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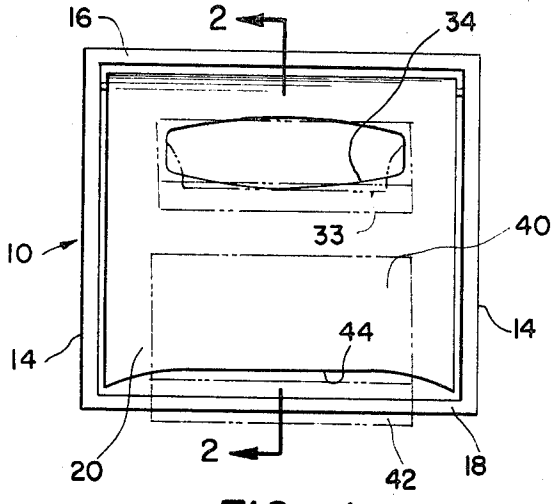


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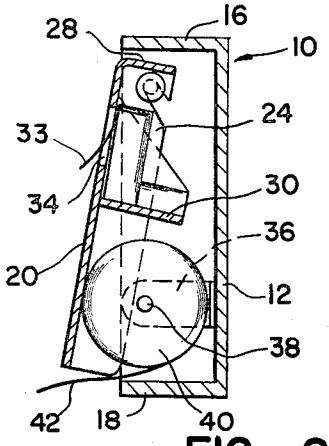


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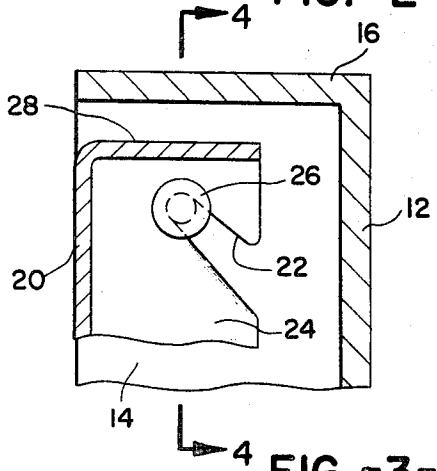


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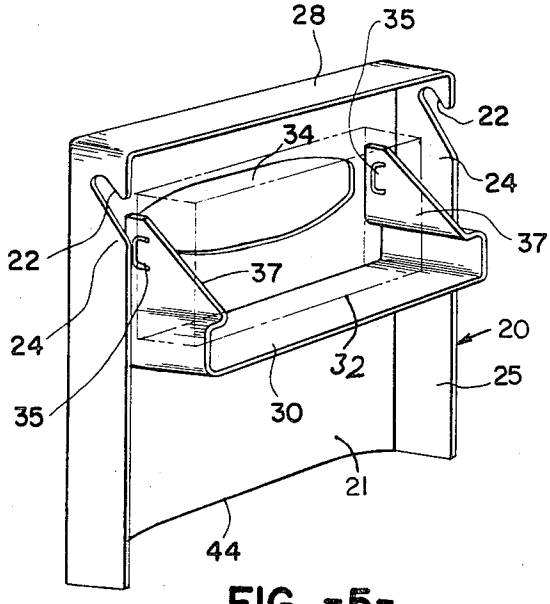


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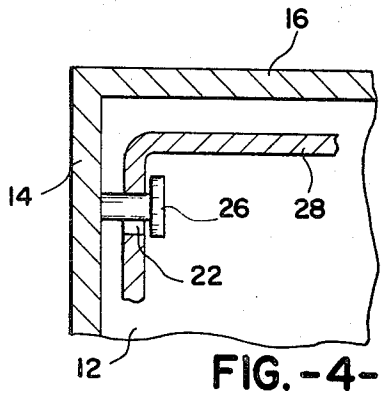


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cabinet, for dispensing soft tissues for facial use and towels for hand use. The cabinet is not limited to the use of towel rolls of a diameter larger than the depth of the cabinet. The door is detachable for ease in reloading.

A cabinet having an open face and a door detachably hinged at its upper edge to the cabinet, and having an upper opening affording access to a package of facial tissues carried by the inner side of the door, and having a lower opening affording access to a towel roll carried by the cabinet. The lower portion of the door rests on the towel roll and thus does not limit the diameter of the roll, which can be used to the depth of the cabinet.

