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FIG. 1

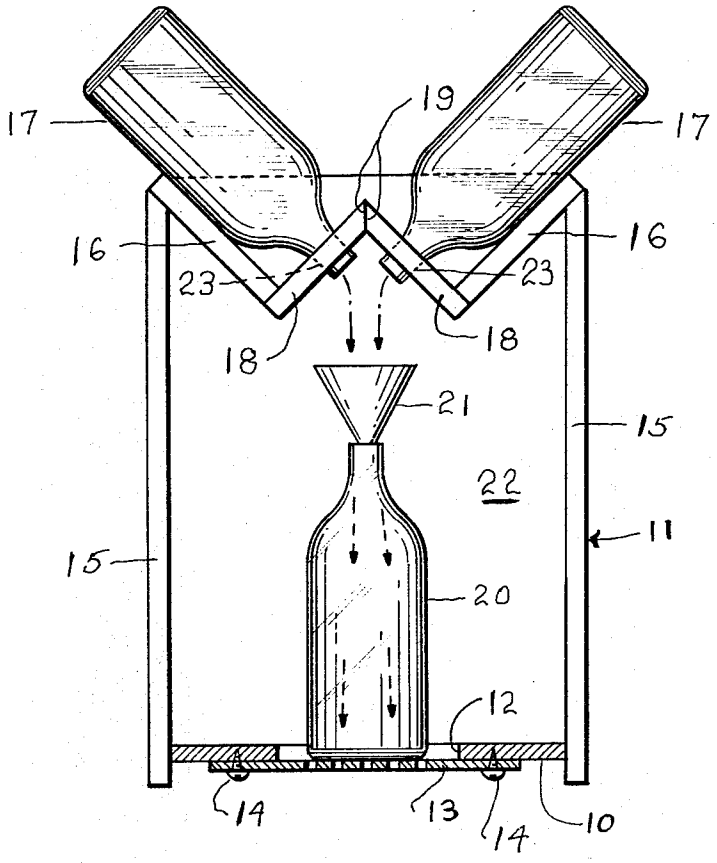
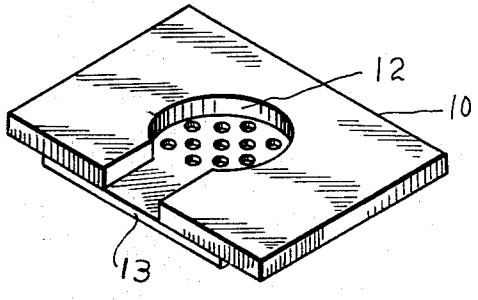


FIG. 2



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My invention relates generally to racks, and specifically to racks for holding bottles and similar receptacles while they drain.

It is an object of the invention to avoid waste by providing a rack for draining and collecting viscous materials.

It is another object of the invention to prevent waste of costly or viscous material by collecting them in a single container.

It is yet another object of the invention to provide a drain-rack that needs no attention, thereby saving time and avoiding a tedious attendance during draining.

These objects and advantages as well as other objects and advantages may be attained by the device shown by way of illustration in the drawing in which:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of a drain-rack; and

FIGURE 2 is a perspective view of the base.

The emptying of bottles containing costly or viscous material can be both tedious and time consuming. It has been found that collecting such material can be carried out without tedium and without time-consuming attendance to the operation by the use of a rack.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, the rack **11** consists of a base **10**, with a generally central cut-out area **12** defining a seat for a receptacle. The area **12** has attached to it on the bottom, a perforated floor **13** so that spilled material may drain out from the floor, and it can be easily flushed for cleaning. The floor may be attached to the base **10** by screws **14, 14** or by some other suitable means.

At each side of the base **10**, a pair of vertical side panels **15, 15** are attached. They may be attached to the base so that they extend slightly below the base **10**, in order to maintain the base above the surface upon which the rack rests. At the top of the panels **15, 15**, a pair of supports **16, 16** are attached, extending in a downward direction toward each other, and defining surfaces upon which objects or bottles **17, 17** to be drained may be rested. Attached to the bottom of the supports **16, 16**, there are a pair of positioning panels **18, 18** extending upwardly and inwardly toward each other, and attached together at their inner ends **19, 19**. These panels **18, 18** are provided with passages dimensioned to receive the necks of bottles **17, 17** which are to be emptied, and their contents collected in another vessel **20**, which stands in the area **12**. To facilitate the collection of the drained material from the bottles **17, 17**, a funnel **21** is inserted in the neck of the vessel **20**. The area **12** accurately positions the vessel **20**, centering it to place the funnel **21** in the correct position to receive the drainage from the bottles **17, 17**. A back **22** is connected to the base **10**, and side panels **15, 15**, to enclose the rear of the rack. The supports **16, 16** are also attached to the back **22**, as are the positioning panels **18, 18**, in order that they may rigidly support draining objects such as the bottles **17, 17**. The positioning panels **18, 18** and the supports **16, 16** are disposed at approximately 90° to each other.

In use, the bottles **17, 17** to be drained are placed on the supports **16, 16** with their necks inserted through the passages **23, 23**. A collector vessel **20** is placed in the area **12**, and a funnel **21** is inserted into it. The viscous contents may now drain out without any attendants or supervision.

The foregoing description is intended as merely illustrative of an embodiment of the invention, for many changes may be made in the construction, selection and arrangement of the parts, all within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed:

1. A rack comprising:

(a) a generally flat base;

(b) a pair of generally vertical side-panels attached at opposite sides of the base;

(c) a pair of supports each attached to one of the side panels and extending in an inward and downward direction;

(d) a pair of positioning panels each attached to one of the supports and extending in an inward and upward direction with their ends in engagement, each panel having a passage therethrough dimensioned to receive the neck of a bottle to be drained;

(e) a cut-out area on the base dimensioned to receive a collector vessel.

2. A rack according to claim **1**, and

(a) a back attached to the base, side-panels, supports, and positioning panels.

3. A rack according to claim **2**, and

(a) the supports and their corresponding positioning panels disposed at approximately 90° to each other.

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