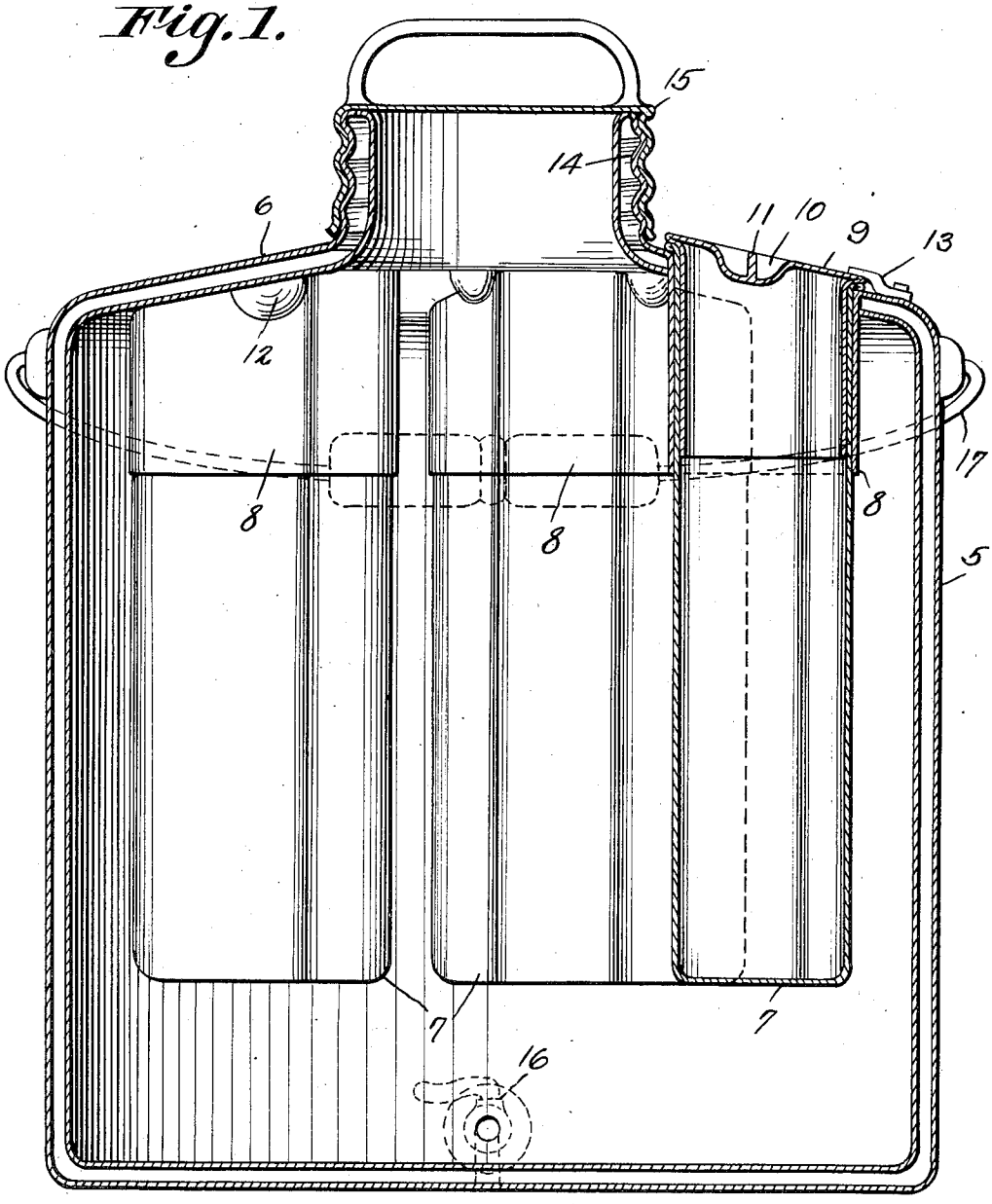
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Fig. 1.



