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This invention relates to a combination display and vending device.

The chief object of the invention is to simultaneously display a plurality of sizes 5 or articles and permit the individual vending thereof.
The chief feature of the invention consists in the provision of a cabinet or container adapted to simultaneously display a plu-
10 rality of similar articles of different sizes and differing otherwise, for example, as to color but having the same general characteristics.
The full nature of the invention will be 15 understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims:
In the drawings Fig. 1 is an elevational view with one-half of the device in central 20 section and is taken on the section line 1-1 shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken in the plane of $2-2$ of Fig . 1 and with one of the cartons removed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the cartons.
25. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Fig, 3 and in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 and of a modified form of the invention. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified
30 form of the invention. Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view taken on line $7-7$ of Fig. 6 and in the direction of the arrows.
In the drawings there is illustrated a carton or box having the sides 10 , one end 11 35 that is preferably complete although it may be othervise formed and similar to the opposite end 12 which is shown provided with a central cut out 13 for dispensing purposes. The end 12 thus differs from the end 11 and 40 in the packaging of the articles within the carton or box said articles if they are provided with reading matter or advertising matter, are positioned within the carton so that the end 12 is at the bottom when the 45 carton stands on end. The carton also includes a back 14.

The carton includes a pair of inturned edges 15 adapted to lie parallel with the back 14 and these edges extend inwardly towards 50 each other and but part way across the top of the carton. This is shown clearly in Fig. 3. A suitable number of partitions 16 , and in Fig. 4 two of said partitions are illustrated, form three grooves or channels 17.
In Fig. 5 three of these partitions 16 are
shown forming four grooves 17. The articles to be dispensed herein are shown as shoe laces or strings which are packaged in pairs and are generally wrapped in a predetermined manner with a binding band leaving the ends exposed. The binding band carries suitable reading matter which generally consists in the trade name of the article, the color and the size, as well as any other additional matter, including the maker's name. This band is indicated by the numeral 18 in Figs 1 and 2 and the pair of shoe laces is indicated by the numeral 19 in said figures. These are packaged as shown clearly in said figures, in tiers or layers and when the pair in the upper most tier and immediately adjacent the opening 13 is removed while the carton is standing on end the remainder of the shoe laces by gravity immediately reposition themselves presenting another pair bearing upon the end 12 immediately adjacent the opening 13 . It will be apparent, therefore, that the entire contents of the top layer is exposed by reason of the omission of a cover and yet the articles are retained within the carton by reason of the inturned end 15 . If desired the usual cover may be supplied, but in shipping the goods by carton, the cartons may be crated without covers since covers are not necessary when the cabinet is employed It will, of course, be understood that each carton contains but one color of shoe lace and but one size.
The cabinet shown in detail in Figs. 1 and 2 is herein adapted to display and dispense four types of shoe laces, that is with four sizes of the same colored shoe laces or two sizes of black and brown shoe laces. When other colors are to be used such as white and tan the several compartments will contain a carton of said shoe laces, in which event preferably all of the cartons will contain shoe laces of the same size. If it is desired a plurality of cabinets each will contain cartons with shoe laces of the same color, but each carton containing a shoe lace of the specified size but all shoe laces of the cartons being of the same color.

Reference will now be had to Figs. 1 and 2, 105 wherein the cabinet or carton container is shown in detail. Herein a base 20 supports a spindle 21 including any suitable ornamental top 22 serving as a handle. Rotatably supported by the aforesaid is a cabinet having


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[^0]the top plate 23 and the bottom plate 24 connected by four uprights 25 . These uprights are positioned at the corner as shown and between the uprights there is provided a face positioned therein and at the lower portion thereof. The bottom or base 24 intermediate each of the uprights 25 is cut out as at 28 to form a ledge 29 . The ledge 29 is cut out as inclusive, will show that the cut out portion 28 is adapted to receive the end of the carton with the out out 30 registering with the cat out 13 of the end 12 of the carton. The top plate 23 is cut out as at 31 and in this instance the shot or notch extends completely across or thru the plate 23 and registers with or is in alignment with the cut out portion 28 closed by the ledge 29 . The carton is positionable within the cabinet by inserting the lower end of the carton thru the opening 81 until the lower end engages the ledge 29, whereupan it is seated in the cabinet. The carton is positioned within the cabinet so that the inturned flanges 1 lie behind the wall 26 immediately adjacent the cut out partion 27 . The cut out portion 27 therefore, as shown in Fig. 1, exposes to view the bands 18 and a portion of the banded laces. By pulling downwardly and outwardly upon the lowermost and outermost pair of laces the same may be readily detaehed from the carton and the container supporting the latter and sold. By the term carton in the specification and clains it is not intended to limit the box to a paper or fibre container, but to include a device having the characteristics enumerated in the claims irrespective of the material from which it is fashioned.

In Figs. 6 and 7 there is illustrated a modified form of the invention wherein the carton is comprised of the side walls 110 , the end walls 111 and 112 , the end wall 112 having the aperture 113 therein. Herein the carton has the back 114 and there is positioned within the carton thus formed a tray having a back 124, the sides 125 and the flanges or ledges 116 forming the oppositely positioned groove 117 . Superposed upon the flanges 116 is another without ends, which tray and each succeeding superposed tray ineludes a base 126 apertured as at 127 and having the side walls 128 similar to the side walls 125 and the flanges
construction has the advantage that the shoe laces or similar articles may be machine fed into the trays and packed, and the trays may be thereupon positioned in the carton having the apertured end with all apertures registering and then the cover, if the cover is utilized, may be apptied to said carton to retain all of the laces within the same.
The invention claimed is:

1. A relatively open faced shipping and 65 dispensing carton including a back, a pair of oppositely positioned sides connected thereto, a relatively imperforate end connecting the sides and back together, another and oppositely positioned end connected to the sides and back and including a central cut out portion therein with edges extending outwardly to the free edge of the end from adjacent the back and taward each side and terminating short of each side, top means secured to said sides along substantially the entire length thereof and extending inwardly towards each other but terminating short of projecting beyond the cut out for display and dispensing purposes, and partition means extending the full length of the carton upon opposite sides and extending inwardly towards each other and terminating short of meeting engagement, the spare therebetween registering with the top spacing between the top means and in alignment with the end cut out for display and dispensing purposes.
2. A relatively open faced shipping and dispensing cartan including a back, a pair of oppositely positioned sides connected thereto, a relatively imperforate end connecting the sides and back together, another and oppositely positioned end connected to the sides and hack and including a central cut out portion therein with edges extending outwardly to the free edge of the end from adjacent the back and taward each side and terminating short of each side, top means secured to said sides along substantially the entire length thereaf and extending in wardly towards each other but terminating short of projecting beyond the cut out for display and dispensing purposes, and a $U$-shaped partition therein forming a piurality of compartmats, the out out portion of the partition registering with the end cut out for dispensing purposes.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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