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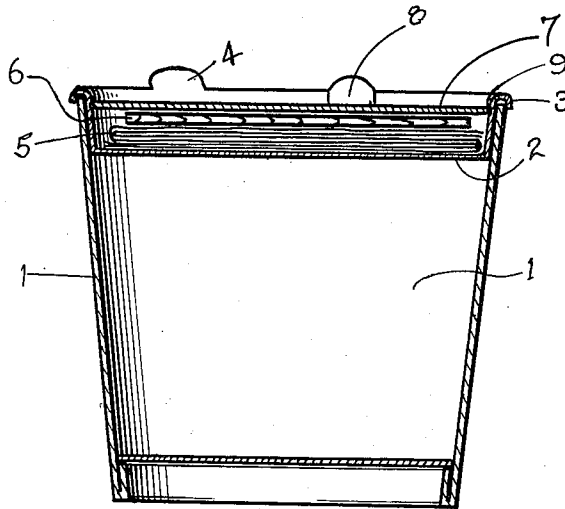


Fig 1

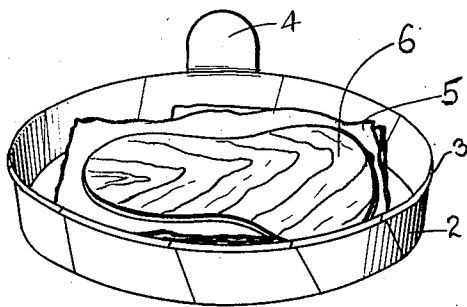


Fig 2

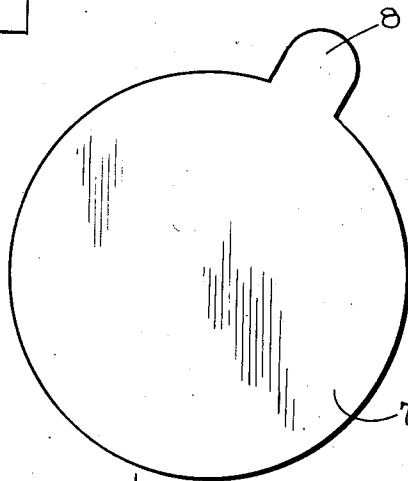


Fig 3

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This invention relates to improvements in the packages used for ice cream or other edible matter.

Ice cream, ices, custards, etc., are now commonly sold by vendors in small unit packages containing one portion of confection prepared for immediate consumption on purchase. For the convenience of the purchaser, the vendor supplies a spoon. These spoons are generally kept in a dirty pocket or container where they become contaminated by bacteria and filth. A napkin, which is an important convenience for the purchaser, is infrequently dispensed and is also subjected to the same dangers of contamination as the spoon.

This invention completely eliminates all the unsanitary dangers and inconveniences of the present method of dispensing ice cream, etc., by incorporating and protecting the spoon and napkin in the special cap on the package. This assures the consumer that he is not only obtaining the necessary implements, but also that they are clean ones.

The cap also provides an efficient seal for the package and permits stacking in storage and cannot be worked loose in handling. Other advantages will be apparent on further description.

Figure 1 is a transverse section of the invention applied to the frustro-conical type of container (1). The invention consists of a shallow dished capsule (2) formed of paraffined paper or other suitable material, having a turned over top edge (3) which fits over the container wall (1) effecting a dirt proof seal. A portion of the edge is prolonged to form a tab or finger grip (4) to permit easy removal. In this shallow dished cap is placed a folded napkin (5) and a spoon (6). A flat disc (7) with a finger tab (8) is fitted into this cap thereby sealing up the spoon and napkin. A horizontal depression may be embossed, near the top on the inner surface of the wall of the shallow cap, to form a groove (9) in which the disc cap fits. This groove helps to retain the

disc cap in place better than a mere friction grip.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the shallow dished cap (2) with the napkin (5) and spoon (6) in place.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the outer sealing cap (7).

The consumer in using this package first removes cap (7) by pulling tab (8) thereby reaching the napkin (5) and spoon (6). Pulling tab (4) removes the shallow cap (2) exposing the edible matter.

Advertising indicia may be imprinted upon the napkin, spoon and cap portions.

This invention may be applied, without departing from the scope of this patent, to other shaped containers besides the frustro-conical type such as cylindrical or polyhedral forms by merely changing the shape of the cap so that it conforms to the outline of the open end.

What I claim is:

1. In combination with a confection container a shallow sealing cap shaped to fit into the open end of said container and having a rolled over rim; and a flat cap to seal said shallow cap and to spread the walls thereof into intimate and secure contact with the walls of the container, the chamber formed in the shallow cap used to store a spoon and napkin.

2. A closure for a confection container comprising a shallow dished sealing cap having a rolled over edge adapted to snugly fit the edge of the container, an integral finger tab extending from said rolled over edge, a horizontal groove on the inner surface of the wall of said shallow cap adjacent the upper edge and a flat cap adapted to be removably engaged in said groove, to serve as a closure for the shallow cap and simultaneously to serve to spread the wall of the shallow cap into intimate and secure contact with the wall of the confection container, said flat cap also having an extending integral tab.

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