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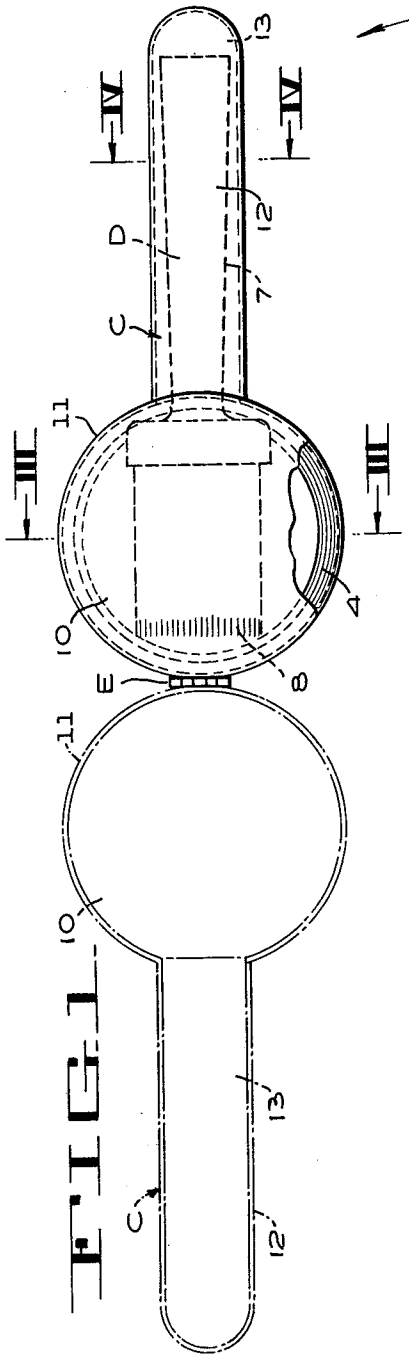


FIG. 1

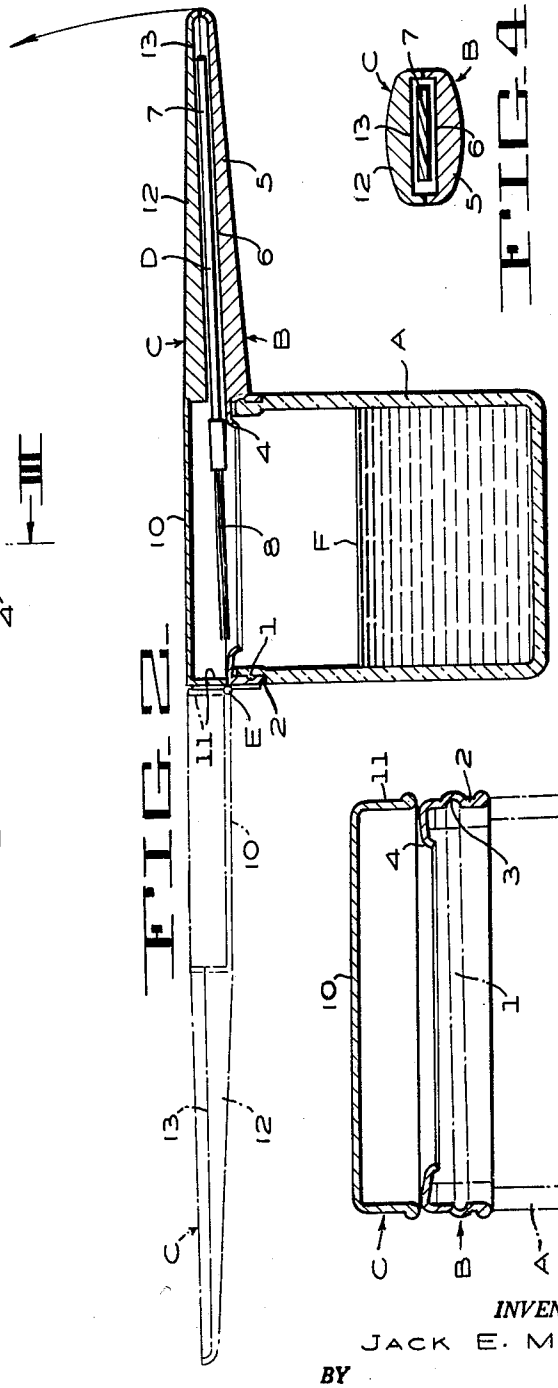


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The present invention relates to improvements in a combination container and brush holder, and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements of parts as hereinafter described and claimed.

