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(54) Title: **FOLDED SHEET DISPENSER**

(57) Abstract

A dispenser (10) for individually dispensing sheets of material from a column (42) of sheets of material formed by a plurality of vertically stacked, folded sheets of material (46) is provided. The dispenser (10) is sized for receiving a plurality of vertically stacked, folded sheets of material (46) and includes a bottom surface (22), a forward wall (14) and a rear wall. The forward wall (14) and the rear wall are separated by spaced-apart side walls (18, 20). The bottom surface (22) defines a discharge opening (30) having a length dimension (A) greater than a width dimension (B). The discharge opening (30) is orientated such that the length dimension (A) is generally in a transverse orientation with respect to the orientation of the forward wall (14). The plurality of vertically stacked, folded sheets of material (46) within the housing are supported by the bottom surface (22). Each sheet (46) includes a leading edge (52) and a trailing edge separated by spaced-apart side edges (56). In the process of dispensing individual sheets from the dispenser (10), the side edges (56) of the sheets are urged inwardly by the width dimension (B) of the discharge opening as individual sheets pass through the opening (30).

