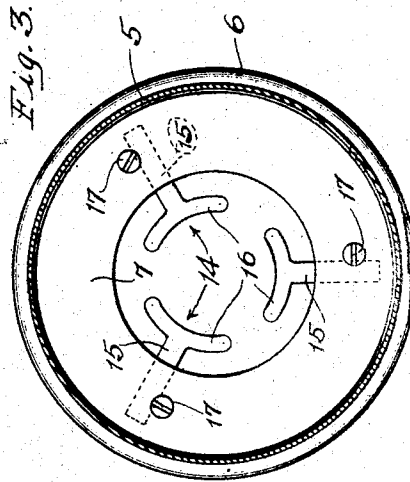
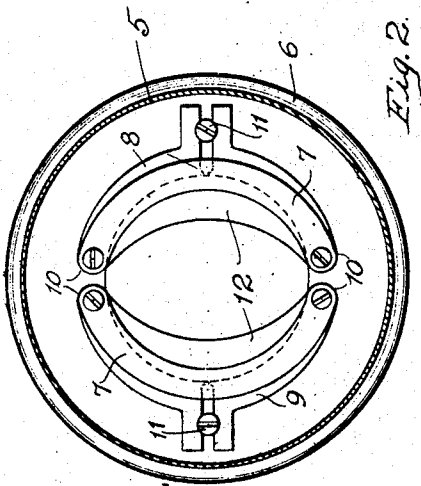
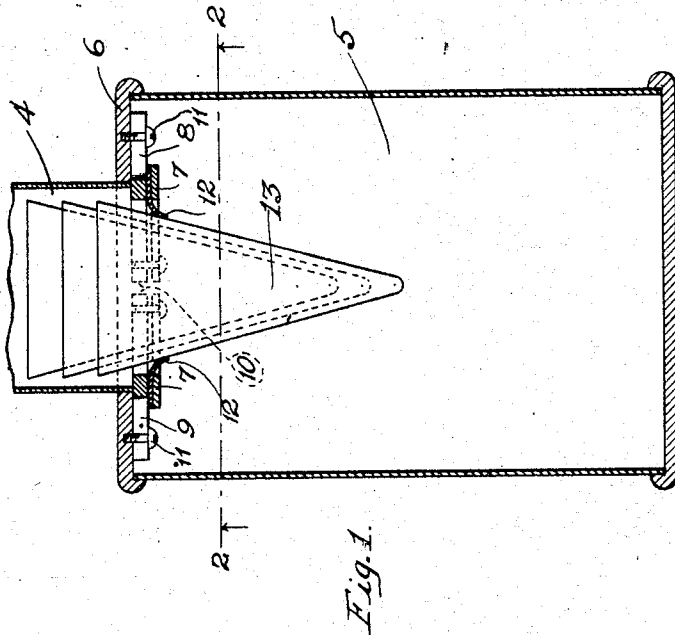


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DOSIER H. MOSTELLER, 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 Commodity-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to commodity receptacles and more especially to certain novel delivery means for permitting the articles contained therein to be taken therefrom, one at a time, without any resultant injury thereto. Specifically considered, said delivery mechanism is adapted for use in dispensing ice-cream cones which are nested together within the receptacle, the discharge of the lowermost cone tending to cause the next adjacent cone to descend into position for withdrawal.

The invention further consists in the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing, Figure 1, is a sectional view of a base of a commodity receptacle provided with the device of the present invention; Fig. 2, a cross-section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a similar view to Fig. 2 showing a slightly modified form of retainer construction.

A receptacle magazine 4 merges into and is united with a base member 5 of any suitable construction, having on its upper edge a rim 6 contacting the outer sides of the magazine 4 and tending to maintain the same in locked position with respect to the base. Locking retainer plates 7 are positioned adjacent to and secured in fixed position against upper opposing members 8 and 9, which may be somewhat larger than said retainers 7, and said opposing members 8 and 9 as shown in Fig. 2 comprise separate curved sections locked at their opposing meeting ends 10 to the lower opposing retainers 7, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and said members may be bifurcated centrally for permitting adjusting means, as screws 11, to be passed therethrough for engagement with the base rims 6 thereby locking said members thereto. Obviously, by adjusting said members 8 and 9, the size of the discharge mouth may be modified to conform to the particular size of the article to be delivered. Intermediate of said opposing upper members 8 and 9 and said lower retainers 7 are secured and maintained in op-

erative position the delivery members 12, both of which may be made, if desired, of yieldable elastic material, as rubber, or otherwise, which when in normal position maintain the articles within the magazine 4 in proper position prior to being discharged therefrom. It will be noted that the delivery members 12 are spaced somewhat apart from the adjacent walls, thereby allowing for a clearance to permit the articles, such as ice-cream cones, 13 to be withdrawn therefrom as desired without injury thereto.

Referring to Fig. 3, a slightly modified form of delivery members 14 are employed. As indicated, a plurality of said members 14 may be employed comprising elongated arms 15, merging into curved engaging faces 16, which may conform to the general shape of the articles to be delivered. Three of these delivery members are shown spaced equidistant apart abutting against the screws 17, and, obviously, their position can be readily regulated to conform to the size of the articles to be delivered. It is preferred, for practical purposes, to employ flexible steel springs as delivery members which may be bent somewhat downwardly so as to permit the articles engaging the same to be readily discharged.

The construction of the parts heretofore described may be somewhat modified without changing the principle of operation, which is to provide delivery means, preferably adjustable laterally to conform to the general size of the articles to be delivered and to locking means therefor, and it is not intended to limit the invention strictly thereto, since means may be used to permit of lateral adjustment of but one member, provided, the character and size of the articles will permit thereof.

I claim:

1. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, upper opposed members adjustable upon the under side of said base and lower opposed retainers to which said upper opposed members are secured, and delivery members retained between the upper members and the lower retainers.

2. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, upper opposed members adjustable upon the under side of said base and lower opposed retainers to which said upper opposed members are secured, delivery members retained between the upper members and the lower retainers and means

for horizontal adjustment of said members and retainers.

3. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, upper opposed members adjustable upon the under side of said base and lower opposed retainers to which said upper opposed members are secured, and delivery members retained between the upper members and the lower retainers, said delivery members being spaced apart from the adjacent walls and made resilient.

4. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, lower grooved retainers, upper opposed members secured to said retainers and horizontally adjustable on said base, said members having radially disposed portions, and adjusting means directly engaging such portions.

5. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, lower grooved retainers, upper opposed members secured to said re-

tainers and horizontally adjustable on said base, said members having radially disposed portions, adjusting means directly engaging such portions, and resilient delivery means interposed between said members and retainers and adjustable therewith.

6. In combination with the base of a commodity receptacle, lower retainers, upper opposing members secured to said retainers and to said receptacle base, and delivery means comprising elongated metallic arms, merging into curved engaging faces interposed between and secured in fixed position in the delivery mouth by the opposing retainers and members, substantially as described.

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