During the roasting of meat, it is desirable to baste it from time to time to moisten it and the liquid used may be melted butter, pan drippings, or other liquid to prevent burning of the meat and to add flavor. Melted butter can also be used for waffles, pancakes or toast. A basting brush is used and the melted butter or other liquid is held in a container or jar. It is difficult to find a proper place for the basting brush after using it. If the brush remains in the container with the bristles immersed in the liquid butter, the bristles will become rancid in time. Furthermore if other liquids are used, such as honey for pancakes or waffles, it is desirable to remove the brush from the liquid and hold the bristles over the top of the container. Unless care is taken, the brush may accidentally drop upon the tablecloth and soil it. Then there is the problem of keeping the brush covered when not in use and the container closed.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a combination container and brush holder in which the container top can be closed by a cover when the brush is not in use and the cover will also act as a housing for the brush handle. Moreover the brush handle will be supported in such a position that the bristle end of the brush will extend into the top of the container to permit any excess liquid on the bristles to drain back into the container. The brush bristles will be spaced above the top of the liquid rather than be immersed in the liquid.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described in which the brush holder not only includes a cover for the container top, but the portion that houses the brush handle is also in the shape of a handle and can be grasped for lifting and moving the liquid-holding container to any desired place. When the brush holder is opened, the cover for the container will also be opened and the brush handle will be exposed and can be removed for using the brush.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which is simple in construction and durable and efficient for the purpose intended.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the specification continues and the novel features of the invention will be set forth in the claims hereunto appended.

Drawing

For a better understanding of my invention, reference should be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a top plan view of the device with the parts in closed position and also the cover and upper housing for the handle shown in open position by the dot-dash lines;

FIGURE 2 is a longitudinal section through the two part brush holder and container cover, the container also being shown in section. The upper housing for the handle and the cover are illustrated in open position by the dot-dash lines;

FIGURE 3 is a transverse section of the brush holder and is taken along the line III—III of FIGURE 1. The top of the container is shown in dot-dash lines in this figure; and

FIGURE 4 is a transverse section through the handle housing portion of the device, and is taken along the line IV—IV of FIGURE 1. FIGURE 4 is on a larger scale.

While I have shown only the preferred form of my invention, it should be understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the annexed claims without departing from the spirit thereof.

Detailed Description

In carrying out my invention, I provide a container A, which may be a glass jar with a threaded top **1**. The brush holder consists of two parts, a lower part B, and an upper part C. The brush holder parts B, and C, may be made from any material desired such as metal or plastic.

The lower part B, of the brush holder has a cylindrical-shaped portion **2** which is provided with threads **3**, so as to be removably secured to the threaded portion **1** of the container A. The cylindrical or ring-shaped portion **2**, has an inwardly extending drain flange **4**, that overlies the rim of the container A, for a purpose presently to be described.

The lower part B, also has an integral lower half handle portion **5**, see FIGURE 2, that has a trough-shaped recess **6**, for receiving a handle **7**, of a basting brush D. The bottom of the trough-shaped recess **6**, lies flush with the upper surface of the drain flange **4**, and the length of the recess is such that when the brush handle **7**, is received therein, the bristle end **8** of the brush D, will overlie the open top of the container A. The bottom of the trough **6** is inclined to a slight degree so that the brush handle **7** and bristles **8**, will likewise be inclined and any excess liquid on the bristles will drain back into the container A. The brush bristles **8** are inclined downwardly.