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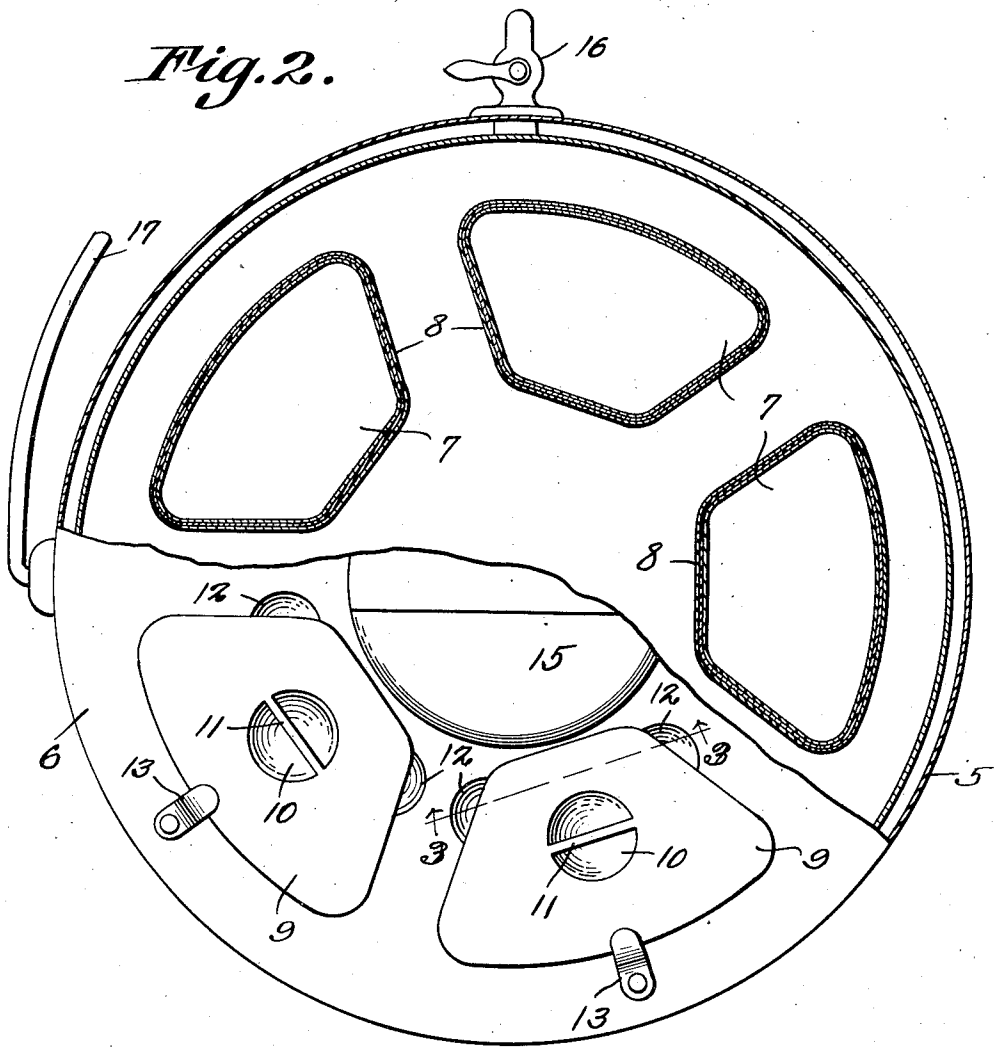
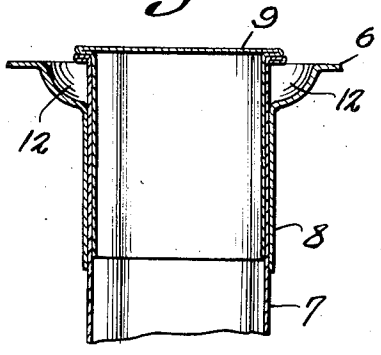


