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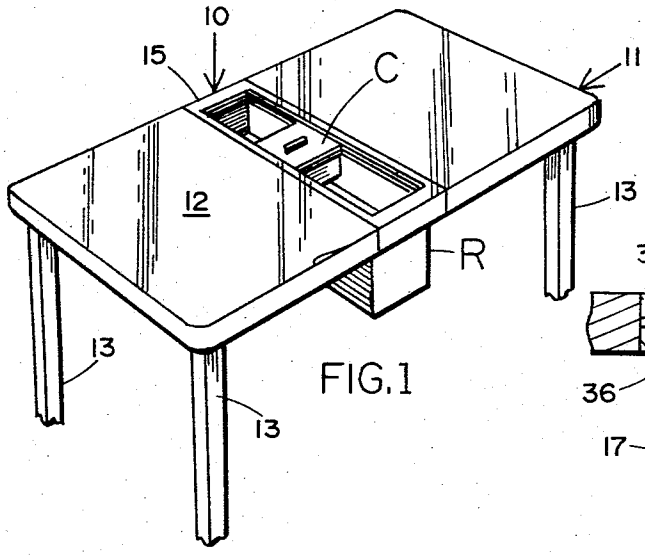


FIG. 1

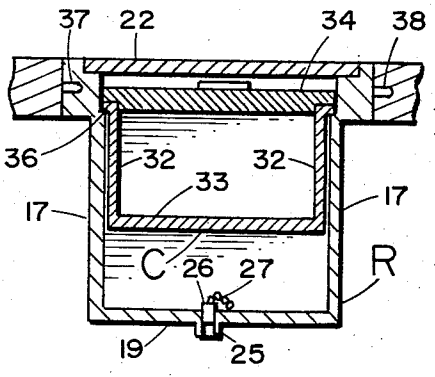


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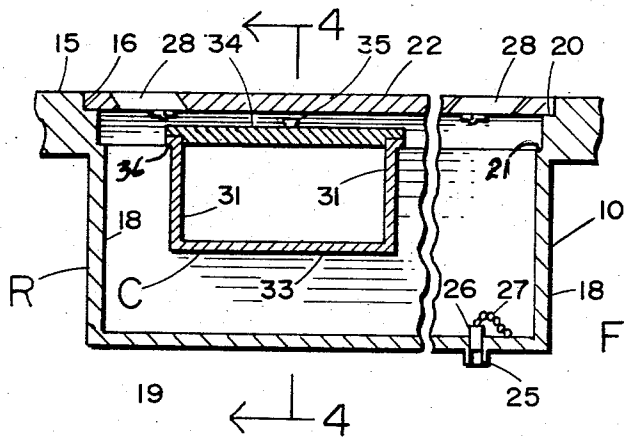


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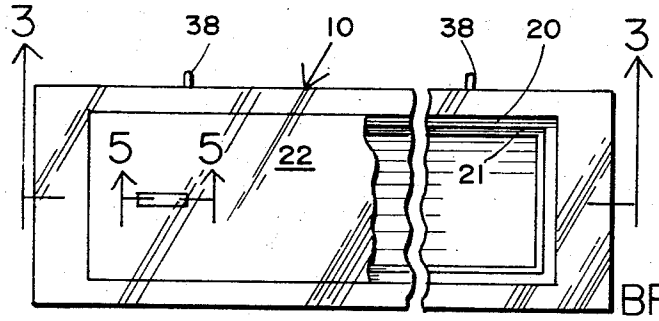


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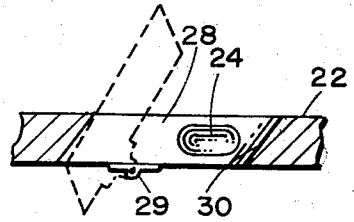


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A beverage cooler for use in lieu of a leaf in leaf-type tables consisting of a panel having an enlarged opening, a watertight receptacle depending from the panel at the opening, a drain and stopper positioned on the bottom wall of the receptacle, a pair of peripheral shoulders one above the other extending about the opening, a panel received by the upper shoulder and a second receptacle supported on the lower shoulder, the second receptacle having a flange adapted to rest on said lower peripheral shoulder.

This invention relates generally to tables and is more particularly directed to a beverage cooler for leaf-type tables.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide a leaf-type table with a beverage cooler which can be placed thereon in lieu of a leaf whereby beverage may be maintained in a chilled condition within reach of those using the table.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a beverage cooler for leaf-type tables having a receptacle for clean ice therein whereby beverage in bottles, cans, etc. may be chilled as well as clean ice being made available for mixed drinks and the like.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a beverage cooler for leaf-type tables with a panel like cover that resembles the leaf replaced by the beverage cooler so that the latter may be retained on the table at all times whether being used or being stored thereon.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a beverage cooler for use primarily on leaf-type tables and which can be readily used on picnics, barbeques and the like.

