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FIG. 1

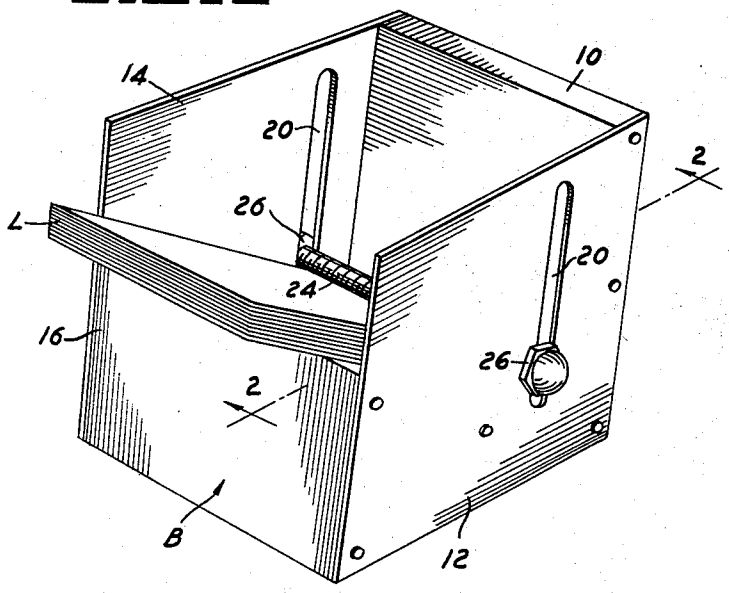


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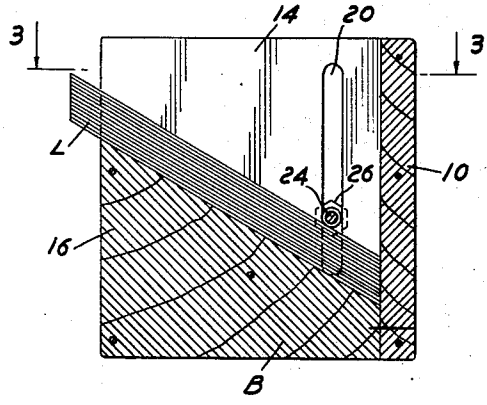
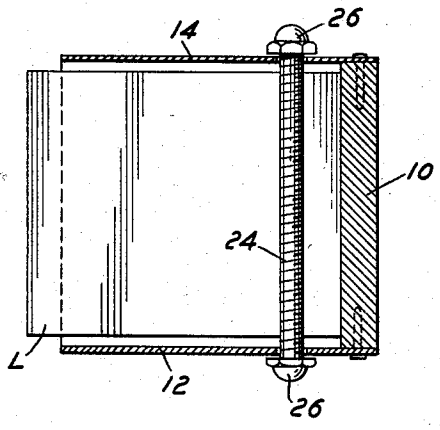


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to a holder for loose gummed paper.

In commercial establishments today, such as department stores and other merchandise handling organizations, it is becoming common to utilize a double-gummed paper as the label holder for packages. A label of ordinary paper which has been suitably inscribed with an address or other information is attached to a package or some other article by means of a double-gummed label which is moistened on each side and which holds the label on one side and fastens to the package or article on the other side.

The present invention is concerned with a device for holding these loose gummed labels so that they may be readily available to a clerk who wishes to use them for their defined purpose. It is desirable that these labels be readily removable from the holder with one hand, and it is desirable that the labels be withdrawn one at a time.

On the other hand, the paper which is gummed will not lie flat since due to moisture changes and other variations such paper has a tendency to curl. It is desirable, therefore, that a holder be provided which holds these labels flat with a minimum amount of contact and without an undue amount of friction.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a holder which permits ready removal of individual gummed paper but still keeps the papers flat and in an orderly arrangement.

The object of the invention is accomplished briefly by a container which has at least three walls to retain the gummed labels in a stacked relation and a free floating member to hold the labels flat while permitting individual removal. This free floating member is movable in two of the side walls and has a threaded surface which provides the necessary amount of contact with the gummed paper without sticking and without causing undue resistance to removal.

Other objects and features of the invention will be apparent in the following description and claim.

Drawings accompany the disclosure, and the various views thereof may be briefly described as:

Figure 1, a perspective view of the holder with a supply of gummed paper.

Figure 2, a sectional view on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3, a sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, the gummed paper holder shown in Figure 1 consists of a base B

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of solid wood having a vertical back member 10, also of wood, fastened at the bottom to the base B by suitable fastening means, such as screws or nails.

It will be seen that a section of the base is triangular. The side walls of the container consist of two metal plates 12 and 14 which complete the triangular-shaped pocket to receive the stack of gummed labels L. The angle of incline of the top surface of base B is about 30 degrees to horizontal, and gravity will hold the labels L against the back wall 10. This inclined shape of the base B also has another function in that it creates a weighty base which renders the unit movable but quite stable.

About four-fifths of the way back from the face 16 of base B are provided vertical slots 20 in the side walls 12 and 14. Extending through these slots is a threaded shaft 24 having cap nuts 26 threaded on either end. The length of the shaft 24 is such that the cap nuts clear the side walls so that the shaft may have free vertical movement.

The threaded nature of the shaft is such that there will be relatively small surface contact with the gummed paper and yet a surface which affords a fair amount of friction of a floating type. The threaded nature of the shaft creates a turning action thereon when a gummed paper is pulled from beneath it. Also the sheets may be removed one at a time by simply turning one of the side knobs to cause an outward motion on the lower surface of the threaded shaft. Due to the threaded surface there will be a frictional engagement with the gummed paper which will project the top sheet outward where it may be easily grasped.

If the weight of the shaft is too great, a withdrawing action on the top sheet will also cause additional sheets to be withdrawn simultaneously; and this, of course, is objectionable. Thus a free-floating action is desired, and it is preferred that the shaft 24 be one-half inch or less in diameter. For gummed sheets having a dimension of approximately 3 by 4 inches a combination shaft and nut overall weight of one and one-fourth ounces has been found to be satisfactory.

It will thus be seen that we have provided a gummed paper holder which disposes the sheets at an accessible angle for individual removal with one hand and which has a retaining device so mounted that the sheets will be retained in flat condition but may still be removed singularly at the desire of the user.

What we claim is:

In combination, a plurality of sheets of paper gummed on both sides and adapted to be vertically stacked, a retaining and dispensing container for said sheets comprising a box having three adjoining vertical retaining sides and a supporting base between two of said sides angling down to the third side, vertical slots in the two opposed sides reaching down to the angled base from a position near the top of said sides, a threaded shaft extending between said sides through said slots, weights on the ends of said shaft outside said slots for exerting gravitational force on said shaft, the surface of said shaft being threaded externally between said slots to present a plurality of relatively sharp edges to stacked sheets on the base of said container within the walls thereof whereby turning of said shaft will project the topmost sheet outward from its position within the container.

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