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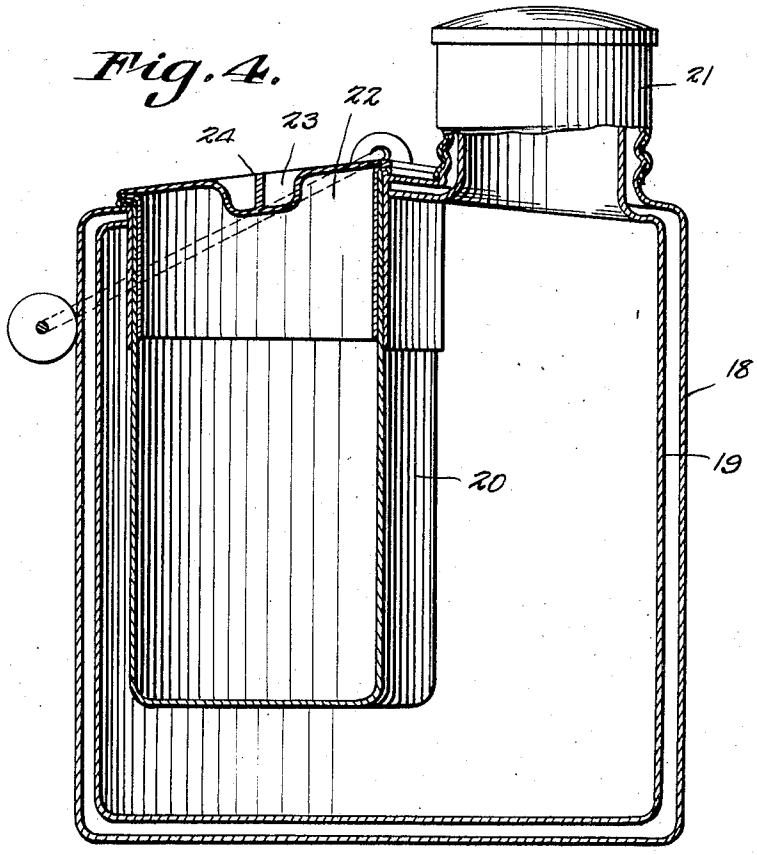
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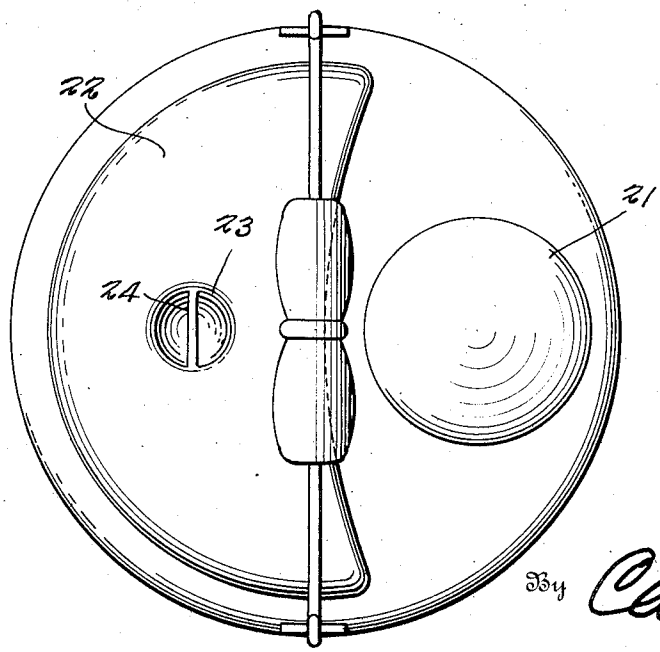


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This invention relates to containers designed primarily for use in holding perishable foods.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character embodying a plurality of independent containers so arranged that a circulation of cold water around the surfaces thereof, will be insured at all times, maintaining a low degree of temperature to preserve food held in the device.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character wherein the iced water employed for cooling the contents of the container, may be drawn off and used for drinking purposes.

Another important object of the invention is to provide means whereby the containers which may be removed, will be held in an upright position while in the main or body portion of the device, eliminating any danger of the contents of the container escaping therefrom.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawings;

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view through a device constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view thereof, parts thereof being shown in section.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view through a modified form of the invention.

