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Fig. 1.

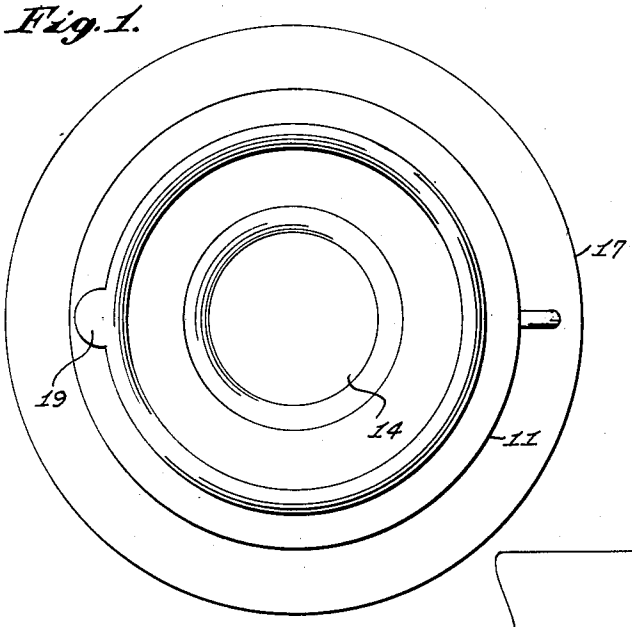


Fig. 3.

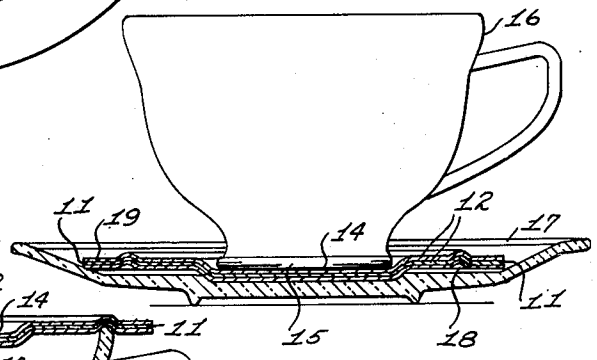
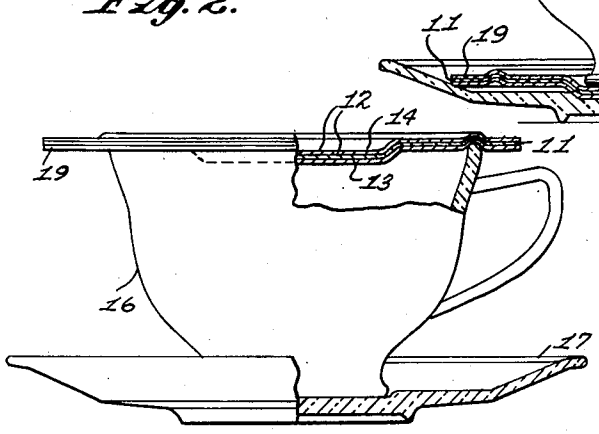


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to cup covers, and more particularly to a combined cup cover and saucer pad.

A main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved combination cover for cups and glasses adapted to exclude foreign matter from the cup or glass with which it is used, to prevent spillage of the contents of the cup or glass, to provide heat insulation for the contents of the cup or glass, to provide a medium for advertising, and, when the device is employed as a saucer pad, to provide means for absorbing liquid inadvertently spilled from a cup, thus preventing drippings from the cup when the cup is picked up from the saucer, the device being very simple in construction, attractive in appearance and being arranged to fit snugly into a saucer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improvide combination saucer pad and cover for a cup, said pad being very inexpensive to manufacture, being easy to handle and being arranged to fit snugly into a saucer and to be received at times on the top rim of a conventional cup.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claims, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a saucer provided with an improved pad device constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view, partly in vertical cross-section, showing a cup supported on a saucer and provided with the improved combination saucer pad and cover device of the present invention, said device being shown on the top rim of the cup in overlying relation to the contents of the cup;

Figure 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken through a cup and saucer, wherein the improved saucer pad of the present invention is positioned between the bottom of the cup and the saucer.

Referring to the drawings, an improved combination saucer pad and cup cover, according to the present invention, is illustrated generally at 11. The device 11 comprises one or more plies of absorbent paper, such as blotting paper or the like, shown at 12, said plies being circular in shape and being secured together in any suitable manner. Designated at 13 is a bottom layer of metal foil, such as tin foil, which is adherently secured to the bottom surface of the absorbent plies 12. The circular body thus formed is provided at its center with a depression 14 adapted to receive the bottom 15 of a conventional cup 16

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in the manner shown in Figure 3. From Figure 3 it will be seen that the device 11 is adapted to fit into a conventional saucer 17 to underlie a cup 16 supported therein. When thus arranged, namely, in the manner shown in Figure 3, the absorbent plies 12 will absorb any drippings from the cup and will maintain the bottom of the cup substantially dry, so that no liquid will drip from the cup onto the user's clothing when the cup is raised for drinking purposes.

The peripheral portion of the member 11 is formed with an annular, downwardly facing groove 18 which is concentric with the depression 14 and with the body 11, said groove 18 being adapted to fit on the top rim of a conventional cup 16 in the manner shown in Figure 2, whereby the device may be employed as a cover for a cup to keep out foreign matter, prevent spillage and to retain heat. The reflective layer 13 acts as a reflective barrier preventing escape of heat by radiation from the inside of the cup.

To facilitate handling of the device, the various plies thereof are formed at the periphery of the device with superimposed tabs defining a composite, peripheral tab 19 which may be employed as a handle.

Various other suitable materials may be employed for the bottom layer 13, such as cellophane or a suitable type of paper. Instead of employing a plurality of laminations 12, a single layer of absorbent paper, such as blotting paper, may be employed.

The top surface of the device is especially suitable for carrying advertisting material, since said top surface will be visible and conspicuous to the user of the device.

Although a specific embodiment of an improved combination saucer pad and cover for a cup has been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it is intended that no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A combined cup cover and saucer pad comprising a circular disc formed of a plurality of superimposed circular laminations of blotting paper formed with a downwardly facing annular corrugation to receive the top rim of a cup at times and at other times to fit inside a saucer, said disc being formed at its central portion with a circular depressed portion adapted at said other times to fit inside the bottom of the saucer and to receive the bottom of a cup, and a lining of reflec-

ive metal foil secured on the bottom surface of the disc, said annular corrugation being concentric with and located adjacent to the peripheral edge of the disc and being adapted to closely receive the top rim of the cup when the pad is placed over the cup in covering relation thereto.

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