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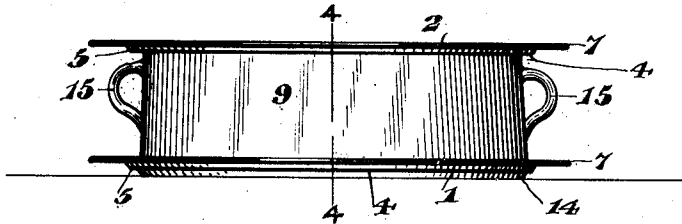


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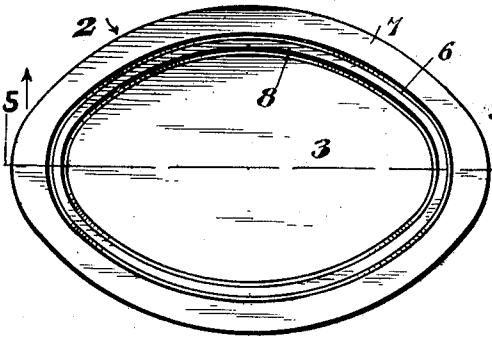


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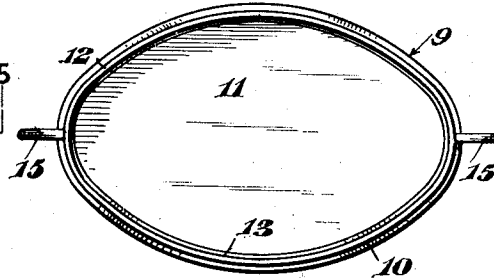


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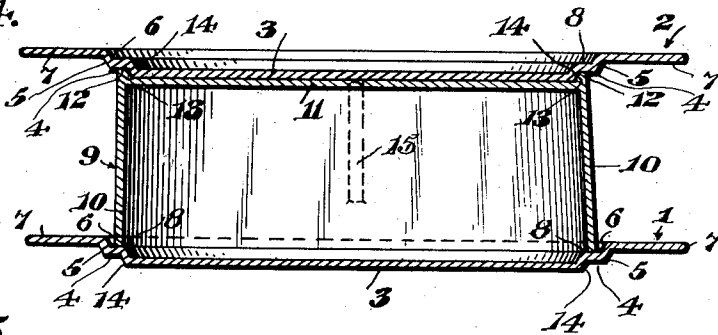
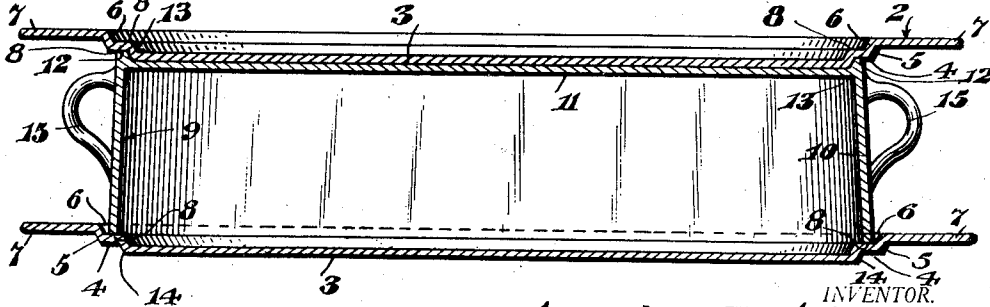


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This invention relates to a combined dish and cover, and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of the class referred to for protecting the food carried by the dish to prevent the dissipation of the heat and moisture of the food thereby retaining same in a satisfactory condition for the consumer, and further to so construct the dish and cover to provide for the stacking of a series of combinations in superposed relation to permit of a waiter carrying the stack to expedite the serving of various kinds of food.

Further objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined dish and cover, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, thoroughly efficient in its use, readily assembled, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which fall within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a combination in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the dish.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the cover.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a section on line 5—5 Figure 2 and further illustrating in section a cover and a dish supported thereby.

Referring to the drawings in detail, each dish is of like construction and the description of one will apply to the other. The dishes are indicated at 1 and 2. Each dish is constructed of any suitable material, preferably metal of any suitable gauge and can be set up of any suitable contour, preferably oval. Each dish comprises a shallow body portion 3 formed at its top with a right angularly disposed outwardly extending continuous flange 4 which merges into an up-standing outwardly inclined continuous portion 5 forming a shoulder 6 and said inclined portion 5 terminates in an outwardly extending right angularly disposed continuous rim

7 of materially greater width than the width of the flange 4. The upper face of the flange 4 provides a seat 8 for the bottom edge of the cover and the latter is referred to generally by the reference character 9.

