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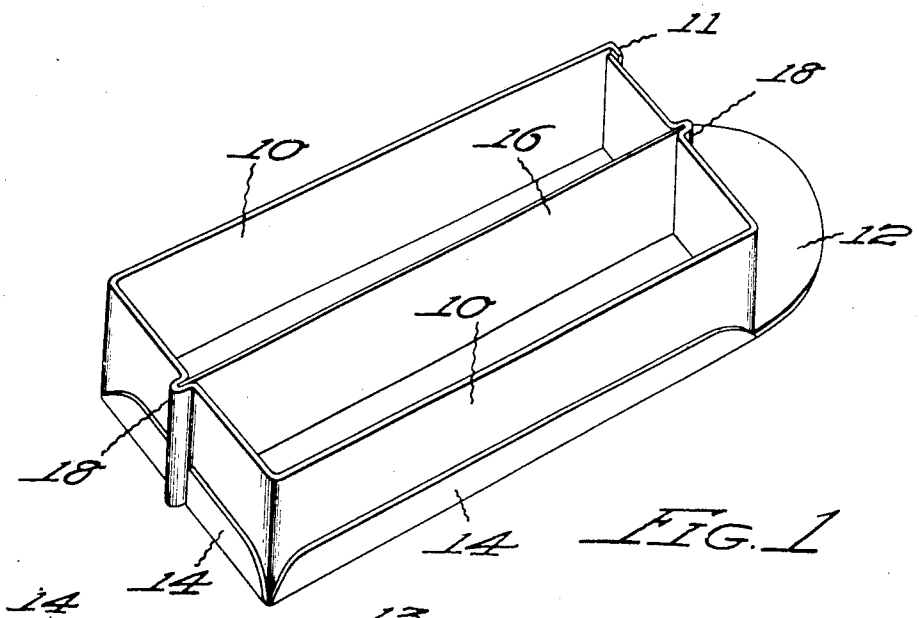


FIG. 1

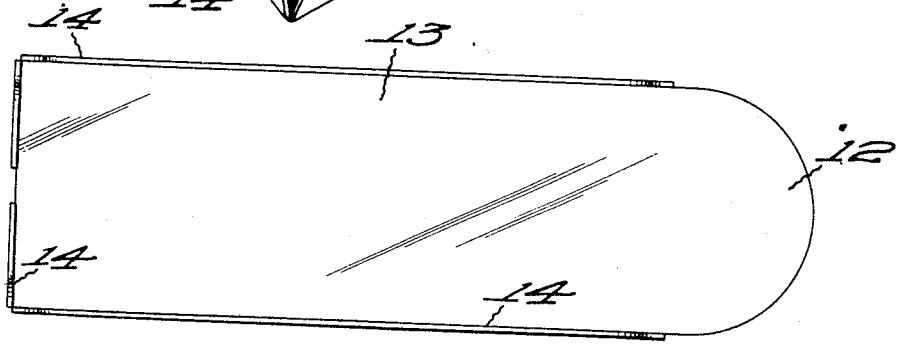


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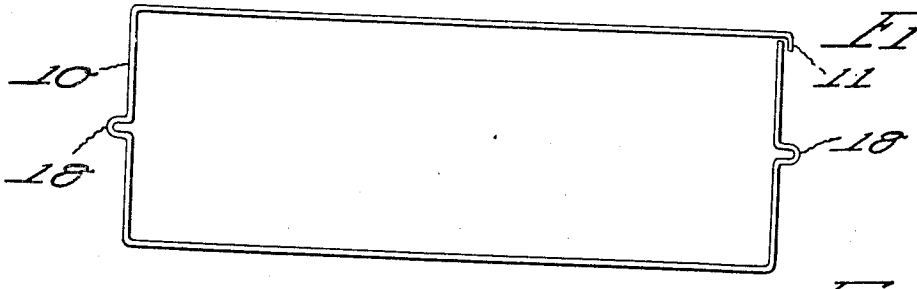


FIG. 3

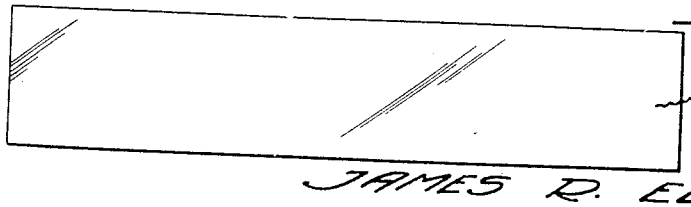


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This invention relates to improvements in butter molds or the like and has for one of its principal objects the provision of means for molding butter, oleomargarine, and similar products in convenient shape for further use.

One of the principal objects of this invention is to provide in a mold for butter, oleomargarine, and like material, means for shaping a mass of this material into regular shape, preferably comprising rectangular parallelopipedons.

Still another and further important object of this invention is to provide a convenient and ready apparatus for re-molding oleomargarine after coloring matter has been worked thereinto by the housewife, thereby eliminating the necessity of using on the table the rather unsightly mass which is the natural result of the introduction by hand of coloring matter into this product.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawings and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved butter mold of this invention, illustrating the various parts thereof.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the mold bottom showing the retaining edges.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the removable side walls of the mold.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the central divider.

As shown in the drawings:

The reference numeral 10 indicates generally the body of the improved butter mold of this invention, this body comprising merely four side walls, as shown, with neither a top nor a bottom. The side walls are preferably made of a continuous sheet of thin metal bent into rectangular shape and joined at one corner by means of an overlap 11, or in any other convenient manner, so as to be readily sprung apart.

At one end of the bottom member 13, is an outwardly extending projection, as shown at 12, this extension preferably forming an integral portion of the bottom and being semicircular, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, to provide a fingerhold for maintaining the mold in its desired position on a table top, biscuit board, or similar flat surface, for convenient operation.

Adapted to be inserted into the open frame or body 10, is a divider, or the like, comprising one sheet 16 of thin metal or similar material, adapted to fit into grooves 18 formed in the ends of the body as best shown in Figures 1 and 3. This divider is readily removable from the mold frame 10, and integral ridges 14 extend around three sides of the bottom 13 to hold the body in position.

In operation, a pound or similar unit of oleomargarine, after being colored by the housewife, is pressed into the body 10, when the section 16 is therein, the body itself being positioned upon and in the bottom 13 with its upturned edges 14.

The mold is preferably of such a size as to hold approximately one pound of material when the two sections are filled. After the same is filled, the inner sections may be taken apart in an obvious manner, the projecting extensions 12 facilitating the convenient handling of the mold with the oleomargarine or butter enclosed therein. The two sections of butter or oleomargarine can then be readily removed from the divider 16 or from the inner walls of the mold if they happen to adhere thereto, by springing the walls apart.

It will be seen that herein is provided a means of conveniently and readily re-shaping any plastic material, such as butter or the like, into advantageous and convenient shape for ready handling and for table use.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I therefore do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

In a butter mold, a metal base plate, upturned portions integral with the base plate

comprising the edges of the same, a rectangular metal frame, open at the top and bottom, and adapted to be sprung apart at one corner thereof, a vertically positioned crimp provided in each end of the frame, a divider section removably mounted in the crimped portions in the ends of the frame, the frame adapted to be mounted and retained normally closed upon the base plate by the upturned portions of the said base plate.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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