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BEVERAGE CAN HOLDER

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FIG. 1

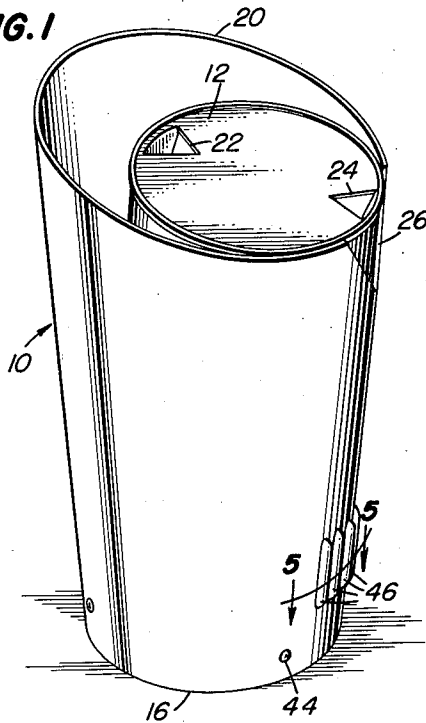


FIG. 2

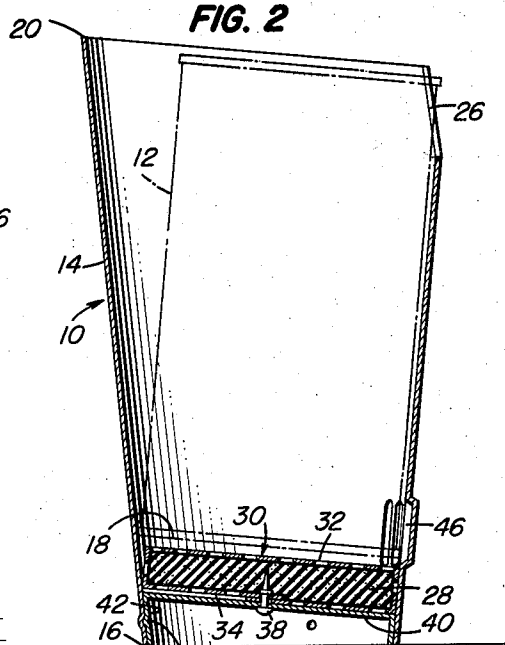


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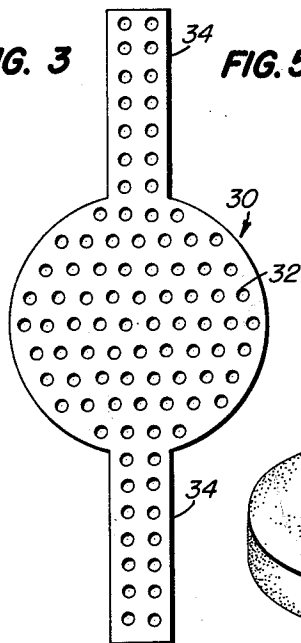


FIG. 5

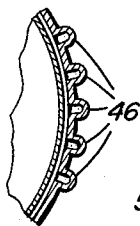


FIG. 4

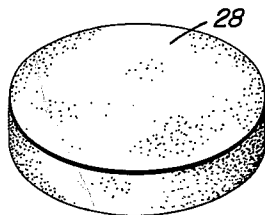
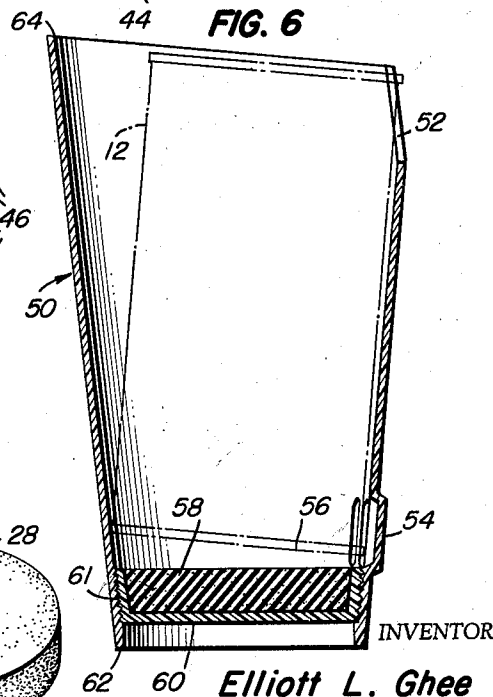


FIG. 6



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This invention relates to a beverage can holder and has for an object to provide an improved beverage can holder for holding a beverage can in convenient position for a drinker to drink from a pour opening in the top edge of the can yet have the beverage can substantially concealed from lateral observation by others as to the contents of the can, and which also has means for readily receiving and absorbing moisture such as condensation and spillage so that such moisture may not reach either the table or the person of the drinker.

A further object of this invention is to provide a beverage can holder that may be made of a suitable metal such as spun aluminum or a plastic material of suitable material, which holder may be suitably decorated in any desired manner or colors.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a beverage can holder which has an annular wall progressively increasing in cross-sectional size from less than the cross sectional size of the beverage can to a size greater than the beverage can cross-section size so that the can is supported in the holder by a wedging action, and has moisture conducting grooves bypassing such can holding annulus in the holder to permit moisture to reach a sponge supported therein therebelow.

