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Fig. 1.

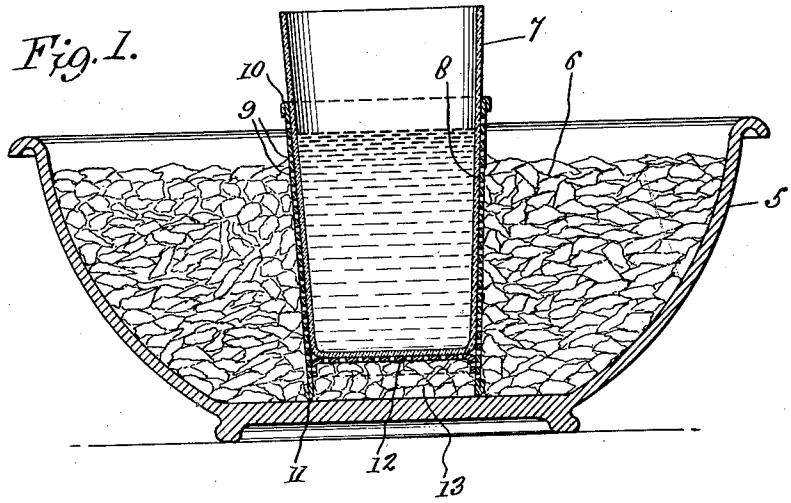


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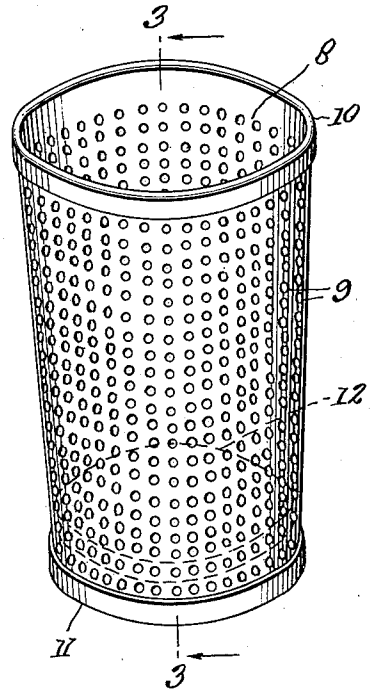
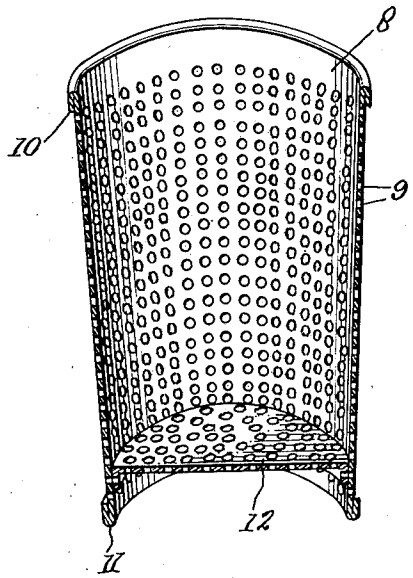


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The present invention relates to improvements in iced-cocktail containers and has for an object to provide a cup placed in an ice bowl for holding a glass in which orange juice, tomato juice or other cocktail juice is contained.

It is the present practice in hotels and restaurants quite generally to serve orange juice and other liquid cocktail in glasses which are directly embedded in a large body of ice held in a bowl which is a part of the service. When the patron lifts the glass from the embedding ice, such ice, which is ordinarily in a finely divided condition, slumps into the cavity previously occupied by the glass. Therefore, the patron, who seldom is able to consume the cocktail in one draught, and who is desirous of replacing the glass in the ice cavity in order to keep the cocktail juice cold and as a matter of etiquette to place the cocktail glass somewhere, is prevented from so doing by the encroachment of the flaked and cracked ice into the space or cavity in the ice body previously occupied by the cocktail glass.

Much annoyance has been caused by attempts to re-insert the cocktail glass in the ice mass. Such attempts are attended by the spilling of the cocktail juice and the squeezing of the ice out of the bowl and often into the lap of the patron.

To avoid these difficulties and inconveniences, I propose to hold the ice back out of the cavity by means of a form or cup which is embedded in the ice pack and which receives the cocktail glass, whereby the cocktail glass may be lifted from and lowered into the cup as many times as may be desired during the consumption of the juice therein and without any interference whatsoever from the ice mass.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cup which will be perforated to allow the cold air from the ice to circulate in contact with the cocktail glass whereby to maintain the juice at a proper drinking temperature.

A still further object of the invention is to hold the bottom of the cocktail glass above the bottom of the ice bowl in which water naturally accumulates with the aim and purpose in view of avoiding as far as possible the wetting of the lower portion of the glass which would cause dripping on the patron when the glass was removed and placed to the lips in the act of drinking.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a vertical central section taken through an iced-cocktail container constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the improved perforated cup employed, and

Figure 3 is also a perspective view with parts broken away and parts shown in section of the improved cup.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 5 designates an ordinary bowl of the form employed at hotels and restaurants for holding a quantity or mass of ice, indicated at 6, in a cracked or flaked condition. The cocktail or juice glass is indicated at 7. This glass 7 is ordinarily placed directly against the ice. In accordance with the present invention a perforated cup is employed to hold the glass 7, the cup being permanently retained within the mass 6 of the ice or other refrigerant.

