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PAPER DISPENSING DEVICE

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Fig. 1.

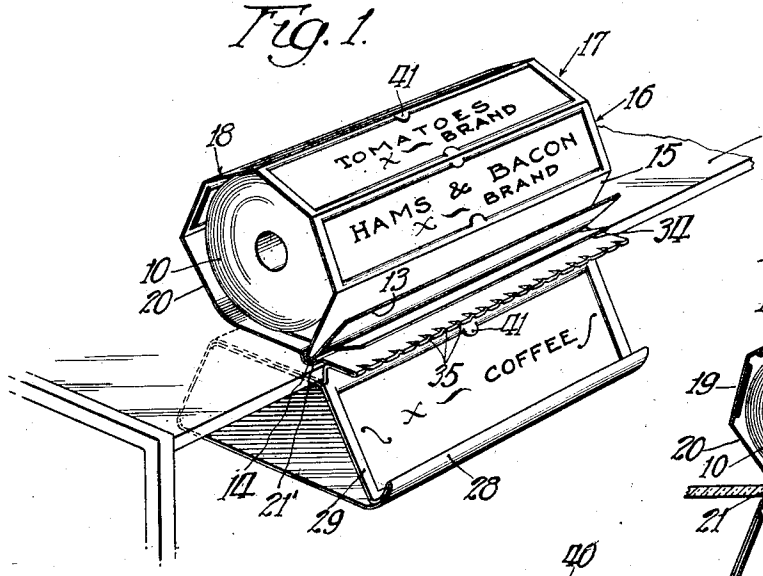


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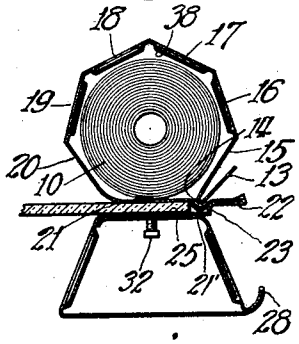


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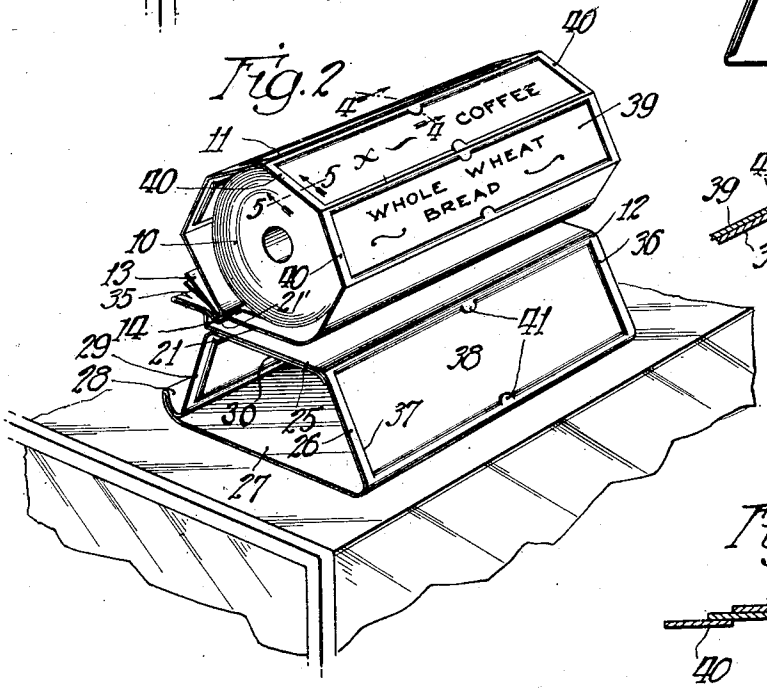


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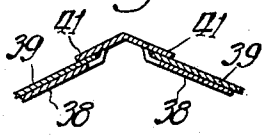
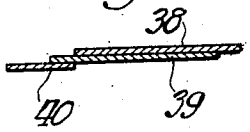


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PAPER-DISPENSING DEVICE.

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My invention relates to a wrapping paper holder adapted to support a roll of paper in such a manner as to permit a desired length of the paper readily to be drawn out and torn off.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide an easily constructed device of this character which may be either readily secured to the edge of a case or counter or supported on the upper surface thereof.

Another object is to provide a paper holder so constructed as readily to receive and hold placards displaying advertising or other matter.

Other objects and advantages will appear from time to time as the description of the invention progresses.

