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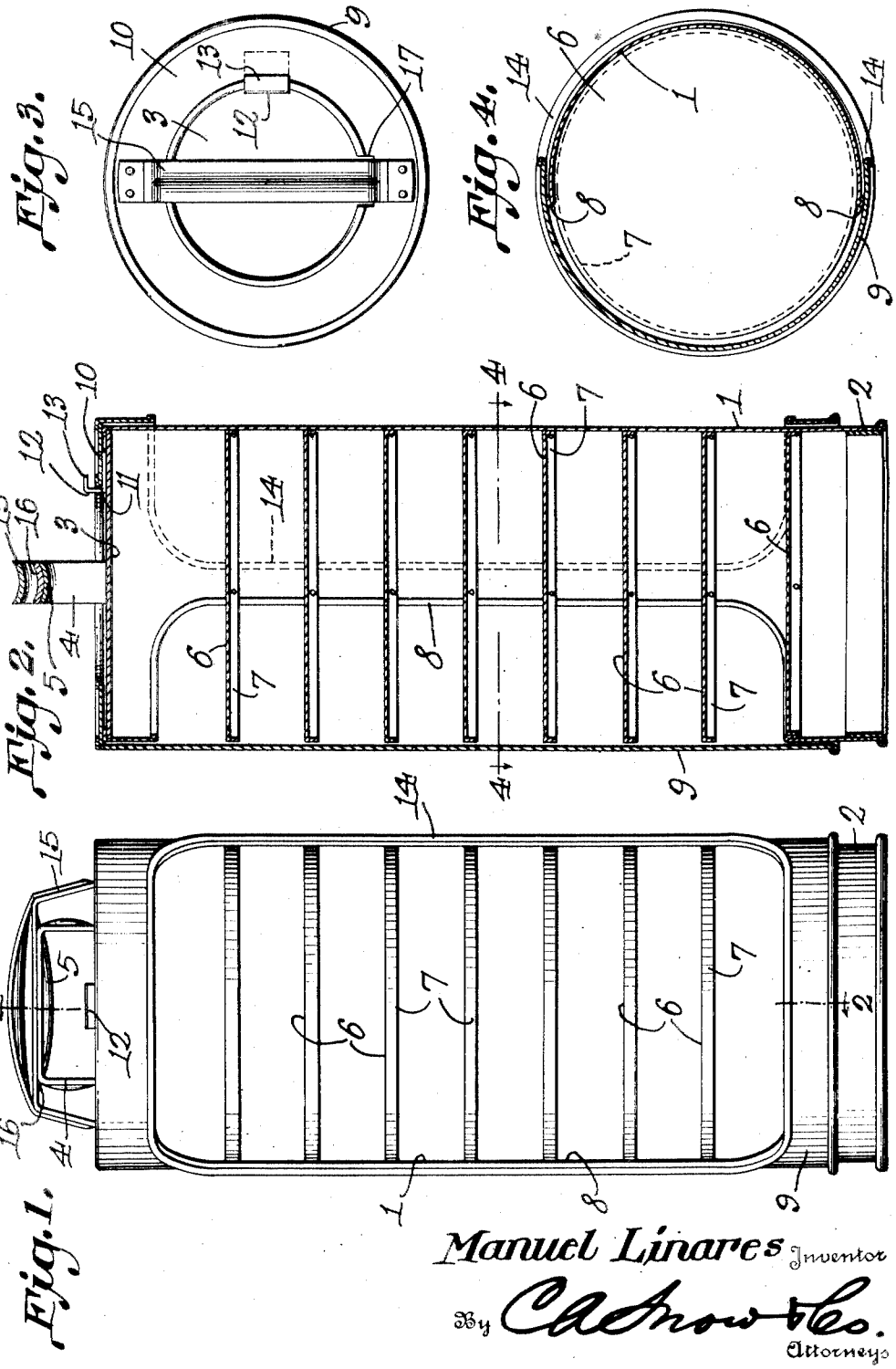


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This invention relates to a holder in which pies and other articles of pastry can be carried without danger of contamination by insects, dirt, etc. Articles of this kind as generally handled in large quantities, are carried on racks in trucks and are subsequently handled by the driver or other attendant without being protected in any way. It is an object of the present invention to provide a holder which can be easily carried and, when closed, will fully protect the contents so as to keep them in a sanitary condition.

Another object is to provide a holder which is cheap to manufacture, will afford a means for compactly storing pies and the like, and is made up of parts easily separable to facilitate cleaning.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the holder, the same being shown open.

Figure 2 is a section therethrough on line 2—2, Figure 1, the holder being closed.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the open holder.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4, Figure 2.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a substantially cylindrical container formed preferably of sheet metal and provided with a reinforced base 2. The top of this container is closed as shown at 3 and has a handle 4 secured thereto and bridging a portion thereof. The top portion of this handle is straight from end to end and formed with a longitudinal depression as shown at 5 in Figure 2.

Secured within the container 1 are superposed shelves 6 in the form of disks of metal or the like which can be provided with depending flanges 7 held to the container by rivets or the like. The wall of the container is cut away longitudinally from the lowermost shelf 6 to a point adjacent the closed upper end 3 and the shelves are exposed within the opening 8 thus provided, said opening being extended nearly half way around the container.

Mounted to slide and rotate on the container 1 is a substantially cylindrical cover 9 also formed preferably of sheet metal, this cover having its lower end spaced above the lower end of the container 1. The upper end of the cover is partly closed by an inwardly extended ring or flange 10 which overhangs the top 3. A retaining bracket 11 is secured to the top 3 and has a finger 12 extending upwardly within the space surrounded by the ring 10 and then extended outwardly to form a retaining ear 13.

The wall of the cover is cut away longitudinally to provide an opening 14 of substantially the same area as the opening 8 and when the cover is arranged in one position relative to the container the two openings 8 and 14 will register as shown in Figure 1 so that the shelves 6 and the contents thereof will be exposed. A handle 15 is secured to the top of the cover and extends diametrically thereacross, this handle being formed with a depressed top portion 16 adapted to rest in the depression 5 in handle 4 when the cover has been rotated to open position as shown in Figure 1.

When the cover is in closed position as shown for example in Figures 2 and 4 the handle 16 extends downwardly into the depression in handle 4 and the two handles cooperate to provide a grip which can be held easily in one hand whereby the holder can be conveniently carried. When it is desired to remove any of the contents of the holder the upper portion of the handle 16 is lifted so as to slightly elevate the cover, this movement ordinarily being limited by ring or flange 10 coming against the ear 13. The cover is then rotated through 180 degrees to bring the two openings 8 and 14 into register. To close the container this operation is reversed. A notch 17 is provided in the free edge of the ring or flange 10 where, by rotating the cover through 90 degrees the notch can be brought under the ear 13, thereby allowing the cover to be lifted off of the con-

tainer so that the container and cover can be separately cleaned.

What is claimed is:

A device of the class described including a cylindrical container, the wall of the container being cut away longitudinally to expose the interior of the container, a cylindrical cover slidably and rotatably mounted on the container having its wall cut away longitudinally, said cover being rotatable to open and close the container, cooperating means on the container and cover for limiting the relative sliding movement thereof, said cooperating means being shiftable to predetermined positions to release the cover for separation from the container, and normally interfitting handles carried by the cover and container for holding the cover in either full open or full closed position, said cover being movable longitudinally to disengage the handles.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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