With the above and related objects in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts, as will be more fully understood from the following description, when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the beverage can holder of this invention with a beverage can held therein.

FIG. 2 is a vertical section through FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a plan view of the sponge holder before being folded.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a sponge.

FIG. 5 is a section through the moisture by-passing grooves on line 5-5 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a vertical section through a modified form of the beverage can holder of this invention.

There is shown at 10 the beverage can holder of this invention for holding a beverage can 12 in convenient drinking position therewithin. The holder 10 consists of an annular wall 14 having a cross sectional size at its lower edge 16 less than the cross sectional size of the beverage can 12 to be held therein. The diameter of this annular wall increases progressively in size from its bottom edge 16 through a bottom-most annulus 18 which will receive and wedgingly support the lower edge of the beverage can to a top edge 20, the plane of the top edge 20 being at an acute angle to the plane of the bottom edge 16, and the distance between the bottom-most can edge receiving annulus 18 and the top edge 20 being at least equal to or slightly greater than the height of the can 12 to thus entirely conceal the beverage can 12 from lateral observation by others.

To permit ready access of the lips of the drinker to the beverage can 12, which, when ready for the contents to be consumed, is usually provided with diametrically opposite openings 22 and 24, one of which, 24, serves as a pour or drinking opening, a drinking recess 26, here shown as triangular in shape, is provided in the lowermost area of the top rim 20 of the annular wall 14 adjacent to which the can opening 24 is located to thus enable the lips of the drinker to gain ready access to the can opening 24 and the contents of the can 12.

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At the bottom of the annular wall 14, below the can edge receiving annulus 18, there is provided a moisture receiving means, here shown as a sponge 28 embraced in a perforated holder 30 having a disc portion 32 and extending straps 34 folded about and under the sponge 32 and riveted at 38 to a platform 40 supported by a cupped flange 42 secured within the bottom area of the annular wall 14 in any suitable manner, as by punch indentations 44 when the annular wall 14 is of metal. A plurality of vertically extending outwardly pressed grooves 46 extend across the can edge receiving annulus 18 and serve to bypass moisture such as spillage from the can or condensation from the outside of the can so that it can reach and be absorbed by the sponge.

The outer surface of the annular wall 14 of the holder 10 may be suitably colored or decorated or provided with any desired lettering which may be descriptive or misdescriptive of the contents of the beverage can which may be held therein. Obviously, beer cans, fruit juice or other juices or other beverage cans of the same size may be held by the holder 10. The use of the holder is obvious from the foregoing description.

In FIG. 6, a modified form of holder 50 is illustrated as being made from a suitable plastic. In this case, a similar beverage drinking recess 52 is provided, similar outwardly extending moisture bypassing grooves 54 are provided vertically across the beverage can edge receiving annulus 56, below which a sponge 58 is held in a cup 60 threadedly secured at 61 within the annular wall of the holder 50 adjacent its lower edge 62, the plane of the top edge 64 being at an acute angle to the plane of the bottom edge 62, and the distance between the beverage can edge receiving annulus 56 and the top edge 64 being at least equal to the height of the can 12.

Although this invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as being illustrative rather than limiting, since the invention may be variously embodied, and the scope of the invention is to be determined as claimed.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A beverage can holder comprising an annular wall having the diameter of its cross sectional size at its bottom end somewhat less than the diameter of the cross sectional size of the beverage can to be held therein, said annular wall extending upwardly from said bottom end and progressively increasing in cross sectional size to its top end, the distance between the bottom-most annulus to which the can may enter into said holder and the top end of said holder being at least equal to the height of the can whereby the can may be entirely concealed therein from lateral observation, and moisture receiving means secured to said annular wall at its bottom end below said bottom-most can receiving annulus, said annular wall having outwardly extending grooves therein extending from above to below said bottom-most can receiving annulus to permit moisture to bypass said annulus and the can edge thereat to reach said moisture receiving means therebelow, said moisture receiving means comprising a cup threadedly mounted in said annular wall and a sponge supported in said cup.

2. A beverage can holder comprising an annular wall having the diameter of its cross sectional size at its bottom end somewhat less than the diameter of the cross sectional size of the beverage can to be held therein, said annular wall extending upwardly from said bottom end and progressively increasing in cross sectional size to its top end, the distance between the bottom-most annulus to which the can may enter into said holder and the top end of said holder being at least equal to the height of the can

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whereby the can may be entirely concealed therein from lateral observation, and moisture receiving means secured to said annular wall at its bottom end below said bottom-most can receiving annulus, the plane of the top rim of said holder extending at an acute angle to the plane of the bottom rim of said holder, said top rim having a recess therein at its lower-most area permitting ready access of the lip of the drinker to a pour opening in the top edge of a can therein, said annular wall having outwardly extending grooves therein extending from above to below said bottom-most can receiving annulus to permit moisture

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to bypass said annulus and the can edge thereat to reach said moisture receiving means therebelow.

3. The holder of claim 2, said moisture receiving means comprising a platform secured to said annular wall, a sponge, and a sponge embracing holder secured to said platform.

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