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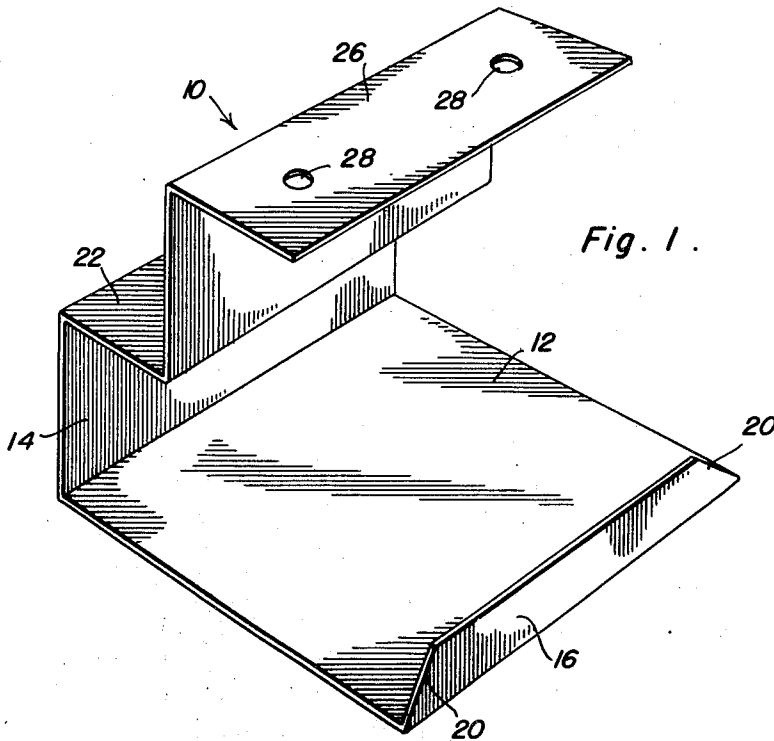


Fig. 1.

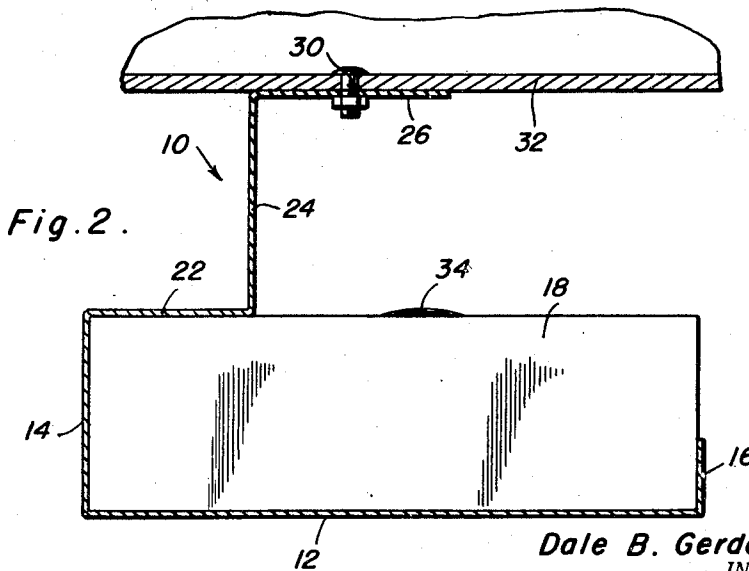


Fig. 2.

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This invention comprises novel and useful improvements in a cleansing tissue holder and more specifically pertains to a supporting bracket for detachably receiving and supporting a dispensing package such as a cleansing tissue dispenser container, in a convenient and easily accessible position for dispensing the contents of said container and in particular for mounting the same upon the under surface of a horizontal supporting surface such as the lower surface of a glove compartment of a motor vehicle.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a mounting bracket whereby cleansing tissue dispenser containers such as the well known Kleenex tissue containers may be conveniently mounted in an unobtrusive manner as beneath a horizontal supporting surface, for dispensing tissues as desired.

A very important feature of the invention resides in the provision of a supporting bracket having parallel flat surfaces constituting respectively a base, a superposed retaining wall overlying the base for holding a cleansing tissue dispenser box upon the base, and a top wall constituting a mounting plate for securing the bracket to the underside of the horizontal supporting surface such as the under surface of the glove compartment of a car.

A further feature of the invention resides in the provision of a supporting bracket which is ideally adapted for construction from an integral piece of sheet metal by merely folding and shaping the same; or alternatively for assembly from other inexpensive materials such as plastics, a single piece of wire folded upon itself to form the supporting bracket, or the like.

A still further feature of the invention resides in the provision of a supporting bracket as set forth hereinbefore, wherein the flat base is provided with upwardly extending front and rear walls for snugly embracing and retaining a Kleenex tissue box of similar cleansing tissue dispensing box therebetween, the retaining horizontal surface being adapted to overlie the rear portion of the top surface of the dispenser box for holding the same downwardly against the base.

A still further feature of the invention resides in the provision of a tray-like dispensing box holder having spaced front and rear walls for clamping a dispenser box therebetween, and having open ends for obtaining easier access to the dispenser box for adjusting the same in the holder, and wherein the supporting bracket has

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an overlying wall to assist in holding the dispenser container in the bracket.

