COMPARTMENT PLATE OR FLATTER

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My present invention relates generally to compartment plates or platters and more particularly to that type of serving plate in which provision is made to hold several different articles of food, and involves the provision of such a plate or platter which will not only be strong and durable but which lends itself to ready manufacture from various materials such as metal, china and glass but may be formed with compartments of sufficient depth to effectively receive and retain full portions of the articles to be served therein. Variation types of compartment plates and platters have been before proposed and found objectionable in practical use for various reasons, one of which is its susceptibility to ready breakage unless formed of metal, difficulty of metallic formation, difficulty of forming sufficiently deep compartments to hold full portions of the articles to be served, and a lack of that sightly appearance which must necessarily be preserved in articles of this nature for the service of foodstuffs.

My invention aims to provide a construction which will enable the formation of a strong and durable plate or platter whether of glass, china or metal, and particularly a construction by virtue of which sufficiently deep compartments can be created without sacrificing strength, durability and general sightliness.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my present invention and forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved plate or platter, and

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken therethrough substantially on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring now to these figures my invention proposes a generally rectangular plate or platter whose base 10 has a continuous surrounding and upstanding wall 11 provided at its upper edge with a continuous surrounding and outstanding flange 12, the continuity of the wall 11 and flange 12 cooperating with the general form and shape in lending maximum strength and rigidity thereto and resisting breakage as well as any tendency to warp.

Centrally of the base 10, the plate or platter has an upstanding circular wall 13 defining therein a circular commodity receiving space 14, the latter of which is comparatively shallow with respect to the several compartments 15, 16, 17 and 18 formed between radial ribs 19 extending from the circular central wall 13 to the surrounding wall 11, as will be plainly seen by reference to Figure 2. By thus forming the plate with a central circular wall and ribs dividing the several compartments and radiating from the central wall to the surrounding or marginal wall, I have succeeded in sufficiently strengthening and stiffening the plate or platter to resist all tendency toward warping or other distortion as well as toward ready breakage and I have at the same time provided for a series of compartments 15, 16, 17 and 18 which may be of sufficient depth to receive and hold full portions of articles to be served therein. The remaining and circular compartment or space 14 within the circular wall 13 may be comparatively shallow to receive and hold relishes, butter and the like, and it is obvious from this description and an inspection of the drawing that my invention attains the foregoing advantages without sacrificing appearance.

I claim:

A plate or platter of generally rectangular form having a continuous upstanding marginal wall and a continuous outstanding flange therearound at the upper edge of the said marginal wall, a circular wall upstanding centrally of the plate or platter, forming a compartment therein, and a plurality of ribs radiating from the said central circular wall to the marginal wall and forming therebetween a plurality of compartments around the said central compartment.

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