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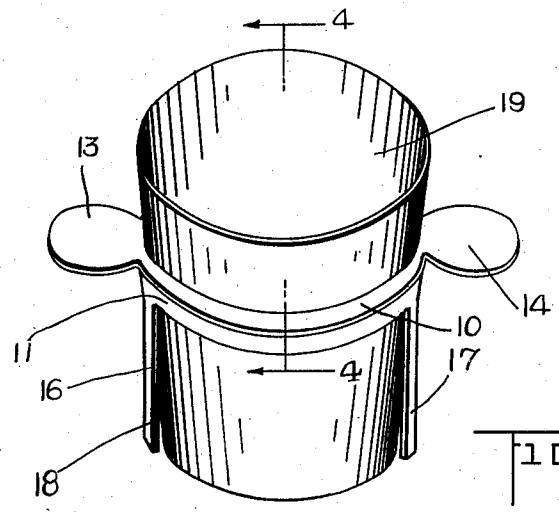


FIG-1

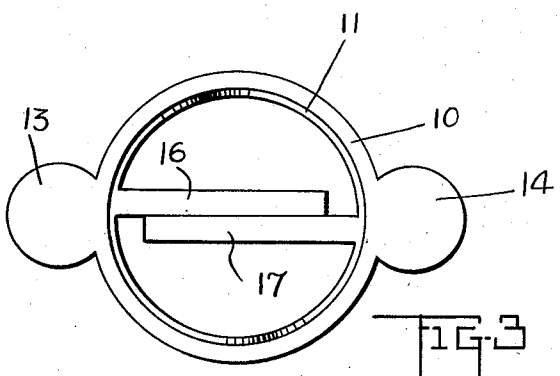


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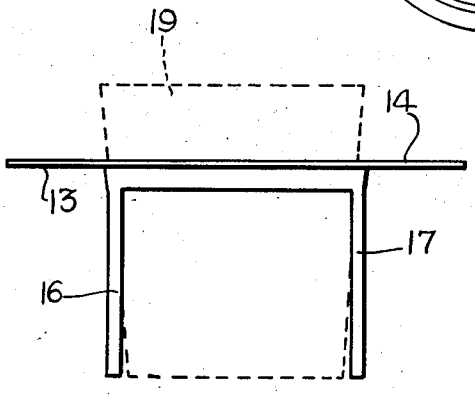


FIG-2

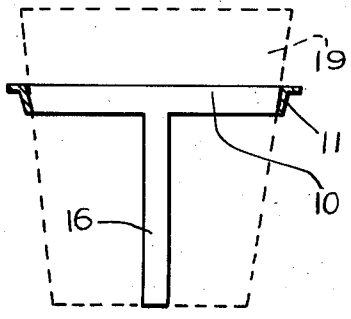


FIG-4

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The invention relates to a holder for paper cups and the like as described in the present specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings that form part of the same.

The invention consists essentially of the novel features of construction pointed out broadly and specifically in the claims for novelty following a description containing an explanation in detail of an acceptable form of the invention.

The objects of the invention are to facilitate the handling of paper cups for drinking purposes and especially where the liquid is in the form of tea, coffee or the like and too hot for the hand to grip the actual cup; to furnish a holder that will be easily adapted to engage various sizes of paper cup with equally good results; to protect the cup from distortion; to construct a holder that will be made out of light material, and that will take very little room in packing and thereby be a boon to the general public in its usefulness on picnic parties, trains and other places where paper cups are much in evidence, and will thereby become of a beneficial use to all; and generally provide a paper cup holder that will be cheap to manufacture, efficient for the purpose set forth and sufficiently strong enough to hold the paper cups containing the liquids.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder containing a paper cup.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the holder showing a cup in dotted lines.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the holder showing the leg supports in their folded position.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view taken on the lines 4—4 in Figure 1.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the various figures.

Referring to the drawings, the holder is made of light material such as fibre or carton and consists of a ring as indicated by the numeral 10 having an inner flange 11 projecting downwardly at the required angle. On either sides of the ring and integral therewith are the finger gripping members 13 and 14 and adjacent to them and projecting downwardly from the ring are a pair of guide members 16 and 17 which are adapted to engage the sides 18 of the cup 19 and in the use of the holder the ring portion engages the circumference of the cup having the guide members projecting downwardly on either sides of the cup wall thereby forming supporting members for the bottom of the cup when laid on a table or other place.

The angle of the inner flange of the holder is made so as to adapt itself to the various sizes of cups and as in most cases the paper cups are generally tapered downwardly to form reduced ends the flange will be adapted to engage the outer wall as far up at it can go and there hold the cup in position. In cases where the walls of a cup are parallel the flange will engage the ridge of the paper cup.

It will be noted that an important feature in this device is the way in which the supporting or guide members 16 and 17 can be folded inwardly when not in use so that the holders will take very little room in packing and handling.

In some cases it may be necessary to use the guide members 16 and 17 as strengthening members and in that event the members will be rigid.

What I claim is

1. A paper cup holder comprising a flanged ring having projecting lugs on either sides and downwardly extending leg members adjacent to each of the projecting lugs.

2. A paper cup holder comprising a fibre flanged ring having lug members integral therewith and leg members adjacent to the lug members.

3. A fibre holder for paper cups and the like comprising a flanged ring and projecting lugs on either sides and flexible leg supports all formed in a single piece of fibre material.

Signed at the city of St. Catharines, this 6th day of November, 1929.

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