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NUT WARMING DEVICE

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FIG. 2

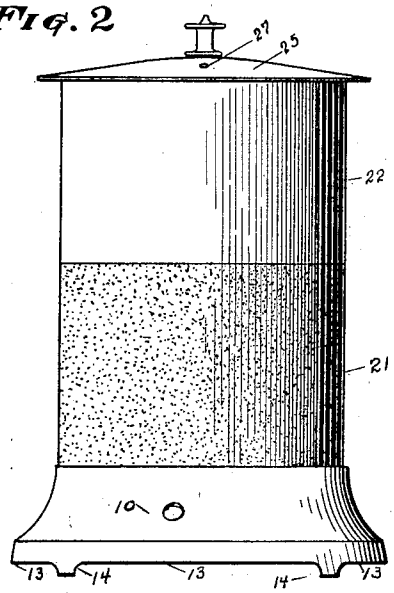


FIG. 1

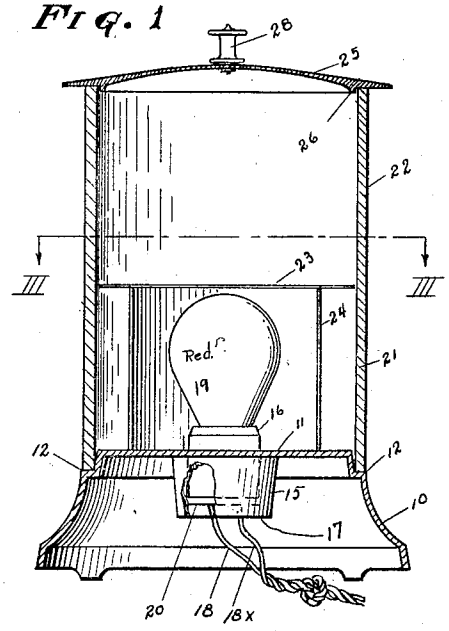


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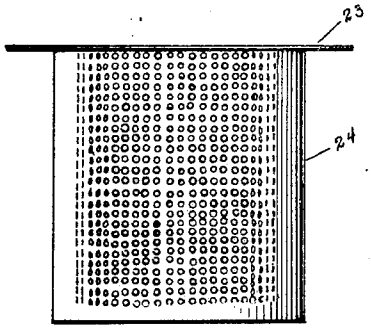
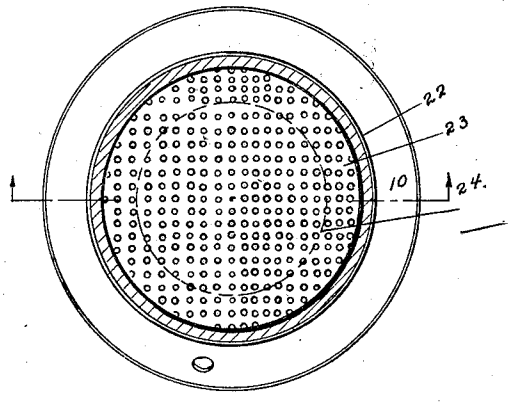


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1510 East Douglas Avenue, in the city of Wichita, in the county of Sedgwick and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nut-Warming Devices, of which the following is a specification, referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part thereof.

The invention relates to a device comprising a container for peanuts, salted almonds and the like and to means for illuminating said container so as to give it the effect of a glowing fire and for heating the contained nuts and the like; and for such advertising effects as may be employed in conjunction with the several advantages and features of the invention. The device is adapted for installation in drug stores, cigar stores and other merchandising institutions where nuts and the like are usually sold. By means of electric connections and parts of the device, warmth is obtained for the contained nuts making them more salable and more palatable.

In the drawings; Fig. 1 is a vertical sectional view of my improved device to disclose the several elements included therein. Fig. 2 is a front view of the device seen in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken along the line III—III, Fig. 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 4 is a front view of the screen shield employed in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings; in my preferred device illustrated in Fig. 2, I employ a base cast of some metal. The base 10 includes a flat circular top or plate element 11, immediately surrounding the circular plate 11 the base 10, is depressed to form a circular flanged seat 12, the lower portion of the base 10 is preferably flared slightly for a finishing effect and beneath which open spaces alternate with feet elements 14 which are to be the supports of the composite device. In the center of the plate 11, the metal is depressed to form the sides of a cup shaped element 15, which is left open at the bottom. An electric lamp socket 16 is received within the cup 15, the base of the socket extending downwardly to the dotted position 17. Electric wires 18, 18× connect from the socket to electric service means as will be readily understood. At 19 is an electric bulb within the socket 16. This lamp 19 is preferably a red light. The cup portion 15 is broken away to disclose sealing wax or other cementitious substance 20 for anchoring the socket 16 within the cup 15 for permanency.

A glass cylinder fits and rests upon the base provided by the offset flanged seat 12. This cylinder can be removed readily for cleaning and forms the side portions of the device. The cylinder is fabricated of a lower portion of frosted or ground glass 21 and an upper portion 22 of clear glass. Within the glass cylinder is the screen shield seen in Fig. 4. This shield comprises a metallic circular perforated plate 23 horizontally disposed above the lamp 19 being supported by a cylindrical perforated screen as a base element 24 of the composite screen device; the base 24 is of considerable lesser diameter than the diameter of the glass cylinder 21—22 and as seen in Fig. 1. The base 24 is preferably soldered or otherwise secured to the plate 23. A cover 25 preferably cast of some suitable material caps the cylinder 22, being flanged at 26 to properly seat thereupon. At 27 is shown a vent through the cover 25; at 28 is a knob for lifting the cover 25.

The sacked peanuts, or the peanuts in bulk are placed within the glass cylinder being supported above the lamp 19 upon the perforated plate 23. Heat radiating from the electric lamp warms the peanuts or other edible commodities that may be substituted therefor, and the said commodities are visibly seen through the clear glass portion of the cylinder. The illumination of the red bulb 19 appears through the frosted lower portion 21 of the cylinder as a glowing fire, this causes a psychological effect upon the mind of the prospective customer and creates a desire for the warmed nuts within the device. Such advertising may be printed or placed on the device as may be desired.

Such modifications may be employed as lie within the scope of the appended claims. Having fully described my invention what I now claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the class described, a circular flanged base; a glass cylinder supported by said base, including an upper portion of clear glass and a lower portion of opaque glass; an electric bulb and an electric socket having electrical connections, supported within the cylinder by said base, a

cylindrical screen surrounding said electric installation and a circular screen allied therewith horizontally disposed above said electric installation; and a vented cover capping said glass cylinder.

2. A nut warming device comprising a base element including a horizontal circular central portion, centrally depressed as a cup shaped receptacle; an electric socket and electric wires leading therefrom anchored within said receptacle; a red electric bulb in the socket; a vertically disposed cylindrical screen and a circular horizontal screen as a cover therefor, enclosing said bulb; a glass cylinder, vertically disposed and supported from flanged elements of said base and enclosing said screen and bulb elements, the base portion of said cylinder being of opaque glass; and a vented cover for said glass cylinder.

3. In a nut warming device comprising a base element including a horizontal circular central plate section, centrally depressed as a cup-shaped receptacle; an electric socket and electric wires leading therefrom, anchored within the receptacle; a red electric bulb in the socket; a vertically disposed screen and a circular horizontal screen as a cover therefor, enclosing said bulb; a glass cylinder vertically supported from said base and enclosing said screen and bulb elements, the base of said cylinder being of opaque glass, which under lighted conditions of said bulb gives off a glowing appearance similar in psychological effect to that of a glowing fire; and a vented cover for said glass cylinder.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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