

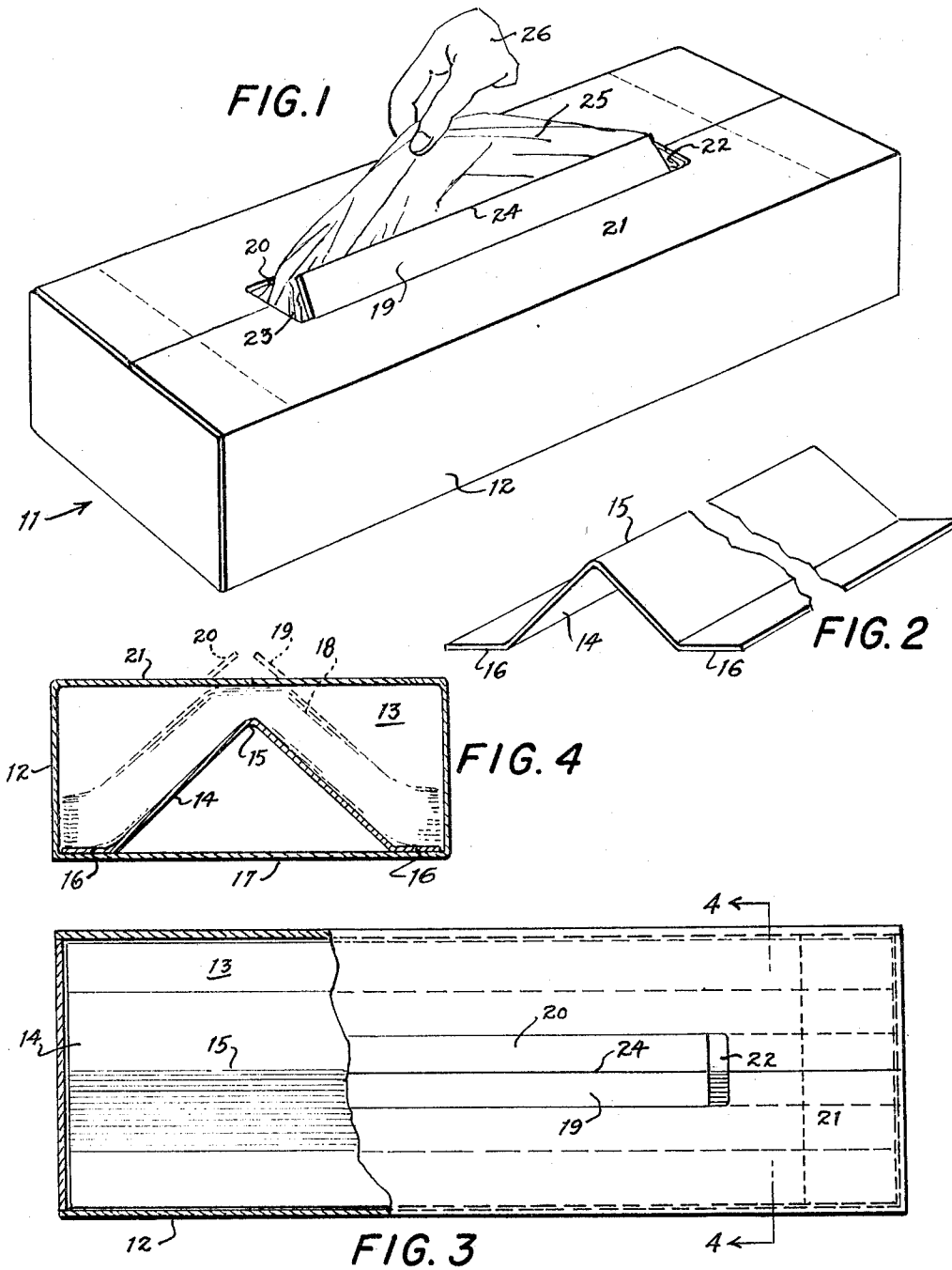
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This invention relates to a dispensing container for
flexible articles such as bags, tissues and the like.