It is believed the invention will be understood most readily from a detailed description thereof taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing the side of the holder from which the strip of paper may be withdrawn;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the opposite side of the holder;

Figure 3 is an end view of the holder looking from the left in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 2, and

Figure 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawings in which like reference characters indicate like parts in the several figures, 10 indicates the roll of paper which is received within the holder 11. In the present form of the invention, the paper receptacle or holder 11 is formed with seven substantially equal sides, although it may be formed with any desired number of sides, or, if preferred, it may be substantially cylindrical

The holder 11 is supported above a hollow base 12 which is trapezoidal in cross section. The holder 11 and base 12 are preferably formed of a single piece or strip of sheet metal. Beginning at the end 13, the strip extends downwardly and is then rebent to form the curved or rounded surface 14, the purpose of which will be later described. From the curved portion 14, the strip is formed to provide the substantially flat sides 15 to 20 inclusive of the device and the bottom 21. The bottom 21 extends beyond the part 14 and is then rebent on itself, as indicated at 22, offset at 23, and extended to provide the top 25 of the base which is parallel to but spaced from the bottom 21 of the holder. The strip is then continued to form the base side 26, bottom 27, hooked double portion 28, side 29, and terminates in a flange 30 which engages the lower side of and is practically co-extensive with the top 25 of the base member.

In Figure 1 the device is shown applied to the edge 31 of a counter or showcase, the edge 31 being inserted between the bottom 21 of the roll receptacle and the top 25 of the base. If desired, a set screw 32 may be provided more firmly to hold the device in place.

In Figure 2 it is shown mounted on top of a counter or showcase. When thus employed, it ordinarily will be unnecessary to provide any means for holding the device in place.

In using the device, the roll 10 of paper will be placed in the receptacle 11 in a manner such that it will rotate in a counter-clockwise direction as viewed in Figure 1 when the paper is unwound. The edge 13 may then be grasped slightly to raise the curved portion 14 from the groove 21′ in the base 21 and the edge 34 of the paper drawn out. It should be noted that the receptacle is so formed that the edge 14 normally rests lightly in the groove 21′ to prevent the edge 34 of the paper slipping back within the receptacle, and also to cause the edge of the paper to project upwardly and forwardly into a position where it may be readily grasped as shown in Figures 1 and 2. When the strip of paper is withdrawn from the holder, the edge 14 is slightly elevated to permit the paper readily passing thereunder.

At the juncture between the parts 21 and 22, the metal is struck up at intervals to form a series of points 35, thus providing a serrated edge which is employed to cut off the paper after the desired length has been withdrawn. The upwardly curved or hooked portion 28 provides a groove in which may be placed the clerk's scissors, pencil, sales book, or other similar device used in making sales. If desired, the sales book may be placed inside the base member.

As the paper holder usually will be prominently displayed on the counter or showcase, it is very desirable that it be constructed so as to bear advertising or other

legends. To this end, each of the sides 16, 17, 18, 19, 26 and 29 is slotted adjacent to each end as indicated at 36 and 37, and the metal between the slots is depressed to form a sunken panel 38. Thus, an advertising placard 39 may be slipped into the sunken panel, the ends of the placard being positioned under the strips 40 at the ends of the panel. If desired, the lugs 41 may be struck out of the panels and positioned to overlie the edges of the placard to hold it more securely in place.

While in the drawings and in the above description the panels have been shown with a slot at each end to permit the insertion of the placard, it is obvious that either or both slots may be omitted and the placard retained in position entirely by means of the struck up lugs, such as indicated at 41. If the receptacle is made curved on its upper surface, it will be preferable to retain the placards in position by means of the lugs rather than by end portions produced by the slots at the ends of the panels. Other modifications may also be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A paper dispensing device comprising a receptacle arranged to substantially enclose a roll of paper placed therein, said receptacle being substantially flat at the lower side thereof, and a hollow trapezoidal base, the top of the base and the bottom of said receptacle being substantially parallel and spaced apart to receive the edge of a counter or showcase therebetween.

2. A paper dispensing device comprising a paper containing receptacle formed of a strip, one end being bent back upon itself to form a resilient pressure edge adapted to engage the paper being dispensed, the other end being troughed to receive said first named end and being bent back upon itself in spaced relation to the receptacle portion of the strip so as to be adapted to clamp beneath a supporting shelf.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 3rd day of Nov., 1925.

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