My invention relates to a package carrier, tray, or rack for hand trucks and the like. In use, small packages or articles of any sort may be assembled and piled on the device, which is then readily picked up and transported on a hand truck, and deposited wherever desired for unloading. In suitable forms of embodiment, such as hereinafter described, the invention affords a simple, strong, and convenient device that can be easily and very economically manufactured.

In the drawings, Fig. I is a side view of one form of device conveniently embodying my invention, illustrating its use in connection with a hand truck. Fig. II is a view of the device from the right of Fig. I; and, Fig. III is a fragmentary plan view with certain parts in horizontal section, as indicated by the line III—III in Fig. II.

As shown in the drawings, the device comprises a bottom platform 5 adapted to rest on the floor, and an upstanding side wall or back 6. The bottom 5 is shown elevated on reinforcing members, rails or "sills" 7, so that the toe A of an ordinary hand truck II can be slipped under it to lift it, as shown in Fig. I. The back 6 is shown sloping backward somewhat beyond the "heel" 8 of the device, so that a high pile of articles on the latter will be partially balanced about the heel 8, and thus more readily tilted to lift it on the truck toe A.

As shown in Figs. I and II, the bottom platform 5 consists of a sheet metal plate, and the reinforcing rails or sills 7 are formed by the downturned margins of said plate, which are bent first downward and then inward (reverted) into channel form. The back 6 is shown as of open-work construction, consisting of upwardly tapering side members or rails 10 of channel section, angular and channel shaped cross members 11 and 12, respectively, extending between the rails or "sills" 10 and riveted and/or welded to the front flanges of the latter at their ends, and sheet metal strips or slats 13 extending parallel with the sills 10 between them and riveted and/or welded (or otherwise secured) to the cross members 11, 12. As shown in Figs. I and II, the vertical webs of the bottom rails 7 extend across the lower ends of the upstanding sills 10 at their outer sides, and are secured to them by welding and/or rivets 14. Preferably, the horizontal bottom flanges of the rails 7 extend under the ends of the upstanding sills 10. As shown in Fig. I, the horizontal bottom flanges of the rails 7 are cut away at the middle of the platform 5.

At the intersection of the back 6 and its sills 10 with the bottom 5, there is a transversely extending angle member 15 which is attached to both of them, so as to form an interconnection additional to that already described. In the present instance, the angle member 15 is formed by the upturned rear margin of the platform plate 5 itself, which is slit along the upper angles of the rails 7, 7 to allow it to be bent upward as shown. The ends of this flange 15 overlap the front flanges of the upstanding rails 10 and are secured to them by welding and/or rivets 16. In the present instance, the upper portion 17 of the flange 15 is offset rearwardly a distance equal to the thickness of the slats 13, and the lower ends of said slats are secured to it by welding and/or rivets 18. As shown in Figs. I and II, a handle 19 may be riveted to the upper transverse bar or cross member 11 of the back 6, for convenience in manipulating the device or moving it about.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a bottom platform plate, with downturned side margins forming integral sills, and upturned rear margin forming an integral upstanding flange; and an openwork back having upstanding rails attached to
said flange above said platform and attached
to said sills below said platform, and thus se-
curely braced relative to the platform.

2. A device as in the preceding claim, fur-
ther characterized in that said sills are pro-
longed rearward beyond said upstanding
flange, and in that each of said upstanding
rails of the back has a portion lying against
said upstanding platform flange and secured
thereto and a portion lying against the rear-
ward extensions of said sills and secured
thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
signed my name at Philadelphia, Pennsylva-
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