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Fig. 1.

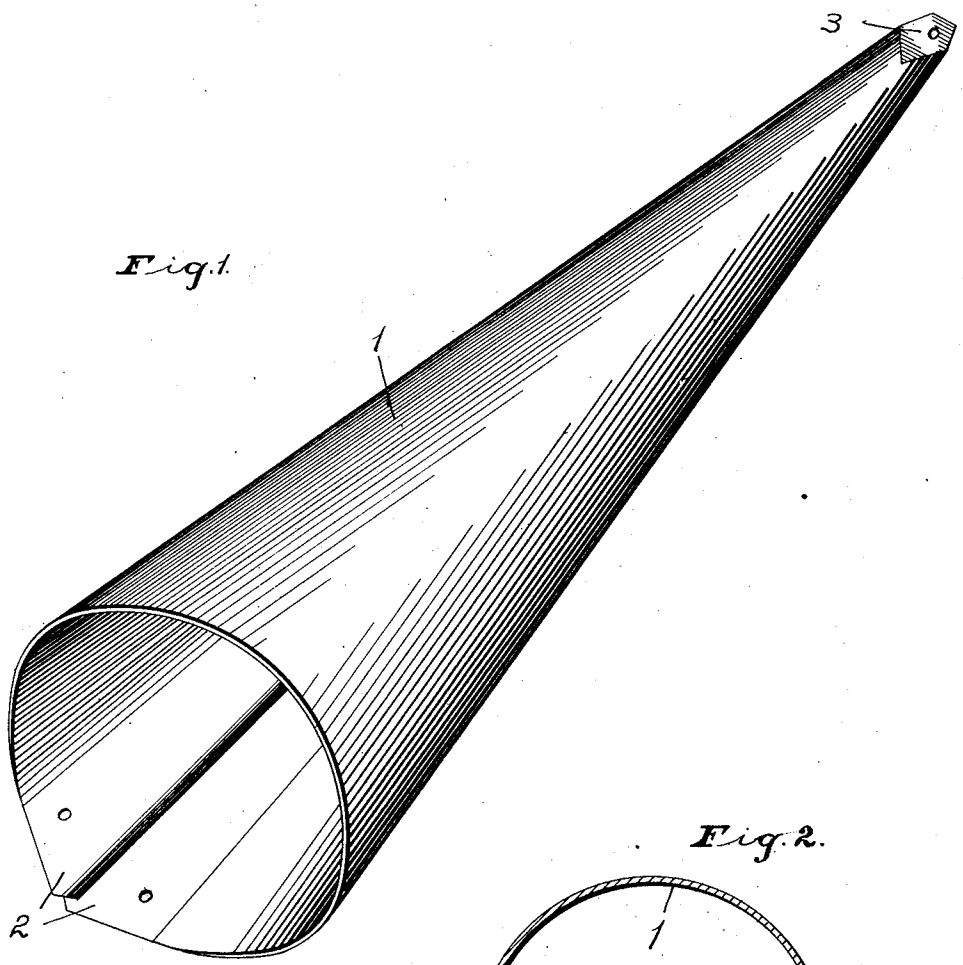


Fig. 2.

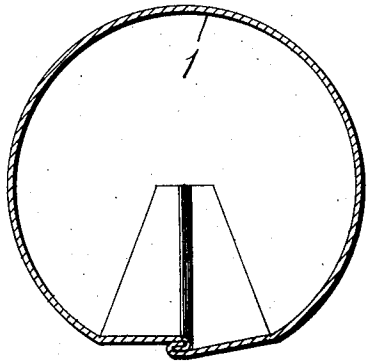
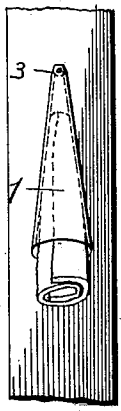


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. HARPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of paper holders and has particular relation to that class of paper holders which are designed to receive newspapers delivered by carriers.

The objects of my invention are to provide a simple and inexpensive paper holder of this class into which a newspaper or similar article may be readily inserted and from which the paper may be easily detached; to construct my improved holder of one piece of material, obviating the necessity of employing springs or other additional parts and at the same time providing a housing or holder for the paper which will protect it against the weather.

These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved paper holding device, Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, and, Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of my device showing the same attached to the frame support and with a paper contained therein.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention I produce my improved paper holder of one sheet of comparatively thin metal or other suitable material, which may have the desired rigidity, said sheet being first cut or stamped to an outline which when rolled or shaped, will produce the desired contour of the holder.

It will be observed that the holder which is shown at 1 in the drawing, is shaped or rolled so as to form substantially a cornucopia or conical body, one side of which, herein referred to as the rear side, is flattened throughout its length to facilitate the bearing of the holder against the surface of a vertical support such as a porch post or door-frame or other convenient structure.

It will be observed that the joint of the longer edges of the sheet forming the holder is preferably produced in the central portion of said flattened side. It will also be observed that the rear flattened side of the holder is slightly elongated or formed with an attaching projection 2 which may be provided with nail holes or through which nails may be conveniently driven into the supporting structure. The smaller end or apex of the conical body produced is slightly truncated and is flattened as shown at 3, said flattened portion being provided with a nail hole as prescribed for the extension 2.

As indicated in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the herein described holder is designed to be supported in a vertical position against the surface of a suitable support, the smaller end of the holder being uppermost.

The carrier or postman in delivering a newspaper, magazine or other similar publication, folds or rolls the same and inserts it endwise into the conical holder, through the lower end thereof, the end of the paper thus inserted becoming by contact with the tapering inner surface of the holder compressed until the frictional contact thus produced with the inner wall of the holder, is sufficient to retain the paper therein and with its lower end portion projecting sufficiently from the larger end of the holder to admit of its being readily grasped and withdrawn therefrom.

It will readily be understood that a paper holder such as herein described may be supplied at a normal cost and that the same are so constructed as to render them durable and neat in appearance.

What I claim, is:

1. A device for holding paper, comprising a conical sheet metal body portion, the rear face of said body portion being flattened to permit it to lie closely against a supporting post, and the lower end or apex of the conical body portion being flattened.

2. A paper holder comprising a hollow conical body portion, having a longitudinally extending flattened portion at the rear face of said paper holder, said paper holder being formed of sheet metal, the edges of which are bent into engagement with each other along said flattened face, the apex of the conical body portion being at the bottom of the paper holder, and said apex being flattened and up-standing nail receiving portions at the top of said body portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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