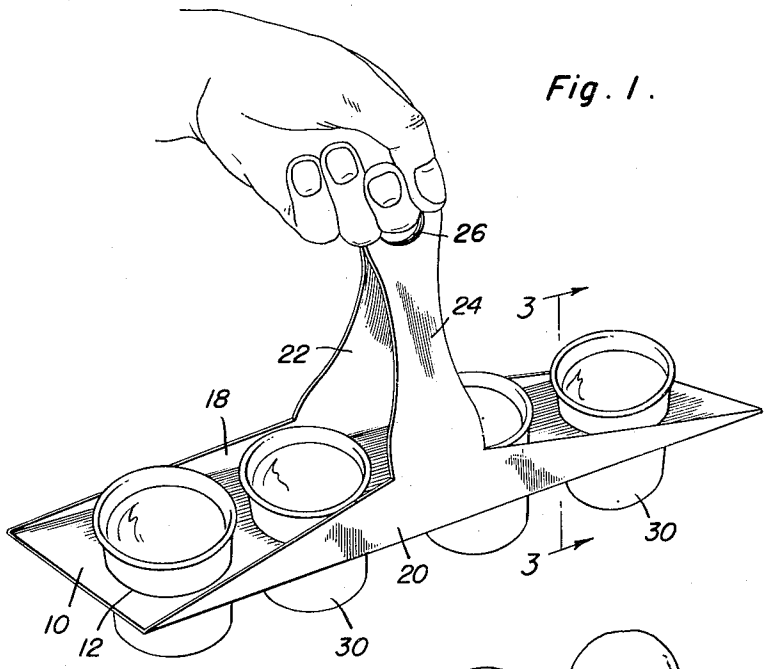
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Fig. 1.



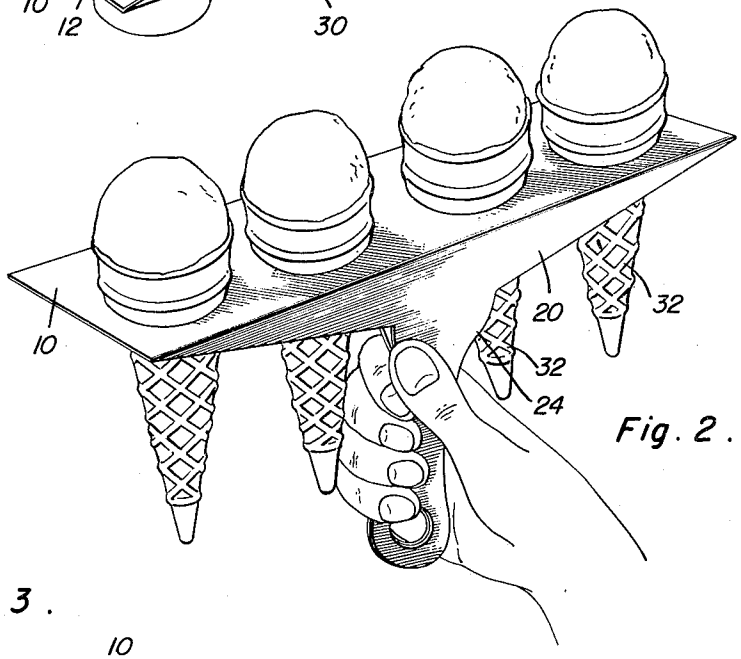
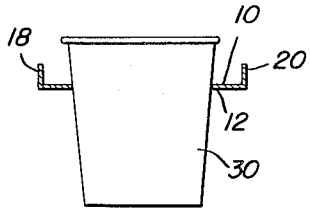


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

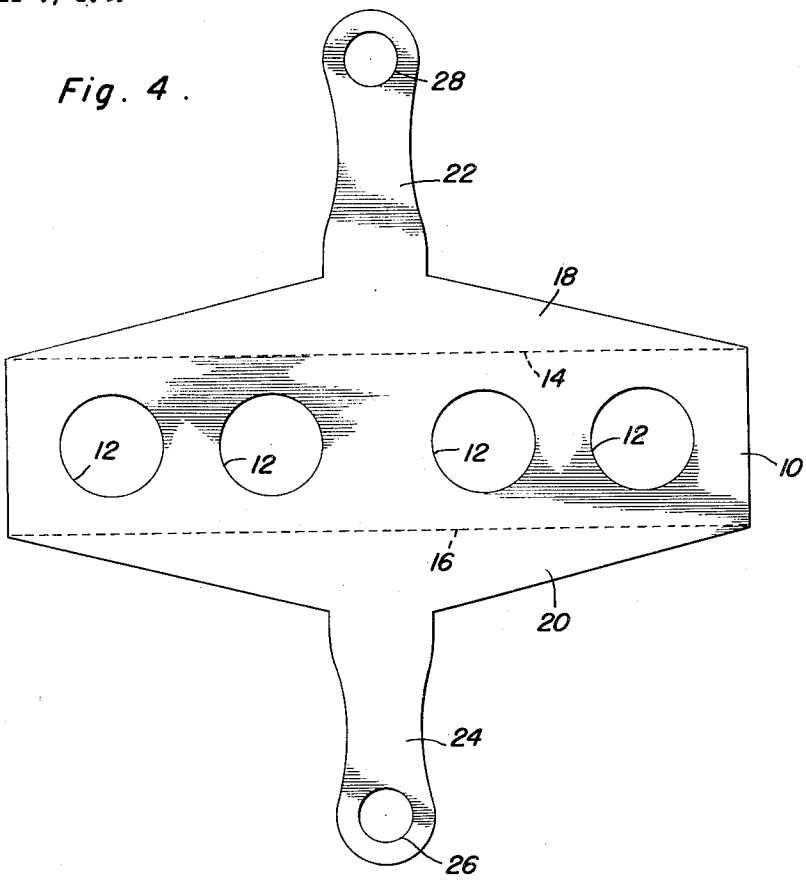
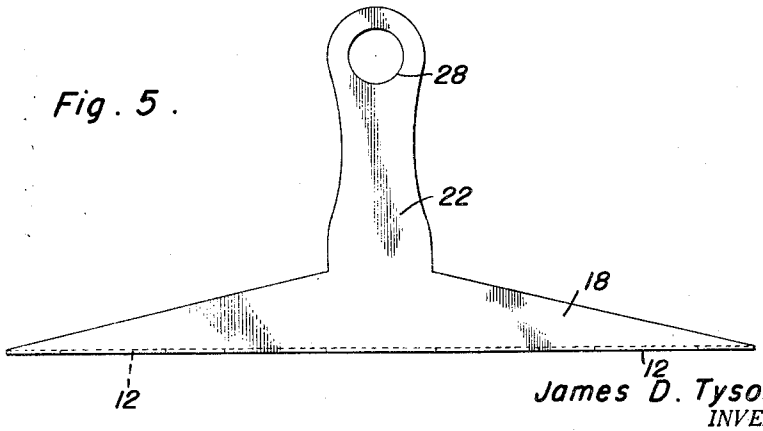


