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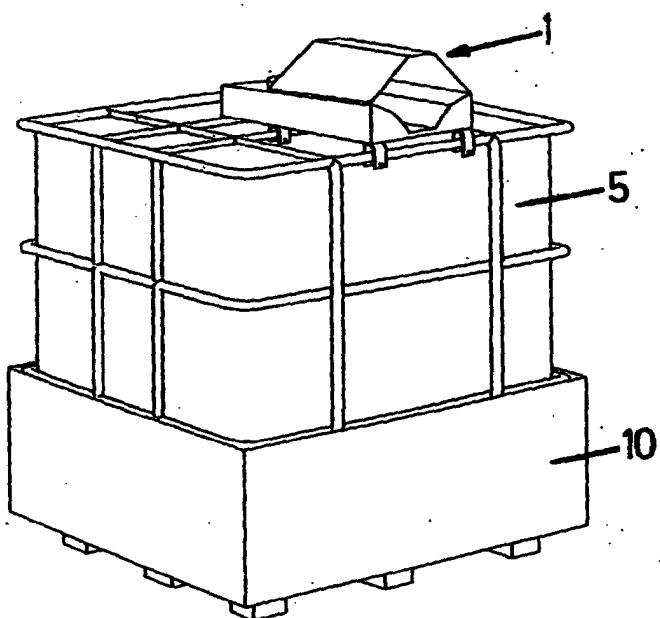
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### (54) Device for pouring liquids into a container

(57) Device (1) for dispensing liquids that comprises a support surface (2) on which is located the receptacle (4), from where the liquid will be dispensed, with a folding cover (3) that allows said support surface to be

closed at the top. Said support surface prevents possible spills or drips from being able to emerge to the outside, whilst the folding cover prevents the entry of rainwater into the device.



**FIG. 1**



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1. claims: 1-7

A device for pouring liquids into a container.

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2. claims: 8-10

A container for storing liquids.

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