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Fig. 1

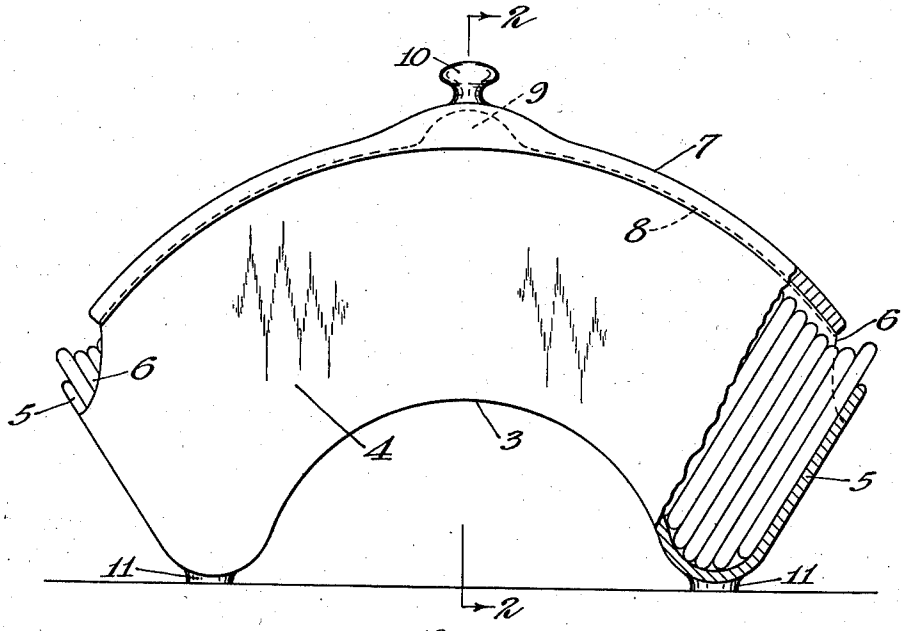
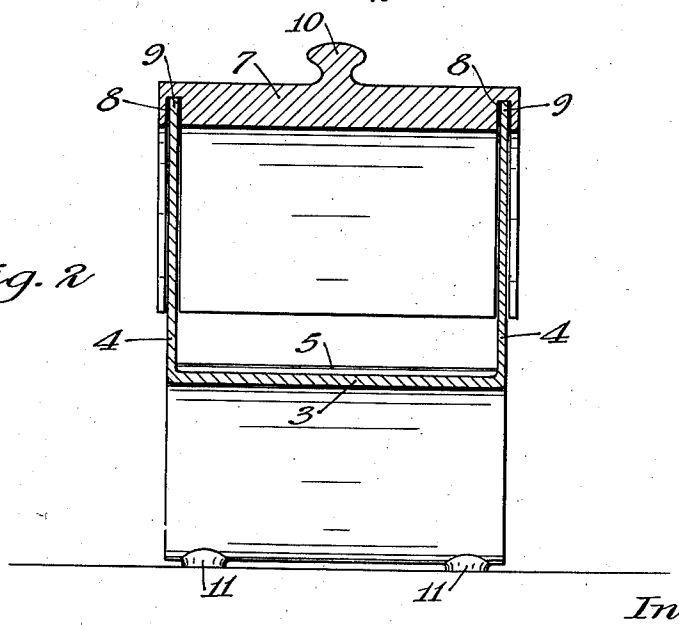


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to dispensing containers of a type particularly adapted for holding crackers relatively, thin biscuits and the like.

It is an object of my invention to provide a holder which will contain a number of crackers but which will present only a few at a time available for removal.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a cracker container and the like which will successively present crackers to a position where they may be easily removed after other crackers have been withdrawn from their container.

A further object of my invention is to provide a cover which will protect most of the articles in the container from dust, etc., and, at the same time, not interfere with their removal.

These and further objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like reference characters refer to the same or similar parts throughout the views and, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation with a portion of one of the sides broken away; and

Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

The holder or container shown in the drawing may be made of metal or any other suitable material, although I prefer it to be molded from hard rubber, Bakelite or a similar composition which is light in weight and, at the same time, is not easily broken.

In the particular embodiment illustrated, the body of the receptacle is formed from a bottom 3 and sides 4 which are preferably of arcuate shape as shown, the highest point of the bottom being at the center of the receptacle. From the center the bottom and sides curve downwardly toward the two ends.

The ends 5 extend upwardly from the ends of the bottom 3 to which they are connected by a curved portion which is the reverse of the general curve of said bottom, and I prefer that the ends 5 extend upwardly at an angle in the manner shown. Thus, when crackers are placed within the container, they will feed by a gravity toward either end and the leading cracker at each end will follow the curvature of the bottom and be forced by the weight of following crackers to at least partially follow the reverse curve connecting the bottom ends in a manner which will slightly elevate the first leading cracker or two, as shown in Fig. 1. This enables a person to grasp a cracker more easily.

To further assist the removal of crackers from the holder, the upper corners of the sides 4 are provided with cut-out portions 6 to expose the upper side edges of several of the crackers.

A top 7 is formed to fit the arcuate upper edges of the sides 4 and is provided with a pair of grooves 8 which will fit over the edges of said sides. Centrally of the top, the groove 8 is deepened to form a socket for the upstanding ears 9 at the medial portions of the sides 4. This provides a locking arrangement for the cover which will prevent it from sliding from its proper position. This is necessary because, as will be seen, the ends of the top 7 terminate at the cut-out portions 6 in the sides 4, and there is no end abutment for said top portion

A suitable handle 10, in the form of a knob, is provided for the top and short supporting legs 11 may be formed to support the container.

While I have illustrated and described a container which is regularly arc shaped in form, it is, of course, possible to provide a construction wherein the bottom slants downwardly toward the ends in a relatively straight line. In this case, the top would be similarly shaped and it would be unnecessary to provide the lugs 9 since the angularity of the sloping upper edges of the sides would hold the top in its proper position.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A holder for crackers, biscuits and the like comprising a body portion having an arcuate bottom and sides whose edges are curved to fit said bottom, and with the highest point of the arc at the center of said body, said sides having cut-out portions at their upper corners, and a top extending along the upper edges of said sides and terminating at said cut-out portions.

2. A holder for crackers, biscuits and the like comprising a body having an arcuate bottom and side portions whose lower edges are curved to fit said bottom, ends connecting said sides, said sides having cut-out portions at their upper corners, a removable top on said sides, the ends of said top terminating at said cut-out portions, and means for centering said top between said cut-out portions.

3. A holder for crackers, biscuits and the like comprising a bottom having a high portion and a low portion, side walls and end walls, said side walls having cut-outs at their upper corners adjacent the low portion of said bottom, and a removable top member covering intermediate portions of the holder between said cut-outs and terminating adjacent said cut-outs to permit grasping and withdrawal of crackers positioned at said cut-outs, said top member having means for positioning it relative to said cut-outs to prevent said top from covering said cut-outs.

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