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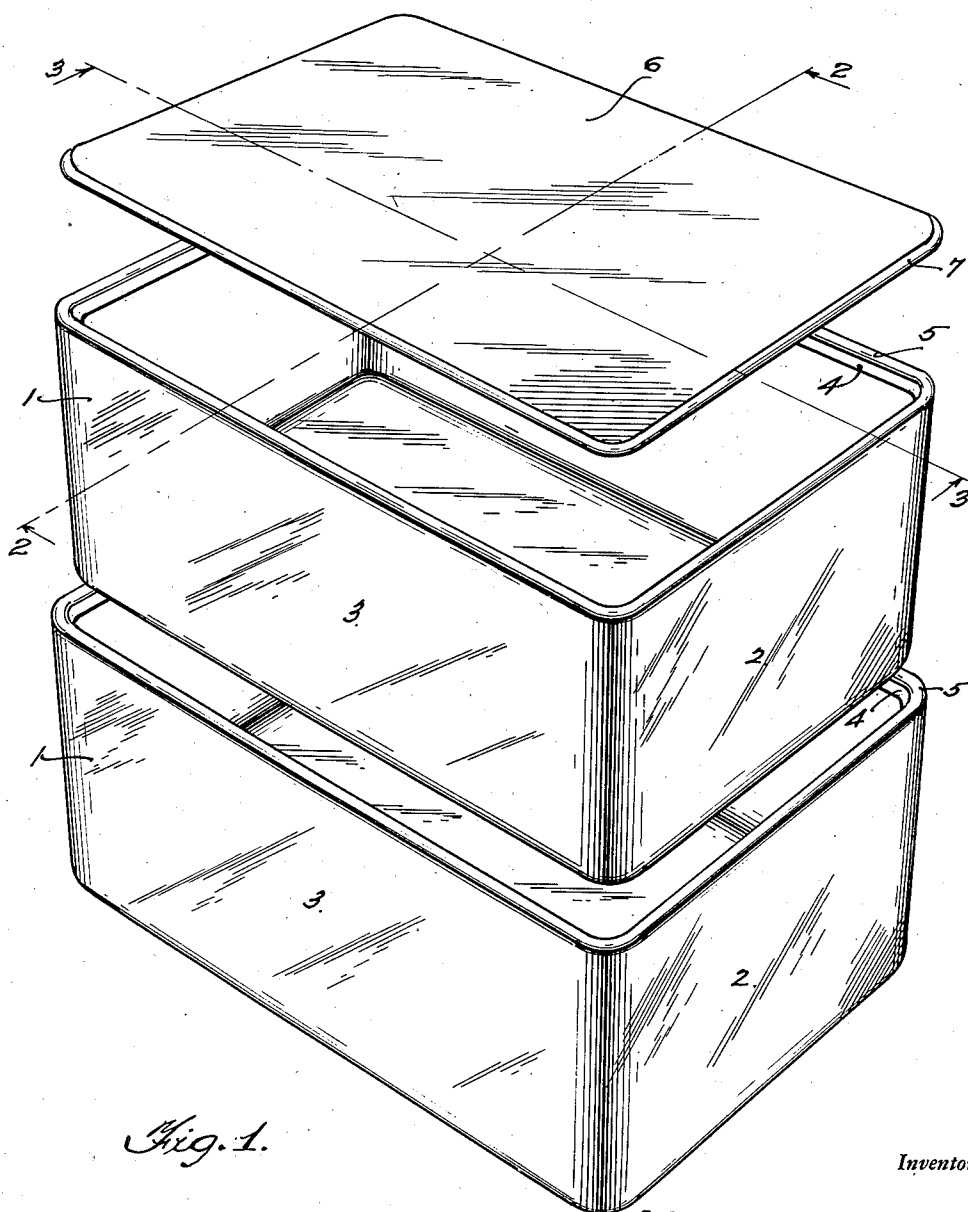


Fig. 1.

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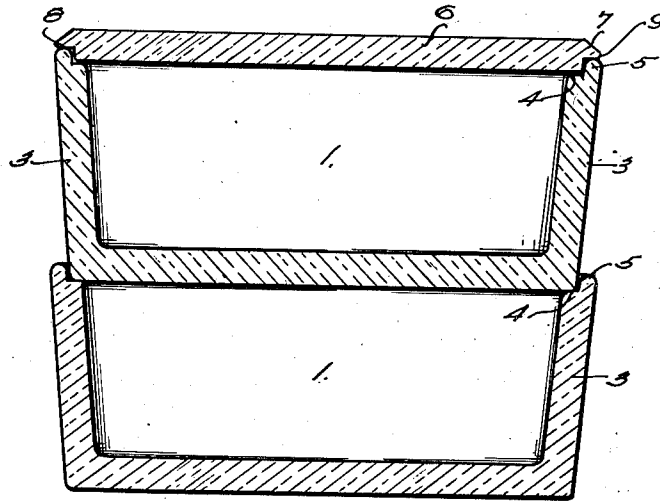


