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ICE CUBE PITCHER GATE

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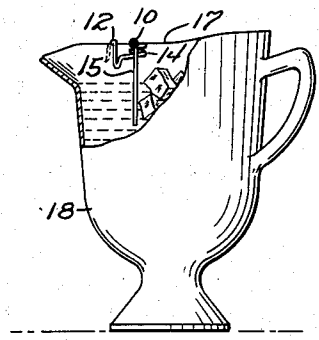


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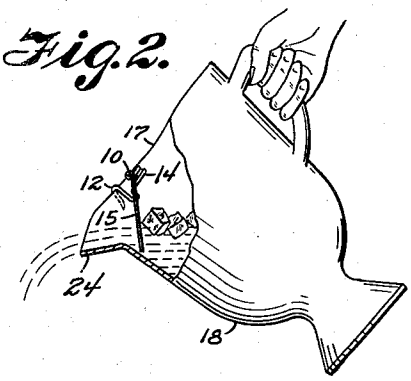


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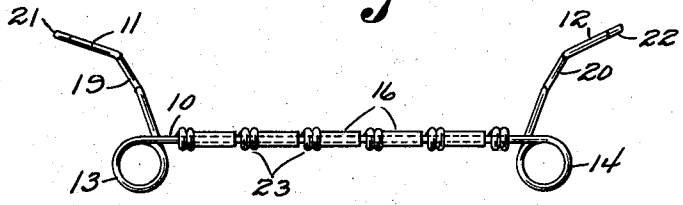
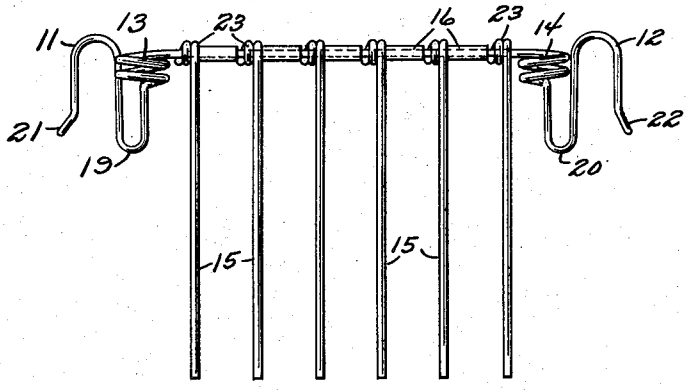


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This invention relates to attachments for utensils such as ice cube containers or pitchers, and in particular this invention relates to a plurality of tines pivotally mounted on a bar with spring clips at the ends of the bar for retaining the device on the upper edge of a pitcher and inside of a pouring spout thereof whereby the tines form a gate retaining ice cubes in the pitcher as ice water is poured therefrom.

The purpose of this invention is to prevent ice cubes pouring from pitchers into glasses and thereby preventing splashing as ice water and the like is poured into a glass.

In the usual form of container or pitcher ice cubes or cracked ice is placed in the water and when ice water is desired the water is poured therefrom. As the ice water is poured from the pitcher the ice cubes or pieces of ice floating on top of the water are carried by the water causing a splash as they drop into the glass or the like and the liquid splashed from the glass often damages covers and the like on which the glass is positioned. With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a comparatively small neat appearing gate that is readily snapped over the upper edge of a pitcher and that extends across the inside of the pouring spout whereby as water is poured from the pitcher ice cubes and the like are retained in the pitcher.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for forming a small gate that may be snapped upon a pitcher which, when in place, contains ice cubes in the pitcher as water is poured therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide an ice cube retaining gate for pitchers that is adjustable to fit pitchers of different sizes within a reasonable range.

A further object of the invention is to provide an ice cube retainer for pitchers and the like which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these and other objects and advantages in view the invention embodies a wire having coils at the ends with spring clips extended from the coils and positioned to extend outwardly from the wire and a plurality of spaced tines pivotally mounted on the wire and retained in spaced relation.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description taken in connection with the drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a view showing a side elevation of a pitcher with parts broken away illustrating the ice cube retaining gate, mounted on the pitcher.

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Figure 2 is a similar view showing the pitcher in the position of pouring water whereby the tines of the gate swing to a position against the inner surface of the spout whereby ice cubes are retained in the pitcher, as water is poured therefrom.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the ice cube retaining gate.

Figure 4 is a front elevational view of the ice cube retaining gate.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts the ice cube retaining gate of this invention includes a horizontally disposed bar 10 having spring clips 11 and 12 extended from coils 13 and 14, respectively at the ends, and a plurality of tines 15 pivotally mounted on the wire 10 and held in spaced relation by spacers 16.

The length of the wire 10 is sufficient to permit the spring clips 11 and 12 to snap over the upper edge 17 of a pitcher 18 and with the clips 11 and 12 connected to the ends of the wire through the coils 13 and 14 and U-shaped sections 19 and 20, respectively, the clips 11 and 12 which extend outwardly at an angle as illustrated in Figure 3 are movable to compensate for different sizes of pitchers.

The clips 11 and 12 are provided with outwardly flared ends 21 and 22, respectively, to facilitate positioning the clips on the edge of the pitcher and the upper ends of the tines 15 are provided with coils 23 by which the tines are freely mounted on the wire 10.

With the parts arranged in this manner and with the material chrome-plated or otherwise finished to provide a neat appearance the gate may readily be positioned on the upper edge of a pitcher with the tines free to swing on the wire or bar 10. As it is desired to pour water from the pitcher the tines 15 swing toward the inner surface of the wall of the pitcher from which the spout 24 extends and with the tines in this position ice cubes and the like are prevented from being carried with the water through the spout.

It will be understood that modification may be made in the design and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. In an ice cube retaining gate, the combination which comprises a straight wire having horizontally disposed coils at the ends, U-shaped sections extended from the coils and inverted U-shaped clips extended from the U-shaped sections, a plurality of individual tines positioned

on the wire with coils wrapped around the wire at the upper ends of the tines, and spacers positioned on the wire between the coils of the tines.

2. In an ice cube retaining gate, the combination which comprises a straight wire having horizontally disposed coils at the ends, U-shaped sections extended from the coils and inverted U-shaped clips extended from the U-shaped sections, a plurality of individual tines positioned on the wire with coils wrapped around the wire at the upper ends of the tines, and spacers positioned on the wire between the coils of the tines, and said U-shaped sections and inverted U-shaped clips being positioned at acute angles in relation to the wire.

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