

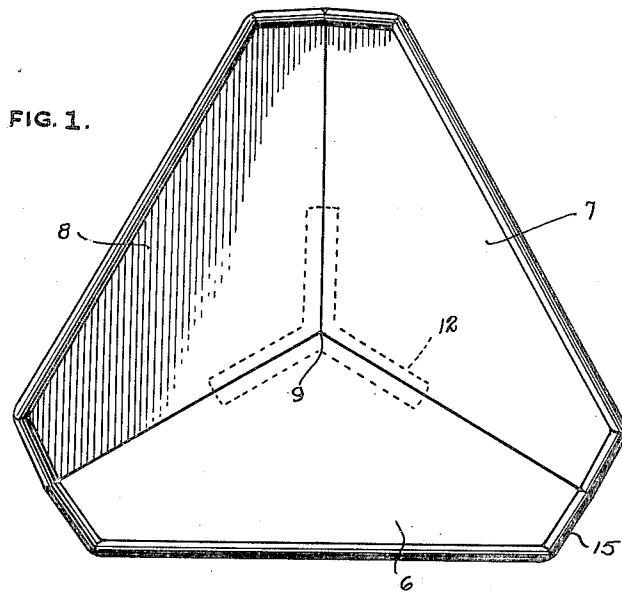
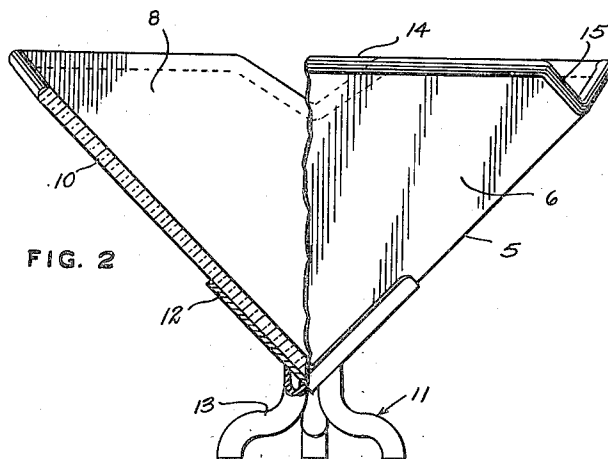
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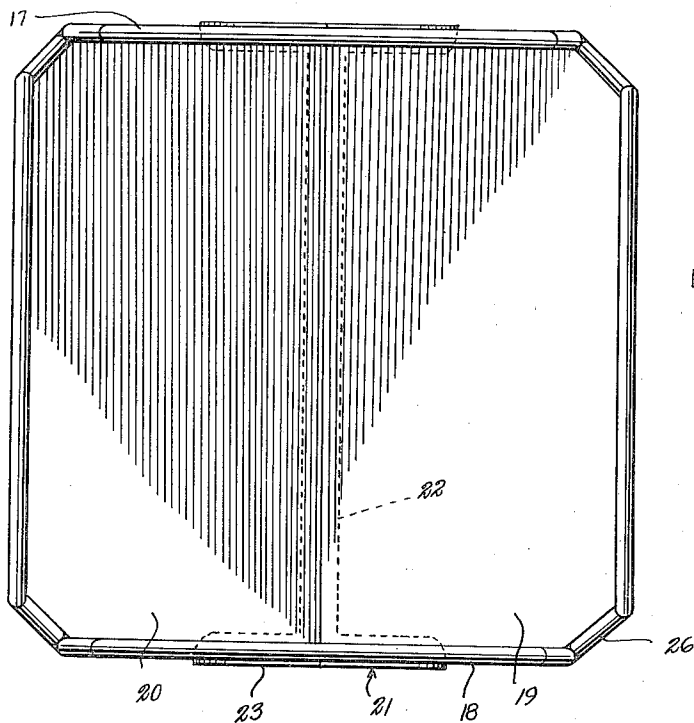


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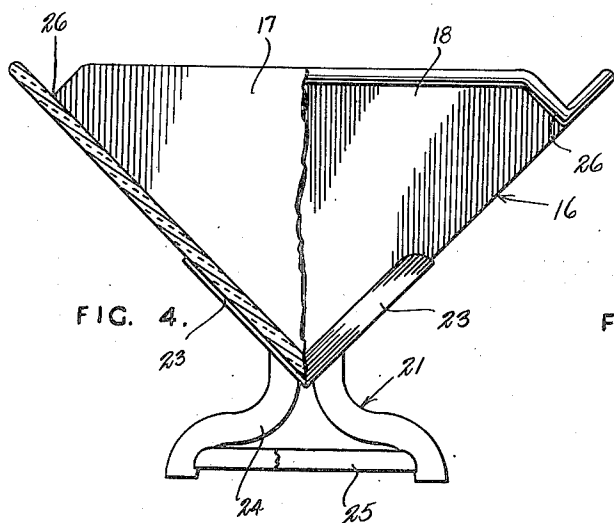


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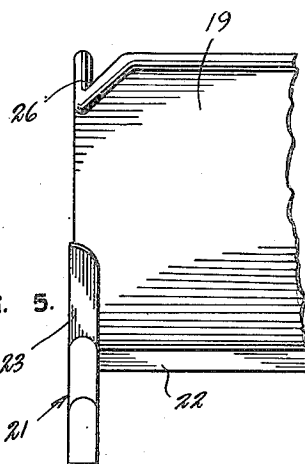


FIG. 5.