In the dispensing art it has heretofore not been pos-
sible to produce a dispensing container permitting quick
and rapid removal of the aligned articles in successive
feeding relationship, which has been foolproof, simple
and inexpensive to manufacture. The container of the in-
stant invention is simple to operate, simple to construct
and foolproof in operation as contrasted with the prior
art containers.

The above constitutes a brief description of the instant
invention and the objects and advantages thereof. Fur-
ther objects of this invention will become apparent from
a reading of this specification.

The invention will be further described by reference
to the accompanying drawings which are made a part of
this specification.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a dispensing container
made in accordance with this invention showing the man-
ner in which an aligned article may be removed there-
from.

FIGURE 2 is a fragmentary detail perspective view
of the support portion within the body of the container
of this invention.

FIGURE 3 is a plan view of the container of this in-
vention with a portion thereof broken away to show the
internal construction.

FIGURE 4 is a sectional view taken along lines 4-4
of FIG. 3.

The invention will now be further described by ref-
erence to the specific form thereof as shown in the ac-
companying drawing which represents the best mode
known to the inventor of taking advantage of this in-
vention.

The dispenser 11 of this invention comprises a body
portion 12 having a hollow interior 13. A support por-
tion 14 having a substantially inverted V-shaped central
element 15 and a pair of angularly disposed and out-
wardly extending substantially flat end portions 16 which
are disposed within hollow portion 13 of container 12.
Portions 16 are secured to the interior face of the bot-
tom portions 17 of body 12. The angular relationship
between portions 16 and central element 15 permits por-
tions 16 to be firmly secured to body 12. A plurality of
bags 18 (preferably flexible plastic bags) are disposed
in draped aligned relationship of V-shaped portion 15.
Despite the angular relationship between element 15 and
portions 16 bags 18 still drape smoothly. A plurality
of pivotally movable complementary cover elements 19
and 20 are secured to top portion 21 of body 12. A
pair of cut out portions 22 and 23 are disposed laterally
adjacent the end portions of covers 19 and 20.

With the foregoing specific description the operation
of this invention may now be explained.

The container 11 of this invention is filled with bags

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18 and covers 19 and 20 maintained in the closed posi-
tion shown in FIG. 3. For greater security an overly-
ing sealing member (not shown) may be disposed about
covers 19 and 20.

When the container is directed to be utilized as a dis-
pensing container, covers 19 and 20 are separated from
one another at their junction portion 24 and are opened
as shown in FIG. 1. The topmost bag 18 (identified as
25 in FIG. 1) is then grasped by the hand 26 by the op-
erator and removed from the container. This removal is
expedited by the additional cut out portions 22 and
23 permitting the bag to be smoothly and easily removed
from the container.

After the first bag is removed, the process can be re-
peated with succeeding bags until the container is empty.

The preferred material for the container of this in-
vention is cardboard, but plastic materials of various types
may also be used.

The foregoing sets forth the manner in which the ob-
jects of this invention are achieved.

What is claimed is:

1. A dispensing container for flexible bags compris-
ing a hollow body having a top and bottom portion there-
upon, a support member within said body having a sub-
stantially inverted V-shaped portion and a pair of angu-
larly disposed and outwardly extending substantially flat
end portions, each of said end portions parallel with and
secured to the bottom portion of said body, said V-shaped
portion adapted to support a plurality of said flexible bags
in aligned draped overlying relationship, and a pair of
complementary pivotally movable openable covers upon
the top portion of said body overlying and spaced from
said V-shaped portion.

2. A dispensing container for flexible plastic bags com-
prising a hollow body having a top and a bottom portion
thereupon, a support member within said body having
a substantially inverted central V-shaped portion and a
pair of outwardly extending substantially flat end por-
tions, each of said end portions secured to the bottom
portion of said body, said V-shaped portion adapted
to support a plurality of said flexible bags in aligned
draped overlying relationship, a pair of complementary
pivotally movable openable covers upon the top portion of
said body overlying and spaced from said V-shaped por-
tion, said top portion of said body also provided with a
cut-out portion laterally adjacent the end portion of said
covers.

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