Fig. 5.



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This invention appertains to novel and useful improvements in devices for carrying cups, ice cream cones, and other analogous articles in a convenient manner.

An object of this invention is to maintain cups containing fluids, ice cream cones or the like in an improved manner, whereby convenience of transportation is realized.

Another object of this invention is to provide an extremely inexpensive device which may support articles in the inverted (relative) manner or which may be carried very easily without spilling the contents of the cup.

Another object of this invention is to transport articles of a relatively great number utilizing but one hand of the individual, thereby leaving the other hand free to perform other duties.

Ancillary objects and features of novelty will become apparent to those skilled in the art, in following the description of a preferred form of the invention, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein;

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the first use of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the invention shown in Figure 1, showing a second mode of operation thereof;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the present invention is formed; and,

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device shown in Figure 4.

This invention has been developed to provide a device for more efficaciously transporting articles such as soft drink cups, ice cream cones or the like, whereby a relatively great number of these articles may be carried in a single hand.

As is well known often when an individual purchases a plurality of soft drinks in cups or a plurality of ice cream cones or any other equivalent confections, it is difficult to transport this number of articles. By utility of the present invention the searching for a discarded carton or the like is obviated, which discarded carton is usually resorted to in transportation.

The cups of soft drinks or ice cream cones are supported in such a manner as to provide lateral support therefor as well as suspension. By this means inadvertent tipping of the confection is obviated.

Referring to Figure 4 there is supplied an extremely inexpensive cardboard blank having a substantially rectangular base portion 10 with spaced apertures 12 formed therein. These

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spaced apertures are of such size as to accommodate a conventional cup, ice cream cone or the like. As is seen in Figure 1, it is within the purview of the invention to support the cups both laterally and against the normal force of gravity. The apertures 12 may be made of any size, as desired by the exigencies of the particular demand for the article.

From the parallel longitudinal creases 14 and 16 respectively are formed in the said blank thereby defining sides 18 and 20. These sides have sloping edges for additional strength. The sloping edges and sides also provide the necessary rigidity for the device.

Handle portions 22 and 24 respectively are formed integral with the said guides 18 and 20 and apertures 26 and 28 may be formed in the handle portion for possible use in transporting articles (see Figure 1).

When the blank is folded along the creases 14 and 16 the invention may be utilized in many manners, two of which are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 1 a plurality of soft drink containing cups 30 are supported in the spaced apertures and a device is suspended with the handle portion facing upward. Noting Figure 2, it will be seen that the device is inverted relative to the use in the said Figure 1, that is the handles are pointing in the down direction. In the second use of the invention, it is seen that ice cream cones may be transported very easily.

Any suitable number of apertures 12 may be supplied in the said base 10 in accordance with the popular demand. In the event that it is desired to transport six, eight or even a dozen articles, the apertures may be rearranged.

While there has been described and illustrated but a preferred form of the invention, it is apparent that certain departures may be made without departing from the spirit thereof. Accordingly, limitation is sought only in accordance with the scope of the following claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A carrier for supporting articles adapted to be carried in relatively inverted positions, said carrier comprising a blank having substantially parallel creases therein defining sides and a base, said base having spaced article receiving apertures therein, each of said sides having handles rigid with the outside edges thereof and intermediate the ends of said sides, and said handles being located between a pair of said apertures.

2. A carrier for supporting articles adapted to be carried in selectively upright and in inverted position, said carrier comprising a blank having substantially parallel creases therein to define sides and a base, said base having spaced article holding apertures therein, handle portions integral with said sides, said sides and said handle portions being of continuous material to prevent bending thereof when said base is retained in an upright position, and said handle portions being located between two of said apertures so that there is a continuous band of material across the carrier in the region of the handle portions.

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