And a final important feature of the invention to be specifically enumerated herein resides in the provision of an integral construction of support bracket of a means for supporting the base of a cleansing tissue dispenser container, front and rear walls for positioning the container in the base, an overlying retaining wall carried by the rear wall for holding the container down upon the base, and a vertically spaced horizontal top wall constituting a mounting plate for retaining the bracket upon the under surface of the horizontal support, and which provides ample clearance to enable the hand of the user to obtain access between the said horizontal supporting surface and the top wall of the bracket and the dispensing slot of the cleansing tissue dispenser box for removing tissues therefrom as desired.

These, together with various ancillary features and objects of the invention which will later become apparent from the following description, are attained by the present device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated by way of example only in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of holder; and

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the holder of Figure 1, showing a cleansing tissue dispenser box mounted therein, and showing the holder clamped to the under surface of a horizontal supporting surface such as the bottom of a glove compartment of a motor vehicle.

The present invention has as its primary aim the provision of an inexpensive, simple and economical supporting bracket which is particularly suited for holding and retaining Kleenex or other cleansing tissue dispenser boxes in a firm, easily accessible but unobtrusive manner which will not interfere with the removal of tissues from the box when so mounted in the holder, and pertains to a somewhat similar but improved construction over that set forth in the patent to Russell, No. 2,263,956, issued November 25, 1931.

Referring now more specifically to the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals designate similar parts therein, the holding bracket which is generally designated by the numeral 10 is illustrated as consisting of a unitary piece of sheet metal, folded to provide a flat supporting base 12 which is horizontally disposed during use, and

which base is provided with upwardly extending rear and front walls 14 and 16, respectively. These walls are preferably spaced apart a sufficient distance to snugly accommodate and embrace a cleansing tissue dispenser box such as a Kleenex box indicated at 18, therebetween. The supporting base 12 is open at its ends, whereby easy access may be had to the Kleenex tissue box for shifting the same longitudinally of the bracket, and even removing the same if desired. The base 12 may extend the full length of the tissue box if desired, but preferably extends throughout only an intermediate portion thereof, to provide merely sufficient surface to satisfactorily support and retain the box thereon.

It should be here understood that the bracket is intended and is shaped to accommodate a specific type and size of cleansing tissue box such as a Kleenex box; but obviously may be supplied in various sizes to accommodate other sizes or shapes of dispensing boxes.

The rear wall 14 preferably extends substantially the height of the cleansing tissue box 18, but the front wall 16 as shown in Figure 2, is of considerable less height and is beveled or cut away at its ends as at 20, whereby the wall serves merely as a stop to position or retain the tissue box 18 upon the base 12.

The rear wall 14 is provided with a pair of inwardly extending horizontally disposed stepped surfaces, the lowermost of which, as indicated at 22, is adapted to closely or intimately overlie the rear portion of the top surface of the dispenser box 18 for holding the latter down upon the base 12. As will thus be seen, the Kleenex tissue box may be inserted in the holder by being slid endwise upon the base 12 and under the overlying wall 22, or may be inserted by sliding the same over the top of the front wall 16 and shoving the box under the overlying wall 22.

From its forward end, the horizontal retaining wall 22 is extended upwardly as at 24 in parallel relation to the lower portion at 14 and at its top is then turned forwardly in the horizontal plane as at 26 to provide a retaining plate having apertures 28 through which may be extended screws 30 or other fastening means for securing the plate 26 to the under surface of a horizontal support such as the bottom wall 32 of a glove compartment of a car or the like. As will be understood, the bracket may be mounted on various support surfaces, but preferably to the underside of the horizontal supporting surface.

The height of the wall portion 24 is preferably such that the space between the lower side of the support 32 and the top of the box 18 will readily accommodate the hand of the user whereby access may be had to the dispensing slot customarily provided at the top of the dis-

penser box 18, to remove a cleansing tissue such as a Kleenex tissue indicated at 34 in Figure 2.

Although the preferred embodiment of the article has been illustrated as consisting of a unitary piece of sheet metal, it is understood that the same may be made from various other suitable material such as plastics, or even from wire by shaping the same to provide the requisite base, front and rear walls, overlying retaining wall, and the vertically spaced supporting member of the bracket.

From the foregoing, the manner of constructing and the manner of best advantages of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary.

However, since numerous modifications and equivalents will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing specification and accompanying drawings, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A holder for removably mounting a cleansing tissue dispenser box upon the glove compartment of an automobile for convenient dispensing of tissues therefrom comprising a sheet metal bracket having a flat base and a spaced parallel flat top wall for mounting the bracket to the underside of the glove compartment, said base having open ends and upstanding front and rear walls spaced a sufficient distance to snugly receive the front and rear walls of a cleansing tissue dispenser box therebetween, the rear wall having a forwardly extending flange parallel to said base and adapted to closely overlie the rear portion of the top of a cleansing tissue dispenser box for holding the same down upon the base, said rear wall being connected with the flat top wall by a vertical flange connecting the front edge of the forwardly extending flange with the rear edge of the top wall, said front wall being of less height than that of the rear wall and of a cleansing tissue dispenser box whereby access may be had to the dispensing slot in the latter when the latter is positioned in said bracket.

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