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, with the understanding, however, that the invention is not confined to any strict conformity with the showing of the drawing but may be changed or modified so long as such change or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claim.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a leaf-type table showing my beverage cooler in position thereon with its cover panel removed.

FIGURE 2 is a top plan view of my beverage cooler removed from the table and with the cover panel partially broken away.

FIGURE 3 is a cross sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of FIGURE 2.

FIGURE 4 is a cross sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 is a fragmentary cross sectional view of the cover panel taken along the line 5—5 of FIGURE 2.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals are used to designate similar parts throughout the several views, the numeral **10** refers to my beverage cooler shown uncovered and in position on a conventional leaf-type table **11** in FIGURE 1. The table **11** being of conventional

structure is not shown in detail and consists of a table top **12** supported on legs **13** with my beverage cooler **10** shown in place of a leaf that would normally have been positioned between the two halves of the table top **12** when an enlarged table is desired.

My beverage cooler **10** consists of a top wall **15** in which there is an opening **16** and a watertight receptacle R attached thereto formed by side walls **17**, end walls **18** and a bottom wall **19**. The bottom wall **19** is provided with a drain **25** for emptying the receptacle R of water. A plug **26** fastened by a chain **27** to the bottom wall **19** is normally fitted in the drain **25** to contain water formed by melting ice within the receptacle R until it is desired to evacuate the receptacle R.

About the periphery of the opening **16** in the top wall **15** of the receptacle C there is a pair of shoulders **20** and **21** one above the other. The lower peripheral shoulder **21** supports a container C for clean ice. while the upper shoulder **20** supports a panel **22** which resembles the leaf of the table **11** when in position on the opening as shown by FIGURE 2. The panel **22** is provided with means for readily removing same from the beverage cooler **10** consisting of an unbalanced handle member **28** pivotally mounted as by a hinge **29** in an opening **30** formed at each end of the panel **22**. There is a notch **24** formed on each side of the handle member **28** to permit a person to grasp the panel **22** with one's fingers in order to lift the panel **22** from the opening **16**.

The clean ice container C is a watertight open top receptacle consisting of side walls **31**, end walls **32** and a bottom wall **33**. There is flange **36** extending outwardly at the upper edge of the side and end walls **31, 32**, which flange **36** resist on the lower peripheral shoulder **21** to support the clean ice container C. A cover **34** provided with a knob-like handle **35** fits over the ice container C. There is sufficient clearance between the shoulder **20** and **21** to permit the clean ice container C to remain within the receptacle R when the cover or panel **22** is placed over the opening **16**. This permits the container C to be stored within receptacle R at all times.

The top wall **15** of my beverage cooler **10** is provided with bores **37** along one edge and dowels **38** along the other edge to be received by aligned dowels and bores respectively in the table top **12** in much the same manner as the leaf that is replaced by my beverage cooler **10** whereby the beverage cooler **10** becomes firmly interengaged by the table top **12**.

From the foregoing it is apparent that there is provided herein a beverage cooler which may be placed in a leaf-type table in lieu of one of the leafs so that the beverage being cooled is convenient to those in the vicinity of the table on which food is placed as in the usual sit down meal or buffet. In the receptacle R bottle and can beverages are contained along with ice. Within the container C clean ice will be provided for those who desire ice for their drinks. Water resulting from melting ice can be withdrawn from the receptacle R through the drain **25**.

When the beverage cooler **10** is not in use, it can be permitted to remain on the table **11** in much the same manner as a leaf of the table by placing the panel cover **22** over the opening **16** with the container C stored within the receptacle R. By merely pivoting the pivoted handle members **28** and grasping the handle members **28** at the notches **24** with one's fingers, the panel cover **22** is lifted out of the opening **16** to uncover the beverage cooler **10** making it ready for use.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United Sates is:

1. A beverage cooler for leaf-type tables, comprising a panel having a substantially rectangular opening, depending walls extending from the lower surface of said

wall at said opening, a bottom wall joining the lower ends of said depending walls forming a watertight receptacle, a drain opening in said bottom wall, a plug removably mounted in said drain opening, peripheral shoulder means mountid in said panel at said opening and a further panel mounted in said opening and supported on said peripheral shoulder whereby said beverage cooler resembles a conventional leaf for said table a further receptacle positioned within said first named receptacle, said further receptacle being open at its top portion, a cover removably positioned at said open top portion and a flange means extending outwardly of said receptacle at said top portion, said rectangular opening of said first named receptacle having a second peripheral shoulder below said first named peripheral shoulder for receiving said flange means and supporting said further receptacle within said first named receptacle.

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