My invention relates to a combined tissue and towel dispenser of the type used in kitchens, bath-rooms, and other places where relatively light and soft tissues and relatively heavy and coarse towels are needed.

One object of the invention is to produce an improved dispenser of the type set forth.

Presently, it is the practice to provide a tissue dispenser in the form of a container from which individual, prefolded tissue napkins may be successively withdrawn, and to suspend a towel roll on brackets or the like which are secured to a wall or other support, and from which pre-scored portions may be torn.

It is therefore a further object of the invention to provide a single container, or cabinet, which scores and dispenses tissues and towels.

An exposed paper towel roll is rather unsightly in any event, but more so in modern, streamlined and aesthetically designed and equipped kitchens and bath-rooms.

It is therefore a still further object of the invention to produce an improved tissue and towel dispenser which is compact and attractive and which whooly encloses the tissue container and the paper towel roll.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the following specification and the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a combined tissue and towel dispenser embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 is a sectional view looking in the direction of line 2—2 on FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is an enlargement of the upper portion of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view looking in the direction of line 4—4 on FIG. 3.

FIG. 5 is a rear perspective view of the cabinet door shown detached.

A combined tissue and towel dispenser embodying the invention comprises a cabinet **10** formed of a back wall **12**, side walls **14**, a top wall **16**, and a bottom wall **18**. The front edges of walls **14**, **16** and **18** coact to define a front opening which is normally closed by a door **20**. Door **20** is formed of a front wall **21**, side walls **25** and

a top wall **28** which define a box-like structure which coacts with the cabinet as follows:

Door **20** is pivotally and detachably mounted in position by means of slots **22** which are formed in side walls **24**, and which engage studs **26** which are carried by side walls **14**. To permit mounting and de-mounting of the door, sufficient clearance is provided between the top wall **28** of the door and top wall **16** of the cabinet. Slots **22** are so arranged that, when unrestrained, the door assumes a substantially vertical position.

On its inner side, the front wall **21** of door **20** is provided with a horizontal shelf **30** which is adapted to support a box **32** containing tissue or napkins **33**, access to which is had through upper opening **34**. The napkin containing box is held in position, firmly, but removably, by tabs **35** which are lanced out of wings **37** of shelf **30**. The metal from which shelf **30** and wings **37** are made and the shape of the wings provides a yielding pinching effect which prevents unintended displacement of the napkin box.

Below shelf **30** is a pair of brackets **36** which are secured to side walls **14** of the cabinet and which carry studs **38** for engaging the cardboard sleeve which carries paper towel roll **40**. Instead of providing a special slot through which the leading end **42** of the paper towel roll may be threaded, the lower edge of the door is cut away as at **44** so as to provide a slot through which the end **42** of the towel roll projects.

To load the dispenser, door **20** is removed, a towel roll **40** is mounted on trunnions **38**, a full tissue container **32** is placed on shelf **30**, and the door is replaced. When the paper towel roll is new, it has a large diameter, and the door in its closed position, will be somewhat slanted. As the diameter of the towel roll decreases, the door assumes a progressively more vertical position. In any event, the tissue container and towel roll are both concealed, and the towels pulled out are cut off either by pulling up against the lower edge **44** of the door or by pulling down against the front edge of bottom wall **18** of the cabinet.

What I claim is:

1. A tissue and towel dispenser including:

a cabinet having an open front compartment for receiving a towel supply and having opposed forwardly extending side walls,

a door for closing the front of said cabinet and carrying on its inner surface a container for receiving a supply of tissue,

said door having a first opening affording access to the tissue supply carried in the container on the back thereof and

a second opening affording access to the towel supply in said compartment, and

means removably hinging the upper end of said door to the upper end of said cabinet whereby said door assumes its closing position by gravity, said hinging means comprising a pair of rearwardly extending side walls and a top wall all of which interfit within said compartment, a pair of opposed upwardly and forwardly extending slots one in each of said side walls of the door near the top thereof, and a pair of opposed inwardly extending studs mounted one in each of the opposed side walls of the compartment, the

slots engaging respective studs whereby the door is removably hingedly mounted on the compartment.

2. The dispenser defined in claim 1 wherein said second opening is formed by spacing the lower edge of said door from the lower edge of the compartment.

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