position shown in Figure 1. An elongated round bar 11 has its opposite ends bent laterally, one of which is connected

drawings, the crank 16′ is connected directly to the stub shaft 5, so that by the rotation thereof, the roll 12 and bar 11 will be actuated.

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COMBINED COVER AND TRAY FOR [illegible]

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Fig. 1,

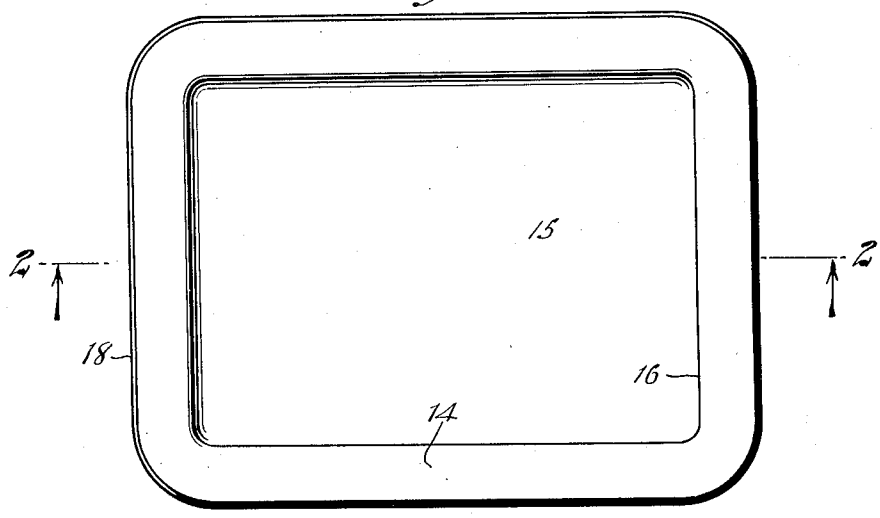


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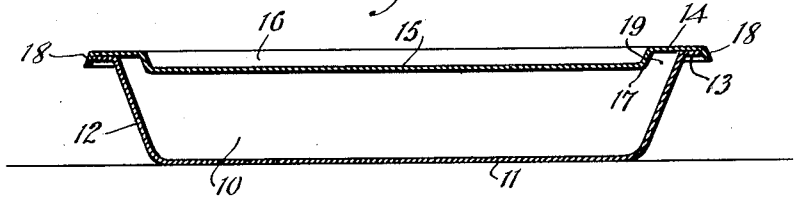
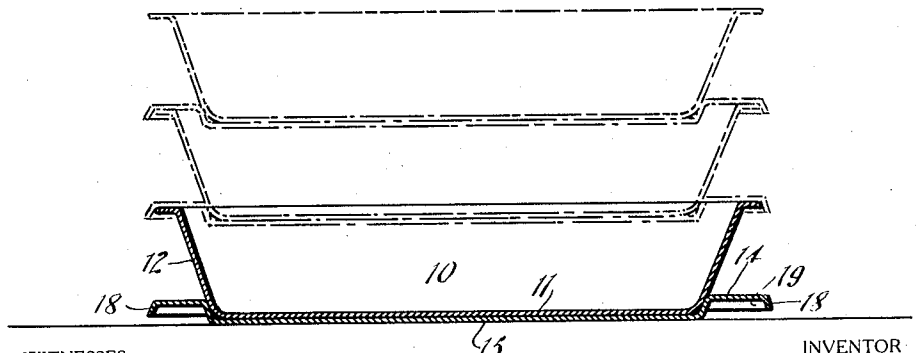


Fig. 3,



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COMBINED COVER AND TRAY FOR RECEPTACLES.

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This invention relates to receptacles or containers and comprehends a combined cover and tray therefor which is adapted to be selectively fitted over or under the receptacle to serve in its dual capacity.

More specifically the invention contemplates a combined cover and tray for receptacles or containers having an upper open end, which cover and tray is formed with a centrally offset portion defining, respectively, a depression in the upper face to snugly receive the receptacle and a projection on the under face to fit within the upper open end of the receptacle.

As a further object the invention aims to provide a combined cover and tray which in addition to performing the functions mentioned, also allows for the stacking and nesting of a plurality of receptacles having combined covers and trays of the character set forth.

The invention still further aims to provide a combined cover and tray for receptacles which embodies the features of simplicity of construction, economy, of production and efficiency of purpose.

With the above recited and other objects in view, reference is had to the following specification and accompanying drawings in which there is exhibited one example or embodiment of the invention which is in no way intended as a limitation upon the scope of the appended claims as it is to be clearly understood that variations and modifications which properly fall within the scope of said claims may be resorted to when found expedient.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the combined cover and tray arranged on the upper open end of a receptacle to serve in the capacity of a cover;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a similar sectional view with the combined cover and tray arranged on the under side of the receptacle and employed in the capacity of a tray, the broken lines indicating the manner in which a number of the receptacles with the combined covers and trays of the type set forth may be nested in superimposed relation upon each other.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, 10 designates a receptacle having a bottom 11 and a side or side walls 12 to constitute a vessel open at its upper end. The upper end of the side wall or walls is provided with an outwardly projecting marginal flange 13. The combined cover and tray 14 is provided with a centrally offset portion 15 which defines a depression 16 on the upper surface and a projection 17 on the under surface. The outer edge of the combined cover and tray 14 is formed with a marginal depending flange 18, which together with the offset portion defines a marginal depression 19 on the under surface.

In use, the member 14 fits over the upper open end of the receptacle or container body 10, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and constitutes a cover. In this position, the marginal depression receives the flanged upper end of the receptacle body while the offset portion 15 extends partially within the body. The depending marginal flange 18 extends around the flange 13. When it is desired to use the member 14 as a tray, the bottom 11 of the receptacle which is of an appropriate size and configuration, fits within the upper depression 16 defined by the offset 15. In instances where it is desired to stack or nest a plurality of vessels with combined covers and trays of the type set forth, it is obvious that this may be accomplished in the manner illustrated in broken lines in Fig. 3.

Another advantage of this invention will be apparent in that the cover trays are adapted to be nested or stacked with others of the same size and shape and that the receptacles are also adapted to be nested so that little space is occupied when not in use. This feature is of great importance particularly for hotel uses.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with an open receptacle, of a combined cover and tray having a depression of less depth than the height of said receptacle and of a size to be received within the receptacle walls, said depression also being of a size to receive the bottom portion of the receptacle therein, said cover-tray being provided with a marginal portion having a depending flange positioned to center the cover-tray over said receptacle, said de-

pending flange being of less depth than said depression to facilitate picking up said cover-tray from a flat surface.

2. The combination with an open receptacle, of a combined cover and tray having a depression of less depth than the height of said receptacle and of a size to be received within the receptacle walls, said depression being of a size to receive the bottom portion of the receptacle therein, said cover tray being provided with a marginal portion having a depending flange positioned to surround the receptacle and engage the edge portions thereof in maintaining the alignment of the cover tray over the receptacle, said depending flange being of less depth than said depression to facilitate picking up said cover tray from a flat surface and said flange also flaring outwardly to facilitate removal of said cover tray from over the receptacle.

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