Figure 5 is a plan view thereof.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the device comprises an outer receptacle indicated by the reference character 5, which is formed with spaced outer and inner walls, a top and a bottom. The top, which is indicated by the reference character 6, is provided with a plurality of openings to receive the removable containers 7, which, as shown are elongated, the lower ends of the containers 7 being spaced from the bottom of the outer receptacle providing a passageway for ice and water.

The openings in which the containers 7 are held, are so located within the top 6, that the outer sides of the containers are supported in spaced relation with the inner wall of the outer receptacle 5 providing passageways between the containers and outer receptacle.

These containers are also arranged, so that they are spaced from each other, whereby the cooling fluid may circulate freely between the containers.

In order that these containers 7 will be held in upright positions at all times, and will not rock within their openings, supporting collars 8 are provided within the outer receptacle 5, the collars 8 depending from the top 6. These collars 8 are of sizes to accommodate the containers 7 in such a way that the containers 7 may be readily and easily removed or replaced, at the will of the user.

Closing the upper end of each container 7, is a closure 9 which is of a length to fit over the open upper ends of the containers. Each closure 9 is formed with a central depression 10 to accommodate the fingers of a person, there being provided a rib 11 extending across each depression, to be gripped by the fingers when it is desired to remove the closure.

Depressions 12 are formed in the top 6 adjacent to each container 7, and afford means whereby a person may grip the containers, should it be desired to remove the containers from the outer receptacle.

When the containers are in their active positions within the outer receptacle, the pivoted members 13 are moved to positions overlying the closures 9, holding the containers against displacement.

It might be further stated that these closures 9 may be conveniently employed as cups, should it be desired to pour the material held within the containers.

The top 6 is formed with a threaded upstanding flange 14 that accommodates the closure 15, which is formed with threads cooperating with the threads of the upstanding flange 14, to the end that the closure 15 may be readily and easily removed and replaced, when it is desired to fill the outer receptacle with ice and water.

Secured to the outer receptacle, near the bottom thereof, is a spigot 16 which will permit of cool water being drawn from the outer receptacle for drinking purposes.

A bail 17 is provided on the outer receptacle and affords means whereby the container may be readily transported.

In the form of the invention as shown by Figure 4 of the drawings, the outer receptacle is indicated by the reference character 18, the inner receptacle which is spaced from the outer re-

ceptacle being indicated by the reference character 19.

The inner receptacle is designed for containing ice to maintain the container 20, and its contents cool, it being contemplated to use the melted ice in the inner receptacle 19, for drinking purposes.

The pouring spouts of the containers are shown as disposed laterally of a line drawn horizontally through the container, so that the drinking water may be conveniently poured from the inner container.

A closure indicated by the reference character 21 is provided for the pouring spout of the container.

As clearly shown by the drawings, the food container 20 is of a construction so that it will fit within an opening in the upper end of the container, and will not in any way interfere with water being poured from the body portion of the device.

A closure indicated by the reference character 22 is provided for the food container 20, and is so constructed that it fits into the food container 20.

A depression 23 is formed in the closure 22, for the reception of the fingers of the person removing the closure 22, there being provided a finger piece 24 extending from the bottom of the recess 23, to be gripped by the fingers in removing the closure 22.

While I have shown and described containers which are substantially triangular in cross section, it is to be understood that the size and shape of these containers may be varied, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

From the foregoing it will be seen that due to the construction shown and described, a container has been provided which may be used in transporting perishable foods without danger of the food spoiling, the device being particularly designed for picnic purposes.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A container of the class described, comprising an outer member and an inner member supported in spaced relation with the outer member and providing a vacuum therebetween, said inner and outer members having aligning openings, a collar formed integral with the outer member and extending downwardly within the inner member through the opening thereof, the lower end of the collar terminating an appreciable distance below the top of the container, a removable food container of a size to fit within the collar, positioned within the collar and held in an upright position within the container by its contact with the collar, said container having aligning openings through which a heat exchange medium may be positioned within the container, a cover for the food container, the cover including an elongated flange contacting with the wall of the food container clamping the food container against the collar.

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