The upper part C, of the brush holder has a cover portion **10**, with a circular depending flange **11**, that is designed to form an extension for the cylindrical portion **2** of the lower part B. A hinge E, interconnects the cylindrical portion **2** of the lower part with the circular flange **11**, of the upper part.

The upper part C, has an integral upper half handle portion **12**, that overlies the lower half handle portion **5**, when the upper part C, is in closed position. The upper half handle portion **12**, is of the same general shape as the lower half and therefore the two portions **5** and **12**, constitute a handle for the brush holder and also for the container A.

The upper half handle portion **12**, has an elongated recess **13**, on its underside that is coextensive with and overlies the recess **6**, when the upper part is in closed position. The two recesses form a compartment for the brush handle **7**. The recesses **6** and **13**, terminate short of the outer ends of the handle portions **5** and **12** and therefore the compartment for the brush handle **7**, will be closed at its outer end.

Operation

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof will be readily understood. The two parts B, and C, of the brush holder may be held in closed position by grasping the handle portions **5** and **12**, and then the cylindrical portion **2** may be threaded onto the container A, and the container will now form a part of the device.

The container A may hold any type of liquid desired and the brush D, is held in the position shown when the handle portions **5** and **12** are closed. When the device is used, the upper handle portion **12** is swung upwardly about the hinge E, as indicated by the curved arrow in FIGURE 2. The upper handle portion **12** is shown in open position in FIGURES 1 and 2, by the dot-dash lines in these figures. The upper portion C, may swing beyond

the horizontal dot-dash line showing because the handle portion 12 will likely come to rest when its outer end contacts the same surface, not shown, that supports the container A.

The handle 7 of the basting brush D, is now grasped and the brush removed from the recess 6, and the bristles 8, lowered into the liquid F. The brush bristles may now be applied to any article desired such as toast, pancakes or waffles if the liquid is melted butter, a syrup, etc. When the operator is finished, he places the brush handle 7 in the trough 6 and the bristles 8 will overlie the open top of the container A. Any excess liquid on the bristles will drain back into the container. The drain flange 4, will guide any liquid dropping thereon, back into the container.

The upper part C, may now be swung into closed position and the cover portion 10 will close the top of the container A, while the upper half handle portion 12 will cover and protect the brush handle 7. In this way the contents F of the container A, are kept covered as well as the entire basting brush D. The device can be moved to any desired place and is ready for further use at any time.

I claim:

1. In combination: a container for holding a liquid; a brush holder consisting of a lower part and an upper part hinged to the lower part; said lower part having a portion attachable to the container so as to secure the brush holder to said container and having a handle-shaped portion with an elongated recess for receiving the handle of a basting brush; said upper part having a cover portion for the container top and an integral handle-shaped portion adapted to overlie the handle-shaped portion of the lower part when the upper part is in closed position and its cover portion closes the container top.

2. The combination as set forth in claim 1: and in which the handle-shaped portion of the upper part has an elongated recess that will align with the recess in the handle-shaped portion of the lower part when the upper part is in closed position; the two recesses receiving the brush handle and having a length that will position the brush bristles over the container top and permit excess liquid on the bristles to drain back into the container.

3. In combination: a container for holding a liquid and having an exteriorly threaded neck portion; a brush holder consisting of a lower part with a cylindrical threaded portion threaded onto the container neck portion; said lower part also having a radially-extending handle-shaped portion with an elongated recess for receiving the handle of a basting brush, the brush also having bristles; said brush holder also having an upper part with a cover portion hinged to the cylindrical portion of the lower part and adapted to close the container when the upper part is in closed position; said cover portion having an integral handle-shaped portion adapted to overlie the handle portion of the lower part when the upper part is in closed position.

4. The combination as set forth in claim 3: and in which the handle-shaped portion of the upper part has an elongated recess that will align with the recess in the handle-shaped portion of the lower part when the upper part is in closed position; the two recesses receiving the brush handle and having a length that will position the brush bristles over the container top and permit excess liquid on the bristles to drain back into the container.

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