The cover 9 is constructed of material similar to that from which the dish is formed and comprises a body portion 10 corresponding in contour to the shape of the dish and of a length and width to have its bottom edge seat throughout on the upper face of the flange 4. The body portion 10 is open at its bottom and formed with a closed top 11 which is positioned below the top edge of the body portion 10. The top edge of the body portion 10 is indicated at 12 and that portion of the inner face of the body portion 10 which extends from the upper face of the top 11 to the edge 12 is outwardly bevelled as at 13 so as to conform to the bevelled outer face 14 of the body portion 3 of the dish whereby when the plate 2 is mounted upon the cover 9 the body portion 3 will snugly engage throughout the bevelled face 13 of the body portion 10. The positioning of the top 11 below the top edge 12 of the body portion 10 forms in connection with the body portion 10 a cavity or pocket to receive the body portion 3 of the plate 2. Formed integral with the periphery of the body portion 10, at each end thereof is a handle member 15. The top edge of the body portion 10, when the dish 2 is mounted upon the top of the cover engages the lower face of the flange 4 of the dish 2.

It is thought the many advantages of a combination dish and cover, in accordance with this invention, can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. A combination dish and cover comprising a dish element formed of a continuous, shallow body portion closed at its bottom and provided at its top with an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat flange terminating in a continuous up-standing portion merging into an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat rim, said flange and rim, in cross section, extending in parallel planes, and a cover element formed of a con-

tinuous hollow open bottom body portion and a top for the latter and with said body portion having its lower edge conforming in contour to the shape of, seating on and co-extensive with said flange, said top arranged within and positioned below the upper edge of the cover element body portion to provide in connection with that part of the latter projecting above said top therefor a pocket conforming in contour to the body portion of a dish element seated in said pocket for receiving and holding such body portion.

2. A combination dish and cover comprising a dish element formed of a flared, continuous, shallow body portion provided at its upper end with an outwardly directed right angularly disposed flat flange terminating in a continuous, upstanding, outwardly inclined portion merging into a continuous, outwardly directed right angularly disposed flat rim, said flange and rim, in cross section extending in parallel planes, and a cover element formed of a hollow, open bottom body portion and a top for the latter, the body portion of said cover element having its lower edge conforming in contour to the shape of, seating on and co-extensive with said flange, said top arranged within and positioned below the upper edge of the cover element body portion to provide in connection with that part of the latter projecting above said top a pocket conforming in contour to the body portion of a dish element adapted to be seated in said pocket whereby the latter will receive and hold such body portion.

3. A combination dish and cover comprising a dish element formed of a continuous, shallow body portion closed at its bottom and provided at its top with an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat flange terminating in a continuous upstanding portion merging into an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat rim, said flange and rim, in cross section, extending in parallel planes, a cover element formed of a continuous hollow open

bottom body portion and a top for the latter and with said body portion having its lower edge conforming in contour to the shape of, seating on and co-extensive with said flange, said top arranged within and positioned below the upper edge of the cover element body portion to provide in connection with that part of the latter projecting above said top therefor a pocket conforming in contour to the body portion of a dish element seated in said pocket for receiving and holding such body portion, and spaced handle members projecting from the outer face of the cover element body portion.

4. A combination dish and cover comprising a dish element formed of a continuous, shallow body portion closed at its bottom and provided at its top with an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat flange terminating in a continuous upstanding portion merging into an outwardly directed, right angularly disposed continuous flat rim, said flange and rim, in cross section, extending in parallel planes, a cover element formed of a continuous shallow open bottom body portion and a top for the latter and with said body portion having its lower edge conforming in contour to the shape of, seating on and co-extensive with said flange, said top arranged within and positioned below the upper edge of the cover element body portion to provide in connection with that part of the latter projecting above said top therefor a pocket conforming in contour to the body portion of a dish element seated in said pocket for receiving and holding such body portion, said pocket being of a depth substantially the same as the height of the outer side face of the body portion of the dish element, the top edge of the body portion of the cover element providing means for supporting the flange of the dish element seated in the pocket.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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