The invention finds its chief utility as a covered receptacle or tray for storing and dispensing napkins or towels such as are used by physicians and surgeons, the object being to provide for single removal without the necessity of manual handling.

The nature of the invention consists in the provision of relatively movable receptacle and cover elements, the cover element being equipped with a towel engaging and lifting device which automatically adjusts itself to conditions due to requisitions upon the contents of the receptacle so that the lifting device is effective as well when the receptacle is fully charged as when but a single towel remains.

The invention in its preferred form is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a view principally in longitudinal section of the parts or elements in assembled relation.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cover in detached position with the lifter engaging a napkin.

Referring to the drawings, 5 represents a receptacle or tray and 6 is its complemen tal cover, the summinal portion of side walls of the receptacle affording a rim seat 7 for the shouldered portion 8 of the cover. The receptacle and its cover are preferably formed of glass. 9 represents separate napkins or towels disposed flatwise in the tray in loose superposed relation. 10 represents a carrier consisting of a spring finger secured to a bolt 11 penetrating the cover and retained by a nut 12. The finger is directed endwise of the tray and its free end has a right angle bend to provide an axle for a roller 13 having an adhesive surface 14. This may well be provided by surgical tape so that the surface may be renewed from time to time as required.

Evidently the provision of the rolling abutment ensures engagement of the lift with the napkins; and the provision of a carrier in the form of a spring finger ensures the necessary compensation or self-adjustment to enable the device effectively to per-