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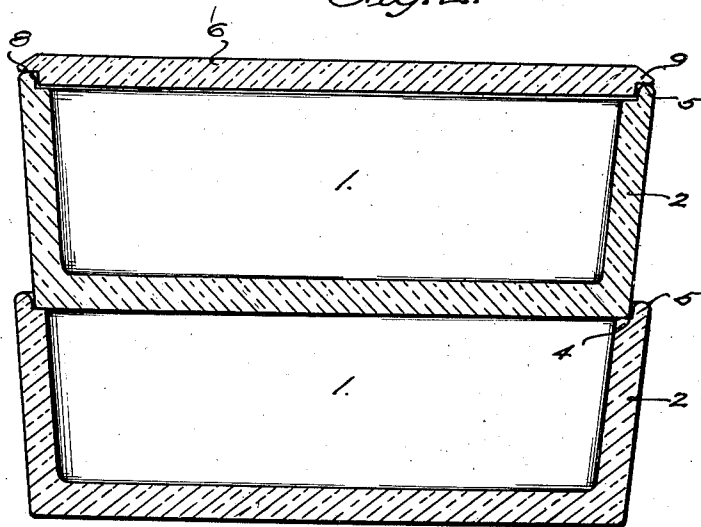


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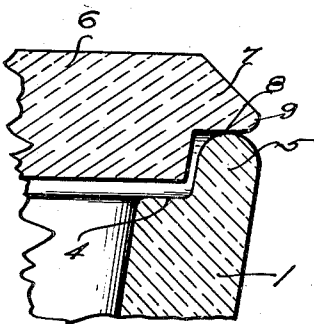


Fig. 4.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 65—59)

My invention relates to improvements in containers for food, the principal object in view being to provide a container adapted for fitting in pairs end to end in the bottom of standard lunch boxes and having a cover interfitting with the top of the container while not increasing the outside dimensions of the container and which is readily removable from the container without providing the cover with handles forming projections.

Another object is to provide such a container which will nest in the top of another one without wedging therein.

Other and subordinate objects are also comprehended by my invention, all of which, together with the precise nature of my improvements, will be readily understood when the succeeding description and claim are read with reference to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of two of my improved containers in position for nesting and also showing a cover in position to be placed on the top container.

Figure 2 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view in longitudinal section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in transverse section of the upper edge portion of the container and cover.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the container of my invention has the form of a flat-bottomed, shallow dish 1 of elongated rectangular form with slightly flaring side and end walls 2, 3 and is rabbeted internally at its top to provide a flat seat 4 in the upper edge portion of the container extending completely around the same and a transversely rounded upper edge portion 5 extending around said seat 4. The top 6 is flat and undercut around its side and end edges, as shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4, to fit in the upper edge portion 5 of the container and provide a ledge 7 extending around the cover having a flat bottom 8 for seating on said edge portion 5. The ledge 7 is provided with a transversely rounded edge 9 and is beveled downwardly to said edge 9. As will be seen, the bevel of the ledge 7, the rounded edge 9 thereof, and the transversely rounded contour of the upper edge portion 5 provide for easy grasping of the cover 6 by a hand spanning the same and with the fingers and thumb of the hand inserted under the rounded edge 9 of said ledge 7. The bottom of the container 1 is of sub-

stantially the same dimensions as the inner side of the upper edge portion 5 so that the bottom of one container may be inserted in the top of another container and seated on the seat 4, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, thus providing for nesting of a pair of the containers without wedging the one into the other.

As previously intimated, my invention comprehends forming the container 1 of the proper dimensions to fit at its top in pairs arranged end to end in the standard size lunch box and also provides for the described nesting of the same. However, manifestly, my improved container may be used as a table dish or cooking dish nester or otherwise. To especially adapt the same for the uses specified, and others, my improved container is formed of heat-resistant glass or similar material.

The container and cover are so designed that when one container is nested in another and the cover applied to the top one, the two containers will fit in a standard size lunch box when the cover of the box is closed.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A flat-bottomed container of elongated rectangular form and having flaring sides and ends, the top of the container being rabbeted to provide a flat seat internally around its upper edge and said edge being transversely rounded, and a flat cover undercut around its edges to fit in said rabbet and having an upper edge ledge around the same seating on said transversely rounded edge, the ledge having a vertically rounded edge coacting with the transversely rounded edge to provide a space between the same for insertion of the fingers and thumb of a hand spanning the cover under said ledge to facilitate grasping said cover to lift the same, said rabbet having a flat bottom and the bottom of the container being of the same size as said rabbet whereby the bottom of one container may be set into another on said seat, said ledge having a beveled top face to facilitate grasping the same by a thumb and finger placed on the top and bottom of the ledge, respectively.

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