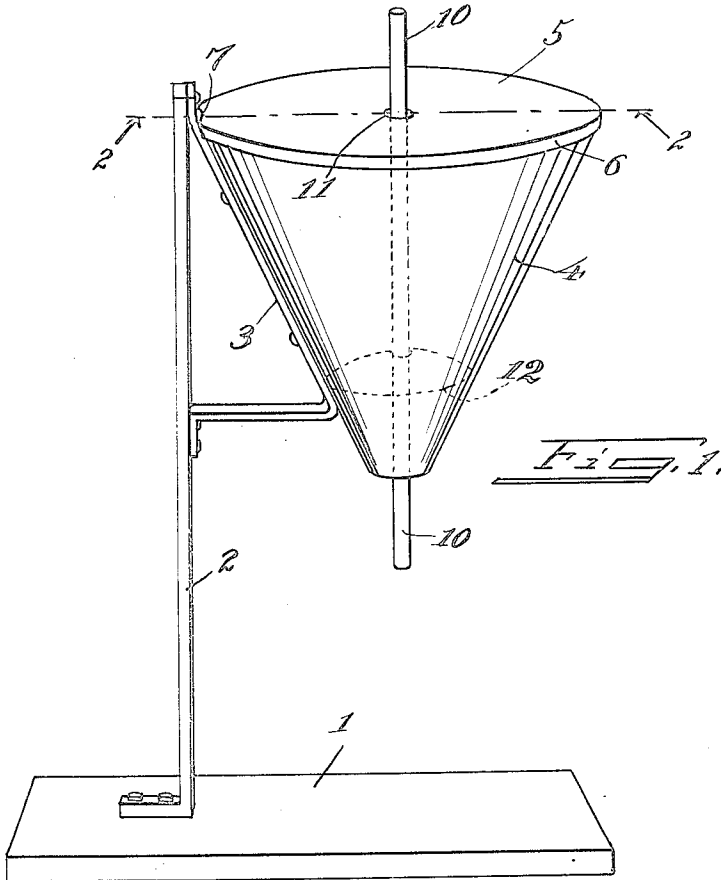
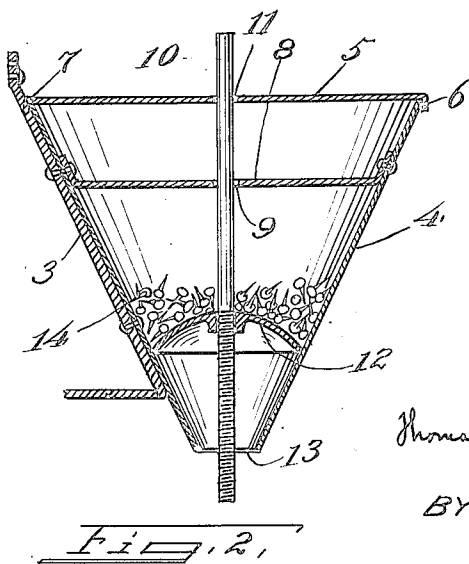


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MARSHALL HOSKINS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Evansville, in the county of Vanderburg and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Workmen's Tack Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to tack holders wherein a feed is provided for tacks, and a convenient and simple receptacle of inexpensive character provided for shop use.

It has been my experience that much time is lost, and annoyance caused to workmen in carriage shops and upholstery and furniture shops due to the difficulty of getting into their hands enough tacks, and the desired number of tacks to do a desired piece of work.

The boxes in which tacks come are likely to be broken and the tacks spilled, and tacks have a tendency to pack which makes it hard to pick up enough at a single pinch to last any length of time. The tacks adhere to the fingers and are small and hard to grasp and in a hurried effort to pick out enough to be of service, many are likely to be spilled, and have to be laboriously picked up.

Accordingly I have provided a simple and inexpensive container which will hold a large amount of tacks, and can be easily and quickly manipulated to feed as many as are desired into the palm of the hand of a workman.

I am aware that there are numerous receptacles, as for stock feeding and the like which have a mechanical feed and that for matches and the like there are delivery boxes which mechanically dispense a few matches at a time. All of these so far as I am advised are too complicated or expensive for rough shop usage, and would not be practical even if filled with tacks, for a quick and regulated delivery.

I accomplish the object of providing a practical receptacle and dispensing mechanism for tacks by that certain construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more specifically pointed out and claimed.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof, on the line 2, 2, of Figure 1.

I provide preferably a simple standard made up of a board 1 and an upright 2 and secured to the upright an angle piece 3, riveted in place so that the hypotenuse of the triangle formed by the angle piece and the standard is presented at the side of the standard for a mounting member for a conical receptacle.

The receptacle 4 of conical shape, as above noted, is riveted in place on the angle piece, the structure now described comprising a very simple and inexpensive form of receptacle and standard for the same.

For a lid for the receptacle, I provide a circular piece 5 of suitable size flanged at the base at 6 to lap the sides of the container or receptacle, and notched out at 7 to fit readily under the rivets or screws at the upper end of the standard.

Extending across the receptacle is a narrow strip 8 which is provided with a hole 9 to act as guide for a post or rod 10. The lid has also preferably a suitable hole 11 to act as an additional guide for the rod.

The rod has mounted thereon an inverted curved valve 12 which fits into the mouth 13 of the conical receptacle, and as is evident upon pressing up the rod at the lower end the valve will be raised so as to no longer close off the said mouth.

When the device is filled with tacks, the tacks keep the valve down by gravity without the necessity of a spring, the weight of the valve and rod contributing to this effect sufficiently to keep the mouth 13 of the receptacle closed off at all times.

When the workman desires tacks, same being dumped into the receptacle as shown at 14, he merely presses the palm of his hand upwardly against the rod, which releases tacks until he permits the valve to fall by removing his hand. Thus he can quickly become accustomed to obtaining just as many tacks as he desires, and any over that amount he can quickly pour from his hand back into the receptacle by merely lifting the lid.

It is believed that the simplicity and con-

venience of the device is readily apparent from the above description and that changes of merely mechanical nature might well be made therein without departing
5 from the spirit of the invention.

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

In a device of the character described,
10 a conical receptacle with a straight unobstructed wall surface, a valve within the

receptacle, said valve having an upwardly presented convex surface, and an actuating rod for said valve guided within the receptacle and depending through the lower
15 end thereof and centrally mounted therein, said lower end or apex of the receptacle being open to serve as a delivery mouth therefor and the valve being located a substantial distance above the delivery mouth.

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