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in aquariums, and more particularly to an article of this character comprising an open container of transparent material and having integrally formed walls together with a base on which the container is removably supported.

An important object of the present invention is to provide a container for aquariums of transparent material and having sloping walls so that when the aquarium is set in a position and subjected to the rays of sunlight, a multiple rainbow effect will be produced by reason of the angle of the transparent walls of the container and the fish swimming in the container will appear multiplied.

A further object of the invention is to provide an article of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view with parts broken away and shown in section.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of a modified construction.

Figure 4 is an end elevational view of the modified construction with parts broken away and shown in section.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary side elevational view.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, and first with respect to the form of the invention illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, the numeral 5 designates the open container preferably constructed of glass or other transparent material and shaped in an inverted pyramidal form having three sides 6, 7 and 8, the sloping side edges of each wall being at right angles or 90° with respect to each other and the walls being integrally molded or otherwise suitably united with each other.

The sloping walls of the container merge at the bottom thereof in a point 9 from which side edges or corners 10 extend upwardly and outwardly on the outer surface of the container at the adjacent junctions of the walls.

The container 5 is supported in an elevated position by means of a stand 11 which includes

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trough-like members 12 in which the lower portions of the side edges or corners 10 are seated, the troughs 12 preferably being constructed of metal or other suitable material having their lower ends welded or otherwise fixedly secured to each other and adjacent the lower ends of the troughs legs 13 extend outwardly and downwardly.

The upper edge of each of the walls 6, 7 and 8 extends horizontally, as indicated at 14, and the upper corners of each of the walls are cut at angles of approximately 135°, as indicated at 15, to eliminate any sharp corners at the upper edge of the container.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5, the container is designated generally at 16 and is likewise constructed of glass or other suitable transparent material and includes a pair of triangularly-shaped end walls 17 and 18 and a pair of rectangularly-shaped side walls 19 and 20, the meeting edges of the walls being integrally molded or otherwise united with each other.

The end walls 17 and 18 extend perpendicularly, while the side walls 19 and 20 slope outwardly from the bottom of the container, the container thus being of substantially trough-like construction.

The container 16 is likewise supported in an elevated position on a base designated generally at 21 and which includes a horizontal trough-shaped member 22 extending longitudinally under the lower edge of the container and in which the lower edge of the container is seated. At each end of the trough member 22 upwardly and outwardly inclined trough members 23 are welded or otherwise suitably connected at their lower ends and in which the corners of the container 16 are seated. Legs 24 are welded or otherwise fixedly connected to the trough-like supports 23 and extend downwardly and outwardly at each side thereof. A brace 25 connects the lower portions of the legs 24.

The upper corners of the container 16 at both the end walls 17 and 18 and at the side walls 19 and 20 are cut at angles of approximately 135°, as shown at 26, to eliminate any sharp corners at the upper edge of the container.

The containers 5 and 16 are adapted to serve as aquariums for holding water with fish swimming therein, and the sloping walls of the containers function as prisms so that when the rays of sunlight strike the sides of the containers, a multiple rainbow effect is produced and a mul-

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tipple effect is produced of the fish swimming in the containers.

The containers or bowls 5 and 16 may be readily removed from their supporting stands for cleaning, when desired.

In view of the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in the art. A more detailed description thereof is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though I have herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described, and the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

An aquarium, comprising a support including triangularly spaced legs having their upper ends arranged close together and at the same elevation, the legs extending downwardly and radially outwardly, the lower ends of the legs being triangularly spaced and in the same plane, and triangularly spaced upwardly diverging straight V-shaped troughs secured to the top ends of the legs and having their lower ends secured together slightly below the upper ends of the legs

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and forming an inverted triangular pyramid socket between the upper ends of the legs, the troughs being arranged in vertical alignment with the legs, and an inverted triangular pyramid-shaped transparent bowl removably mounted upon the support and including upwardly diverging straight V-shaped corners to engage within the V-shaped troughs and contacting the troughs throughout their entire lengths, the lower ends of the corners meeting to form an inverted triangular pyramid apex seated within the pyramid socket, the upper ends of the troughs terminating near and below the vertical center of the bowl.

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