This invention is for structural means and the like, as well as for methods, for dispensing soda fountain types of straws and similar articles which may include matches, tooth-picks, throat swabbing sticks etc. In such a dispenser straws and... the ends of the dispenser, the other end being substantially the same, Figure 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken substantially along line 3-3 of Figure 2, Figure 4 is a cross sectional view taken substantially along line 4-4 of Figure 1, Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view, parts broken away, taken substantially along line 5-5 of Figure 4, and...
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4. In a dispenser device for straws, toothpicks, swabbing sticks and the like, the device including a hollow housing with its ends closed by end supporting members, the housing providing a chamber having curved walls, a shaft extending through the chamber and having its ends supported by the end members, radial arms fixed to the shaft and extending therefrom which support a plurality of straws above the bottom of the chamber, an elongated egress opening along a lower portion of the chamber wall which is substantially parallel with the shaft, arm stop means at the bottom of the chamber at a lower level than, the egress opening, a cantilever wall means extending from just above the egress opening, to a position just short of the stop means to provide an elongated straw drop opening; and an elongated passage beneath the cantilever wall means extending the straw drop opening with the egress opening.

2. Any suitable stop like the pins 13 may be provided to limit the downward movement of the levers 15. It is, while the arms are retracted, or the lever in a downward-sufficiently pressed position, that a single straw is free to fall easily into the lower chamber 27 of the device and be ready for ejection into the guideways 22, when the arms 16 start on their return to their uppermost position, as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. The arms are returned to their top position when the levers 15 are free, that is, released by the operator. The means for returning the arms automatically to their original position, as well as the levers, is the spring item 28.

It should now be apparent that a new and convenient straw dispenser has been provided which is a sanitary and clean device, and which, in all respects, is simple in construction, but nevertheless, sturdy, so as to give long and dependable service.

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