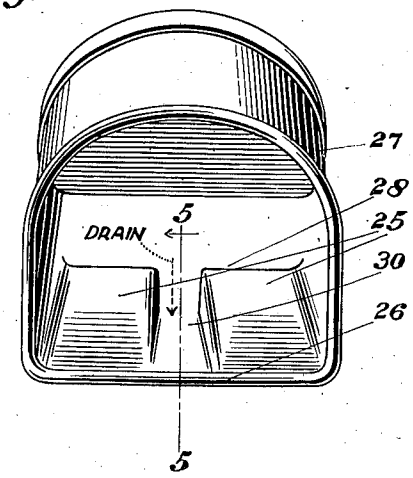
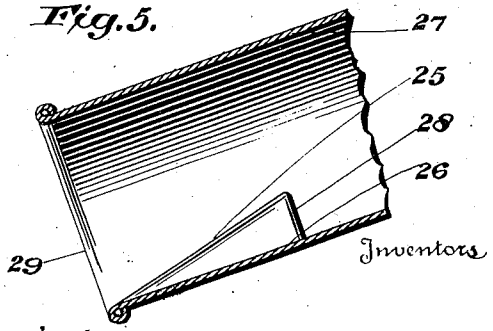


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This invention relates to holders for newspapers and magazines, and is more particularly directed to the type of container described and claimed in our co-pending applications filed herewith.

An object of the invention is the provision of a simple yet effective container for newspapers and magazines, the container being secured at an angle to a post along the roadside in rural districts for the reception of newspapers and magazines in such a manner that the said newspapers, etc. may be inserted into or readily removed from the containers while the papers are maintained in a dry state under various weather conditions.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a container for newspapers disposed at an angle to the horizontal along the roadside of rural communities and connected to posts at an angle to the horizontal, said container having integrally formed abutment means for engaging one end of the newspaper to prevent accidental loss of the paper from the container.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification; nevertheless, it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications as define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a newspaper container constructed in accordance with the principles of our invention,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary vertical section taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is an end view of the container shown in Figs. 1 and 2,

Figure 4 is a modified form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary vertical section taken along the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring more particularly to Fig. 1 of the drawing, 10 designates a container which may have any suitable configuration in cross sectional area for the reception of newspapers, magazines, etc. This container is provided with a U-shaped bracket 11 having legs 12 welded or riveted to the side wall of the container. The bracket is provided with perforations 13 to receive bolts for securing the container to a post. The container may be rigidly secured to the post or the post may be provided with a plate having slots with bolts for adjusting the angular position with respect to the horizontal of the container so that its position may be varied to suit individual needs of the carrier.

One end of the container is closed, as shown at 14, while the opposite or lower end is open as shown at 15. The container may be made of metal or any material suitable for the purpose.

The container may be cast of metal or composition material or it may be formed of metal in the usual manner but in either instance the bottom 16 of the container is provided with an abutment 17 adjacent the lower open end 15. When the containers are manufactured the abutments may be stamped or cast. On the other end where the containers have already been manufactured the abutments 17 and the inclined supplementary bottom wall 18 may be stamped into the bottom of the ordinary container now in use.

Referring more particularly to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the abutment 17 forms a flat rigid wall which is at a right angle to the vertical so that the portion 18 is inclined downwardly from the upper end 19 of the abutment 17 to open end 15 of the container 10. A perforation 20 is provided adjacent the lower edge 21 of the abutment 17 where said lower edge joins the bottom 16 of the container so that if any moisture enters the container it may drain through the opening 20. However, it must be borne in mind that the container 10 is disposed at such an angle and the abutment 17 is sufficiently removed from the open end 15 to prevent rain from being forced into the open end.

The abutment 17 is of sufficient height to engage an end of the folded newspaper or magazine to prevent accidental discharge but the height is such that the magazine or newspaper may be readily removed.

In the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5 we provide a pair of indented portions 25 adjacent the side walls and located inwardly of the open end 26 of the container 27. These indented portions may be impressed into the container now in use or they may be stamped into the bottom of the container during the manufacture of the same. The indented portion provides an abutment 28 to prevent accidental discharge of the newspaper or magazine from the open end 29 of the container. The advantage of the pair of smaller abutments 28 and the indentations 25 provides a channel or passage 30 between the abutments whereby the operator may insert his finger to raise the newspaper above the abut-

ments 28 and facilitate the removal of the same, and further, to drain any water from the container.

Where "newspaper" is employed it is intended to convey the idea that it will include newspapers of all descriptions, magazines, circulars, or any other kind of papers which are delivered by carriers, either on foot or by vehicular transportation.

By the use of the abutment the carrier will be required to force the newspapers entirely within the container to place the newspaper as far away from the open end as possible, that is, until the outer end of the folded paper clears the abutment because of the fact that these containers are employed for the particular purpose of maintaining the papers dry. In the forms now in use the papers can be easily saturated by moisture during rainstorms and since the present device is to prevent wet newspapers, the carrier will be required to exercise care to prevent complaints from the customers.

The tilted containers not only prevent moisture from entering the same but the angular position makes it more convenient for the carrier to insert the papers from a ground position or when the carrier is in a vehicle.

We claim:

1. A newspaper holder comprising a container tilted at an angle to the horizontal and connected to a fixed support and having one end closed and elevated above the other end which is open, the bottom of the container adjacent the open end being indented inwardly to provide an abutment for engagement with the outer end of a folded newspaper to prevent accidental displacement of the newspaper from the container, the inner end of said abutment being located inwardly of the open end of the container and of less width than the diameter of the container so that the operator may insert his fingers into the container at each side of the abutment along the bottom wall of said container and raise the outer edge of the newspaper above the abutment for removing said newspaper.

2. A newspaper holder comprising a container tilted at an angle to the horizontal and connected to a fixed support and having one end closed and elevated above the other end which is open, the bottom of the container adjacent the open end having spaced-apart indented portions to provide abutments to retain a newspaper in the tilted container, the space between the abutments forming a path for the insertion of the finger of the operator to facilitate the removal of the paper from the container.

3. A newspaper holder comprising a container tilted at an angle to the horizontal and connected to a fixed support and having one end closed and elevated above the other end which is open, the bottom of the container having a raised portion projecting into the container adjacent the open end to provide an abutment to engage an edge of a folded newspaper, the bottom also having an opening adjacent the abutment to permit moisture to drain from the container, the inner end of said abutment being located inwardly of the open end of the container and of less width than the diameter of the container so that the operator may insert his fingers into the container at each side of the abutment along the bottom wall of said container and raise the outer edge of the newspaper above the abutment for removing said newspaper.

4. A newspaper holder comprising a container tilted at an angle to the horizontal and connected to a fixed support and having one end closed and elevated above the other end which is open, the bottom of the container adjacent the open end having a portion indented upwardly to provide an abutment to prevent accidental discharge of a newspaper from the container, said abutment including a substantially vertical wall and a wall inclined downwardly from the first-mentioned wall towards the open end of the container.

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