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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9932018A1] A storage and dispensing device for similar, discrete articles of predetermined shape and weight, comprises a tubular housing having an access opening in an outer or upper region thereof, a support platform movable within the housing between first and second stop positions and spring means biasing the platform toward said first stop position. The rate or constant of said spring means is so calculated in relation to the anticipated load on the platform that when said articles are stacked within the housing in a superimposed relationship an outermost or uppermost article, or an outermost or uppermost layer of the articles, will be supported by the platform in an outer or upper region of the housing where it will be accessible at or beyond said opening and such that when said outermost or uppermost article, or outermost or uppermost layer of articles, is removed the platform will be moved by the spring means until the next article, or next layer of articles, occupies generally the same position as was formerly occupied by the article or layer thereof removed.

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