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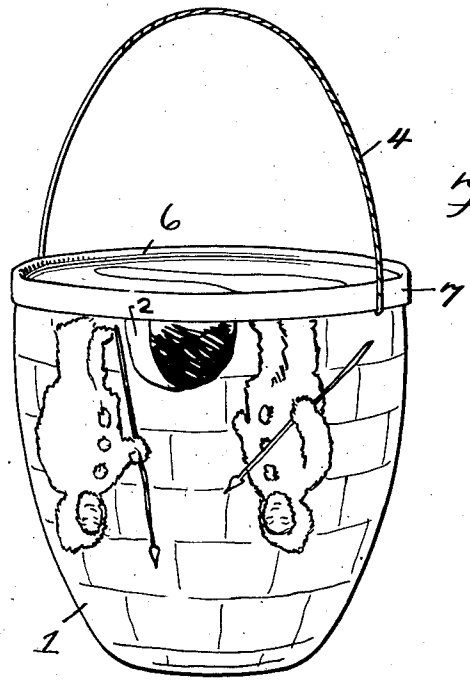


Fig. 1.

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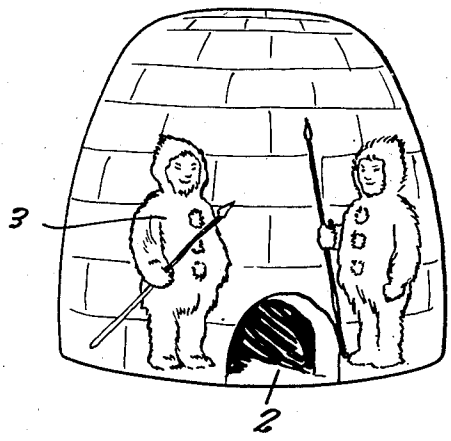
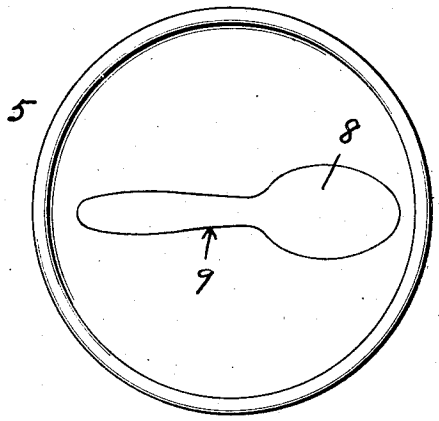


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ICE-CREAM CARRIER

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An object of my present invention is the provision of a receptacle or carrier for ice cream, in which the carrier is shaped to represent an Eskimo igloo which, after the contents have been removed therefrom, may be utilized by children as a toy play house.

A further object is the provision of a carrier for this purpose whose mouth is normally closed by a flanged cover and which cover is integrally formed with a spoon, divided therefrom by a weakened line so that a pressure against the spoon portion of the cover will remove the spoon therefrom so that the latter may be employed when the ice cream in the container is eaten.

The drawings which accompany and form part of this application illustrate a satisfactory embodiment of my improvement.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement.

Figure 2 is a similar view but showing the carrier inverted and employed as a toy house for children.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the cover for the carrier.

The carrier 1 is shaped and decorated to represent a hut or igloo made of ice blocks and occupied by Eskimos. As disclosed by Figure 2 of the drawings, the carrier 1, after the contents have been removed therefrom is inverted, the mouth of the said carrier resting upon a suitable surface. The mount of the carrier, at one side thereof, is colored or otherwise shaped to represent the doorway 2 to the hut and preferably the door for the doorway is made of a thinner strip of paper than the body of the device so that the door can be removed should it be found desirable. At the opposite sides of the door there are Figures 3 representing small Eskimos who are guarding the door.

The carrier is designed to be packed with ice cream in the usual manner and the said carrier has secured thereon, below the mouth thereof, a flexible bail 4.

The cover for the carrier, indicated by the numeral 5, has its edge bent upwardly, as at 6, and from thence flanged downwardly, as at 7. This affords a tight gripping engagement of the flange 7 with the mouth of the carrier. The body of the cover, at the central portion thereof, has stamped thereon the representation of a spoon 8, and the marginal line of the spoon, indicated by the numeral 9, is weakened, whereby the spoon upon a pressure thereagainst can be separated from the closure and can be employed for eating the cream in the carrier.

If desired, the flange 7 of the carrier may be provided with a thin depending strip of paper to be received in the doorway 2 and also if desired this strip of paper may close the door, in which instance, the mentioned thin door is not required.

My improvement is, of course, designed as a useful carrier for ice cream but principally as a toy for children. It is believed that considerable amusement can be obtained by using the carrier as a toy playhouse when the contents thereof have been eaten, and the simplicity of the device and the advantages thereof will, it is thought, be understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art to which such invention relates.

Having described the invention, I claim:

A toy igloo comprising a hollow substantially hemi-spherical shaped body having an open top, and adapted to be supported in an inverted position, said body having a substantially U-shaped door opening in one side and extended to the open top of the body, a piece of tearable material normally covering the door opening, and of a thickness considerably less than the material constituting the body, whereby the tearable material can be readily removed to uncover the door opening, and a removable cap for said body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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