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CONTAINER DISPENSER.

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Fig. 1.

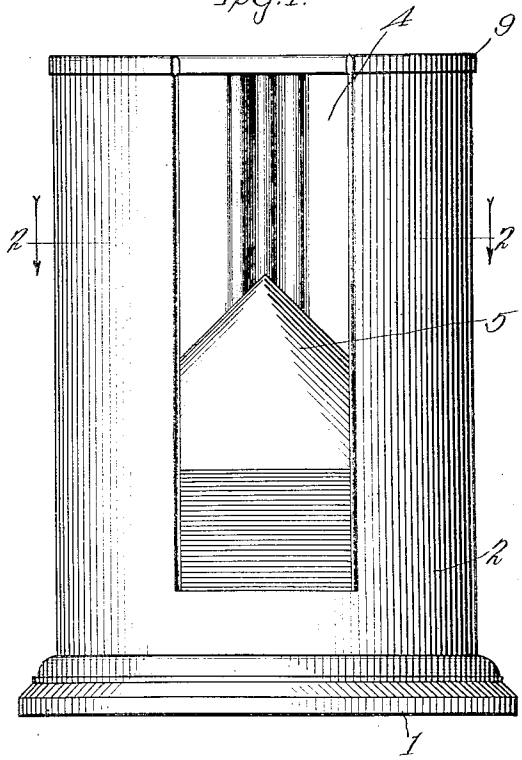


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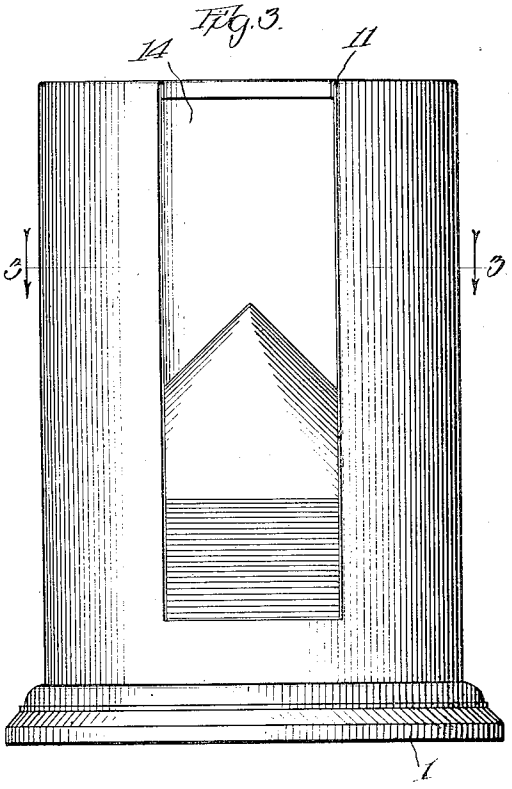


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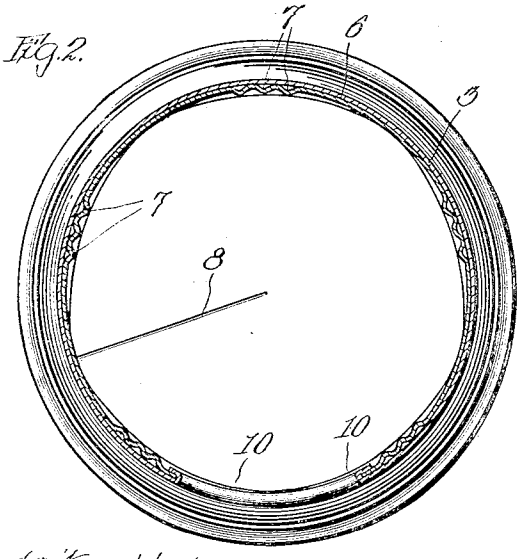
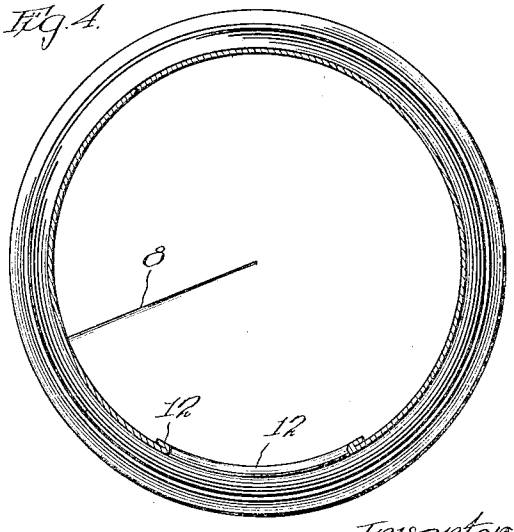


