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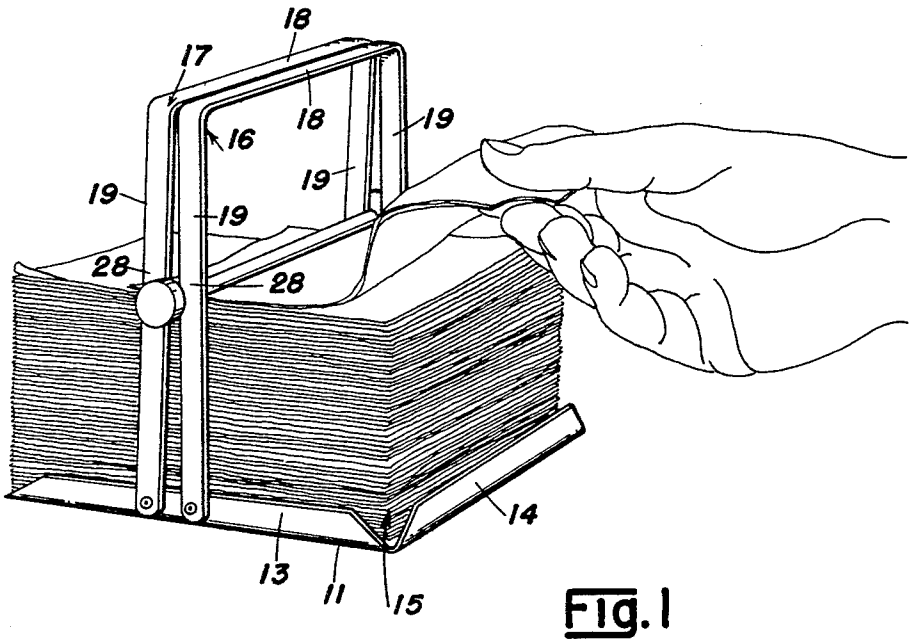


Fig. 1

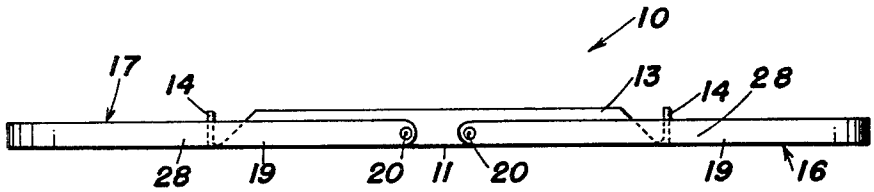


Fig. 2

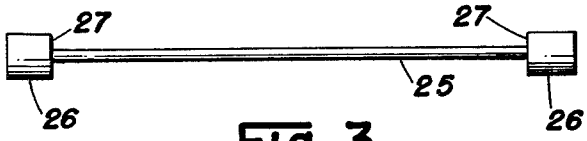


Fig. 3

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A holder for paper articles having means for retaining the paper articles in position thereon so that it may be used outdoors without fear of losing the paper articles when the wind blows and which may be easily transported from one location to another.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the invention

This invention is in the general field of a holder for paper articles, particularly paper napkins and the like, so that the napkins can be used outside on a patio, around a swimming pool, or in other situations.

Description of the prior art

Heretofore, when using napkins outdoors, it has been necessary to place them under articles on the tables or hold them in the user's hand or positioned beneath the user's leg to prevent their loss when the wind blows. So far as known by applicant, it has been generally impossible heretofore to provide a source of napkins outdoors for ready access, yet which will be maintained so as not to blow away.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a holder for holding paper articles, particularly napkins and the like, and a handle arrangement with a rod extending therebetween for positioning the rod on top of the paper articles to weight them and keep them from blowing away when the device is used out of doors.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is an isometric view illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention and the manner of removing one of the paper articles therefrom;

FIG. 2 is a side view of the form of the invention shown in FIG. 1 with the handles moved into the same plane as the holder for storage during nonuse; and

FIG. 3 is a side view of the bar which extends across the top of the articles between the handles and retains them in position as shown in FIG. 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Attention is first directed to FIGS. 2 and 3 of the drawings wherein the invention is represented generally by the numeral **10** and includes a base **11** of any suitable configuration. As illustrated, the base **11** is generally rectangular in shape and has side edges **13** that are turned up and end portions **14** which are also turned up to aid in retaining paper articles represented generally by the numeral **15** in FIG. 1 in position thereon.

Preferably the base **11** may be formed of plate material, but in some situations it may be perforated or have some

other type of design so long as it presents a substantially uniform surface to support the paper articles as illustrated at **15** thereon. The side portions **13** and the end portions **14** serve to keep the stack of paper articles from sliding off the holder.

It will be noted that the invention also includes the handles **16** and **17** better seen in FIG. 1, each handle being substantially U-shaped and having a base portion **18** with the legs **19** integrally formed therewith.

The legs **19** are pivotally connected as shown at **20** to the base of the holder and more particularly to the upstanding side portion **13** as seen in FIG. 2 of the drawings. Preferably, the pivot point of each of the legs **19** of the handle **16** is spaced from the pivot point of the legs **19** of the handle **17** as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 so that when the handles are moved upwardly towards each other as illustrated in FIG. 1 there is more space between them at their point of connection with base **11** than there is at their upper portion. When the handles **16** and **17** assume the position shown in FIG. 1 of the drawings they serve as a means for carrying the holder of the present invention about the room so that the paper articles such as napkins may be offered to various people, or it may be moved from one location to the other in a room or from one location to another outside during use.

The rod **25** is of a suitable extent so that when it is positioned between the handles **16** and **17** as shown in FIG. 1, the enlargements **26** on each end thereof provide an abutting shoulder surface **27** that is in close proximity to the outer surface **28** of each of the legs **19** on each of the handles **16** and **17**. Of course, it can be appreciated that the rod **25** can be of any suitable dimension, and when the holder is full of paper articles, it may prevent contact of the handles **16** and **17** but will not interfere with their use for serving as a means of carrying the holder around from one position to another position as previously described.

In FIG. 3, enlargements **26** in the preferred form of the invention are shown as being cylindrical in shape as is the rod **25**.

In the use of the present invention, a suitable number of paper articles may be stacked on the base **11** of the holder and then the handles **16** and **17** with the rod **25** placed on top of the stack of paper articles represented at **15** in FIG. 1 is raised to the position shown in FIG. 1, and it is then ready for use.

The rod **25** and its enlargements **26** are of sufficient weight to retain the articles in position when the holder is used outdoors so that they will be retained in position thereon even in a high wind.

The foregoing is merely illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention and is by way of example only.

I claim:

1. A holder for paper articles such as napkins and the like comprising:

(a) a base upon which the articles may be stacked;

(b) a pair of U-shaped handles pivotally mounted on said base and movable generally to a position substantially vertical to said base;

(c) a rod extending between said handles when in a substantially vertical position for resting on the stacked paper articles; and

(d) said rod having enlarged ends which form shoulders for abutting against the outer surfaces of

said handles to retain said rod in position on said stacked paper articles and thereby prevent their being blown away.

2. The holder of claim 1 wherein said handles may be moved to a position in substantially the same plane as said base for storage.

3. The holder of claim 1 wherein said handles are pivotally connected to said base at spaced points so that when said handles are moved upwardly towards each other over the bases until they engage the rod fitting therebetween, the clearance between said handles increases

from their point of abutting relationship with said rod downwardly toward said base whereby said rod is free to move between said handles to permit easy withdrawal of the paper articles engaged therebeneath.

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