My invention relates to a dispenser for packages, such as packages of cigarettes and the like, and more particularly my invention relates to a combination of display and dispensing device adapted to attractively and fully display merchandise and make such merchandise available for ready dispensing.

It is the object of my invention to provide a new and novel display and dispensing device.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a novel dispensing and display device for a multiplicity of small packages such as cigarette packages.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a dispensing device readily accessible for quick dispensing without disarrangement of the display effect.

These and further objects of my invention will be apparent from a consideration of the drawing and the specific description thereof which here follows.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the display and dispensing stand of my invention.

Figure 2 is a side view of the stand of my invention.

Figure 3 is a front view of the stand of my invention.

Figure 4 is a rear view of the stand of my invention.

Figure 5 is a cross section taken along the line 5-5 of Figure 3, and

Figure 6 is a plan view looking down upon the stand of my invention.

Referring now more specifically to the drawing, in Figure 1 I show the stand of my invention which comprises a suitable base 10 from which rise two side members 11 and 12. As will be noted from Figures 1 and 3, these side members 11 and 12 are positioned and securely fastened at each side of the base 10. The base 10 rests on suitable ball supports 14 and 15. Securely fastened upon the base 10 by the screws, such as 16 and 17, are supporting members 18 and 19 (see Figures 4 and 5). These members are of generally triangular shape and are the direct supporting members for the display and dispensing unit 20. The display and dispensing unit 20 is formed of transparent plastic sheet material which may be of any suitable resin, such as methyl methacrylate, or any other resin or cellulosic derivative that can be placed in this proper molded sheet form, or it is within the purview of my invention to employ any other transparent material including glass.

This display and dispensing unit 20 is folded about itself at the sides with the folded portions 21 and 22 extending partially across the back providing a slot or slit between the opposed edges of 21 and 22. The shape of this display unit 20 and the slot formation in the rear will be more clearly understood from a consideration of Figures 3, 4 and 6.

The display and dispensing unit 20 is firmly secured to the triangular supporting members 18 and 19 by means of the fastening elements 23 and 24. The unit 20 is seated over the rest element 26 which serves both to position the display unit and also to provide a bearing surface against which the cigarette package rests in its display position.

A multiplicity of packages as of cigarettes may be inserted in the display and dispensing unit 30 as will be seen in Figure 1 and these packages may be readily dispensed since the dispenser hand readily grasps the packages through the slot between the opposed edges of extending portions 21 and 22 of the unit 20. The slot, however, is entirely concealed with the packages in position, but greatly facilitates the loading and unloading of and dispensing of the cigarette packages positioned therein.

By reason of the particular construction described, a space is also provided behind the dispensing unit 20 and between the side members 11 and 12 for the storing of packages to be used in refilling the unit 20. The cigarette packages are very desirably displayed through the transparent display unit 20 and at the same time are properly held in dispensing position, available for ready dispensing from the upper portion thereof assisted by the ready manipulation through the slot in the rear of the unit 20.

Various modifications of this invention will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art. Accordingly I desire that in construing the breadth of the appended claims that they shall not be limited to the specific details shown and described in connection with the above explanation.

I claim:

1. A display and dispensing stand comprising a base, two support members mounted and secured upon said base, a plastic display unit mounted and secured upon said support members, said display unit comprising in one piece a transparent front wall portion, two integral side portions and two integral rear portions, the total width of said rear portions being less than the width of said front surface so as to provide a slot in the back of said display unit and make accessible for manipulation the goods contained within said dis-
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2. A display and dispensing stand comprising a base, two support members mounted and secured upon said base, a plastic display unit mounted and secured upon said support members, said display unit comprising in one piece a transparent front portion, two integral side portions and two integral rear portions, the total width of said rear portions being less than the width of said front surface so as to provide a slot in the back of said display unit and make accessible for manipulation the goods contained within said display unit, and side wall members mounted and secured upon said base, the rear portions of said display unit and said side wall members being so positioned with respect to one another as to form an enclosure for storing goods.

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