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID F. CURTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Container-Dispensers, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to means for conveniently storing devices to be sold or distributed in stores or other public places where they may be conveniently accessible to the attendants without detracting from the neat orderly appearance of the establishment.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient, durable attractive device of the kind described especially adapted for use with paper or other flexible cups or containers and arranged to prevent any contact of the hands of the attendants with the interior of the devices.

To this end my invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings wherein like or similar reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device.

Fig. 2 is a section taken substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a slightly modified form of my device.

Fig. 4 is a section taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 3.

In the form shown in the drawings my device consists of a suitably formed base or bottom part 1 formed of any suitable material but preferably having sufficient weight to maintain the device in position on a table or shelf when in service. A tubular member 2 is mounted upon the base 1, and rigidly secured in position in any suitable manner so that the device may be handled or moved about with its contents as a unit.

In the form shown the exterior wall 3 of the member 2 is a plain cylindrical tube having a longitudinal slot 4 in its front side of sufficient width to afford convenient access to the containers 5 nested within the device.

An inner tubular member 6 is also preferably provided having a plurality of series of longitudinal ridges 7—7 formed therein adapted to engage the periphery of the containers in the receptacle to maintain them in position so that if desired a holder or other device used in conjunction with the containers may engage a fold or seam 8 in the containers to remove them from the dispenser.

In the preferred form the upper margin 9 of the member 3 is folded over the inner member and arranged to form a slight bead at the top of the dispenser. The margins of the slot 4 are similarly folded over to provide a smooth finish at these points and also to rigidly maintain the part 6 in position thus forming a neat compact receptacle which may be finished in any suitable manner according to the tastes of the user and the surroundings of the apparatus.

In the form shown in Fig. 3 the inner member 6 is entirely omitted, the upper margin 11 is merely folded inward upon itself to form a smooth finish at this point. The margins 12 of the slot 14 are also formed in the same manner. In addition to enabling an attendant to note the number of containers in the dispenser the slot 14 permits convenient access to the exterior of the upper container in my device, thus enabling him to hold the same in position while a holder or other device for handling the containers is being engaged with the fold or projection 8 of the container.

In the preferred construction also a portion of the tubular member 2 is provided between the lower end of the slot and base 1 to conceal the interior of the base 1 in case the container is empty and also to prevent any portion of the containers to project or bulge out at the slot and present an untidy appearance and also distort the container.

Having thus described my improvement it is obvious that various immaterial modifications may be made in my device without departing from the spirit of my invention, hence I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form or construction shown.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A container dispenser, comprising a base, and a tubular member mounted thereon and adapted to receive a plurality of nested conical containers and to cover the margins and control the position of said containers, said member having a longi-

tudinal slot in one side extending from the top of said tubular member but terminating above said base to leave an unbroken wall at the lower end of said tubular member, said slot affording convenient access to the exterior of the uppermost containers to said dispenser.

2. In a container dispenser, a base, a tubular member mounted upon said base and formed to receive a plurality of nested containers, said member being provided with a longitudinal slot in one side adapted to afford convenient access to the exterior of the uppermost container in said dispenser, and means at the inner wall of said member for engaging the periphery of said containers to prevent their rotation in said dispenser.

3. In a container dispenser, a base, a tubular member mounted upon said base and formed to receive a plurality of nested containers, said member having an outer and an inner wall provided with a longitudinal slot in one side adapted to afford convenient access to the exterior of the uppermost container in said dispenser, and means formed upon the inner wall of said member for engaging the periphery of said containers to maintain the same in position.

4. In a container dispenser, a base, a tubular member mounted upon said base and formed to receive a plurality of nested containers, said member being provided with a longitudinal slot in one side adapted to afford convenient access to the exterior of the uppermost container in said dispenser, and a plurality of ridges formed upon the inner wall of said member and extending longitudinally thereof for engaging the periphery of said containers to maintain the same in position.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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