The cup is composed of a side wall 8 of a conical form tapering downwardly toward a lower truncated apex. This wall 8 is formed with numerous perforations 9. The wall may be made of sheet metal, wire or other appropriate material rolled into form and soldered, welded, brazed or otherwise secured together and having its upper end 10 rolled over to provide a smooth surface. In the same way the lower edge 11 is rolled over to provide a smooth surface and to facilitate the insertion of the cup in an ice pack. A perforated bottom 12 is provided for the cup in a raised position above the lower edge 11 in order to form a chamber below the perforated bottom 12 for the accommodation of a quantity or mass of ice as indicated at 13 in Figure 1.

The cup is preferably of a height to extend slightly above the rim of the bowl 5 but appreciably short of the upper edge of the cocktail glass 7. The glass 7 and the cup 8 will preferably fit together rather snugly when the glass 7 is in the lowermost position in the cup. The glass 7 is also preferably tapering to conform generally to the taper of the tube 8. Thus the glass will have a narrow bottom which is easily insertable in the relatively wide mouth of the perforated cup 8.

In the use of the device, the normal position of the parts is as indicated in Figure 1. In this condition the device is served to the patron. The ice will contact directly with the wall of the cup and by conductivity will cool that wall, the wall of the juice glass 7 and the juice within such glass. Moreover cold convection currents from the body of ice will enter through the perforations 9

against the wall of the glass 7. The cocktail juice in the glass 7 will thus be cooled to a proper degree without actual contact of the ice with the glass wall and without substantially wetting the wall which is always productive of a sloppy condition. The juice glass 7 may be lifted out of the perforated cup by its upper projecting portion and the glass promptly restored to position in the cup after each use. The bottom of the glass will be held by the perforated wall 12 above the bottom of the bowl 5 and thus the glass will further be prevented from coming in contact with any water accumulating in the bottom of the bowl as a result of the melting of the ice.

The perforated cup will retain the ice pack 6 in position and present a constant cavity therein for receiving the juice glass 7.

After use of the device, the glass may be lifted from the cup by its upwardly projecting portion and the cup may be removed from the ice pack by grasping its upwardly projecting edge 10.

In placing the device in the first instance, the cup 8 may be placed in the bowl 5 before the ice 6 is deposited around it, or the ice may be first placed in the bowl 5 and the cup 8 may be inserted by a reciprocatory rotating action. The entry into the ice pack will be facilitated because of the raised bottom 12 leaving a lower cylindrical edge 11 to cut through the ice pack on such rotary movement in opposite directions. This thin edge will aso separate a quantity of the ice 13 whereby there will be a substantial vertical portion of the wall 8 below the perforated bottom 12 which will be engaged by ice on both sides to prevent casual shifting of the cup in the bowl 5, particularly when it is being borne from the kitchen or service room to the customer's table.

Although metal is preferred, the cup 8 might be made of paper or other material. As examples of some such materials might be mentioned screen mesh wire, crockery, earthen ware, plastics, etc. The perforations 9 will preferably be small enough to exclude ice shavings from passing therethrough.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An iced-cocktail container comprising a bowl containing a mass of cracked or shaved ice, a cup removably mounted in said bowl and having a lower thin edge substantially circular wall for penetrating the ice mass by a rotary motion of the cup, said cup having a perforated wall, said cup also having a perforated bottom spaced appreciably above said lower thin edge whereby to provide a space below the bottom and within the confines of that portion of the perforated wall lying wholly below said bottom to said thin edge, said space adapted to leave the thin edge free on both sides of said wall, said space also adapted to receive a quantity of the ice mass to center and stabilize the cup, said perforated wall being reinforced along its lower thin edge and adapted to rest on the bottom of the bowl, and a juice container removably fitted within said perforated wall and perforated bottom of the cup and being taller than the cup to provide a portion standing above the cup to be grasped and removed.

2. An iced-cocktail container comprising a bowl containing a mass of cracked or shaved ice, a cup removably mounted in said bowl and having a lower thin edge substantially circular wall for penetrating the ice mass by a rotary motion of the cup, said cup having a continuous perforated wall, said cup also having a perforated bottom spaced above said lower thin edge whereby to provide a space below the bottom and within the confines of that portion of the perforated wall lying wholly below said bottom to said thin edge, said space adapted to leave the thin edge free on both sides of said wall, said space also adapted to receive a quantity of the ice mass to center and stablize the cup, said perforated wall being reinforced along its lower thin edge and adapted to rest on the bottom of the bowl, and a juice container removably fitted within said perforated wall and perforated bottom of the cup and being taller than the cup to provide a portion standing above the cup to be grasped and removed.

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