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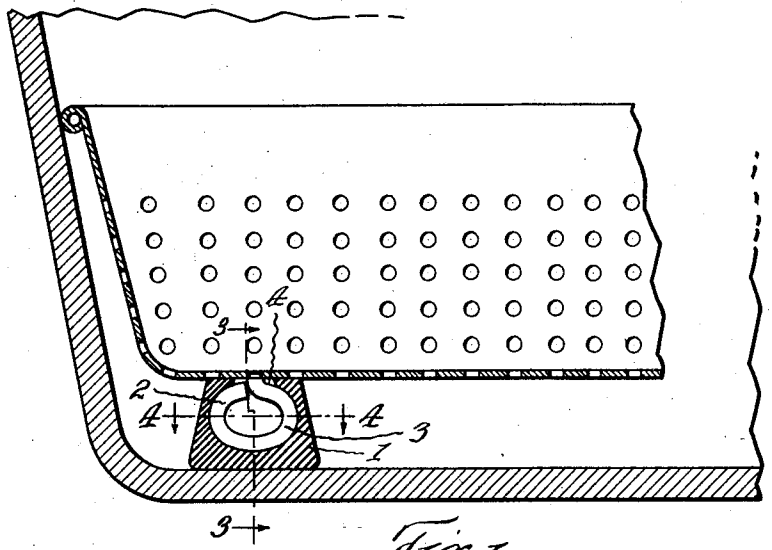


Fig. 1

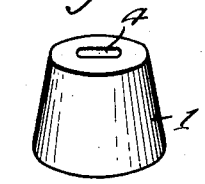


Fig. 2

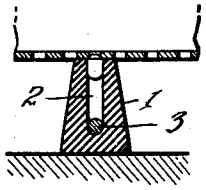


Fig. 3

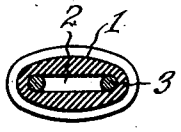


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to cushions and is directed more particularly to a resilient cushion for use on sink strainers, and other culinary utensils.

It is the usual practice to support the ordinary sink strainer on metal feet so that the perforated bottom thereof will be slightly elevated from the sink and permit free drawing of the refuse in the strainer. Usually the feet are enamelled but such protective coating soon wears through to the metal due to sliding the strainer about in the sink. The feet being subjected almost constantly to water, soon rust and leave a stain in the sink which is unsightly and difficult to remove. The metal feet also tend to scratch the enamel in the sink and create a disturbing noise when the strainer is moved about.

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a resilient cushion which may be easily and quickly slipped over each foot of a sink strainer and thereby remedy the aforementioned difficulties.

Another object is to provide a resilient cushion which shall be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and which shall require no fastening means other than the inherent elasticity of the material from which they are made.

With these and other objects in view, the invention may be stated to consist in the provision of a resilient cushion having an aperture therein which is formed with a restricted mouth so that the device may be forced over a foot of the sink strainer and will be retained thereon.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this application, Fig. 1 is a fragmentary sectional view through a sink and sink strainer showing my cushion applied to a foot of the strainer; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cushion; and Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views taken respectively on the lines 3—3 and 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Describing the various parts by reference characters, 1 denotes generally the cushion which is preferably formed from resilient material such as rubber. This cushion is provided with an internal cavity 2 having a shape substantially the same as the sink strainer foot 3, and such cavity opens through the top of the cushion through a restricted neck 4. The cavity 2 is substantially the same width as the thickness of the foot 3, as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4, so that the walls of the cavity will closely embrace the sink strainer foot on both sides and about the periphery thereof.

The general shape of the cushion may be of any approved design such as the frustrum of a cone which is substantially oval in cross section. This particular shape provides a relatively large area for the bottom of the cushion and a relatively resilient top portion about the neck 4, and the oval cross section reduces the amount of material in each device to a minimum.

In use, a cushion is forced over each foot 4 of the sink strainer, or similar culinary device, the resilient materal yielding sufficiently to permit the enlarged portion of the foot to be forced through the restricted neck 4. The resilient nature of the material insures a snug fit about the foot and hence is securely retained in position during ordinary use. It will also be noted that the top of the cushion contacts with the bottom of the sink strainer and prevents moisture from entering the cavity and rusting the foot therein.

A sink strainer so equipped is noiseless when pushed about the sink and there will be no tendency to mar the enamelled surface thereof or to cause rust stains therein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A cushion for the feet of culinary utensils formed from resilient material and having a frusto-conical shape of oval cross section, a cavity formed in said cushion which is substantially circular in one plane and substantially rectangular in a plane at right angles thereto, said cavity being formed with a restricted opening at its top and of sufficient depth to allow said cushion to engage the bottom of the utensil whereby to prevent moisture from entering said cavity around the opening.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my signature.

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