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DISPENSING PACKAGES AND CONTAINER THEREFOR

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My invention relates to dispensing packages of folded stacks of sheets of flexible material, and to a dispensing holder adapted for use with the particular type of package which I employ.

It is the object of my invention to provide a holder for a wrapped, singly folded stack of flexible sheets of material such as wax paper, tissue and the like, which will be inexpensive to manufacture, easy to refill and convenient in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a holder of semi-rigid material having a compartment for receiving a folded and wrapped stack of sheets, in which the holder has a guiding apron which maintains the edges of the sheets in a position in which the withdrawal of the sheets one by one is facilitated.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a package of folded and wrapped sheets in which the wrapper is provided with a perforated or weakened line permitting the wrapper to be fractured so that edges of the sheets will be exposed in position ready for withdrawal of the sheets.

It is further my object to provide within the folded stack of sheets a panel which acts as a spacer within the fold, and also retards the withdrawal of more than one sheet at a time from within the package. In my application, Ser. No. 501,237, of March 25, 1932, filed coincidentally herewith, I have shown a waxed or tissue paper dispensing container, in which the container itself forms both the shipping package and the dispenser, while the invention herein disclosed is for a wrapped shipping package which fits within a permanent dispenser and in which the wrapper is so constructed as to co-operate with the dispenser in providing means for enforcing a simple and effective control by which a user can withdraw the sheets one at a time.

The above objects and other objects to which reference will be made in the ensuing disclosure, I accomplish by that certain combination and arrangement of parts of which I have shown a preferred embodiment.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a dispensing container with a wrapped stack of sheets within the container, ready for use.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the package of wrapped sheets.

In the drawing I have shown a dispenser formed from a single metallic sheet cut and formed into desired shape. The dispenser has a back wall 1, a top wall 2, and a downwardly projecting lip 3, which holds the wrapped package within the container prior to use. There is an upstanding tongue 4, having an aperture 5 therein, which may be mounted on a hook or peg and thus be kept permanently in position.

The dispenser has a rounded bottom wall 6 and a front wall 7, which extends part way up the height of the back wall and is then bent outwardly as indicated at 8. Tongues or straps 9 may be extended from the back wall to the front wall to reinforce the assembly, and the strap may be secured to the front wall by means of a weld or other suitable joint, as indicated at 10.

In wrapping the flexible sheets (such as are indicated at 11), they are first folded, and a separating and retarding panel 12, which may be cut from a sheet of cardboard, or the like, is placed within the fold. A wrapper 13 is then extended around the folded stack and preferably sealed together in overlapping parts of the wrapper. A particular feature of the wrapper is that it has a perforated or weakened line 14, 14, which may be fractured as will hereinafter be explained.

It will be obvious that the packages of wrapped sheets may be shipped in the form illustrated in Fig. 2. In inserting the wrapped package of sheets within the dispenser the lower end is inserted in the U-shaped opening between the front and back walls of the dispenser, and the upper end of the package is inserted underneath the lip 8 of the dispenser.

When it is desired to remove the sheets for use, the wrapper is torn along the line 14, 14, and the upper ends of the sheets between the separating panel and the front panel 7 are shown outwardly to the position indicated at 15 in Fig. 1.

In removing the sheets, the operator grasps the top sheet of the outwardly turned stack and gives it a gentle tug. The sheet may be removed without tearing and without there being any tendency for the adjacent sheets to stick and be withdrawn also. The panel 12, as will be obvious from an examination of Fig. 1, retains the inner folded part of the stack, and also provides a frictional or retarding effect which prevents the sheets from becoming crinkled and wedged within the container.

While I have only shown one form of dispenser, it will be obvious that modifications in size and shape may be made without departing from the scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of sheets of flexible material for use.
with a dispenser having a lateral opening through which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn comprising a single folded stack of sheets with a flat panel within the fold of the stack, said panel for retaining said sheets in the form of their original fold during dispensing of the sheets thereof, and the wrapper having a weakened tear line in such position as to register with the lateral opening in the dispenser.

2. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of sheets of flexible material for use with a dispenser having a lateral opening through which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn, comprising a single folded stack of sheets with means contained within the fold for retaining said sheets in their original fold during dispensing of the sheets, and a wrapper having a weakened tear line in such position as to register with the lateral opening in the dispenser.

3. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of sheets of flexible material for use with a dispenser having a lateral opening through which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn, and a wrapper having a weakened tear line in such position as to register with the lateral opening in the dispenser.

4. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of loose sheets of flexible material for use with a dispenser from which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn comprising a single folded stack of sheets with a flat panel of one half the size of said sheets within the fold of the stack, and a wrapper consisting of a cylinder with open ends and of a length equal to the width of said stack surrounding said folded stack and thus retaining it in close contact with the enclosed flat panel in order to form a flat package with the side edges of the sheets exposed.

5. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of loose sheets of flexible material for use with a dispenser from which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn comprising a single folded stack of sheets with a flat panel of one half the size of said sheets within the fold of the stack, and a wrapper consisting of a cylinder with open ends and of a length equal to the width of said stack surrounding said folded stack and thus retaining it in close contact with the enclosed flat panel in order to form a flat package with the side edges of the sheets exposed, and a weakened tear line running the full length of said cylindrical wrapper.

6. A wrapped package containing a singly folded stack of loose sheets of flexible material for use with a dispenser from which individual sheets from the folded stack may be withdrawn comprising a single folded stack of sheets with a flat panel of one half the size of said sheets within the fold of the stack, and a wrapper consisting of a cylinder with open ends and of a length equal to the width of said stack surrounding said folded stack and thus retaining it in close contact with the enclosed flat panel in order to form a flat package with the side edges of the sheets exposed, and a weakened tear line on said wrapper so as to completely release said sheets from said wrapper when said weakened line is torn.

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