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Fig. 1.

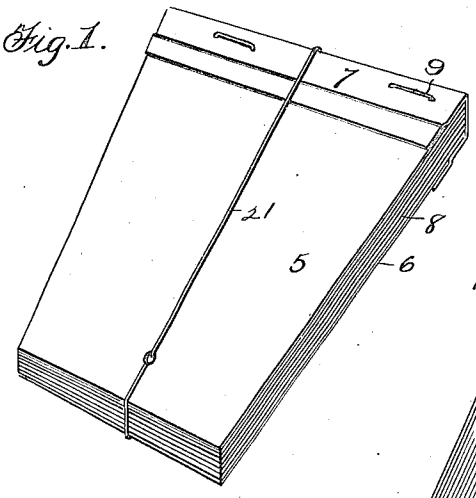
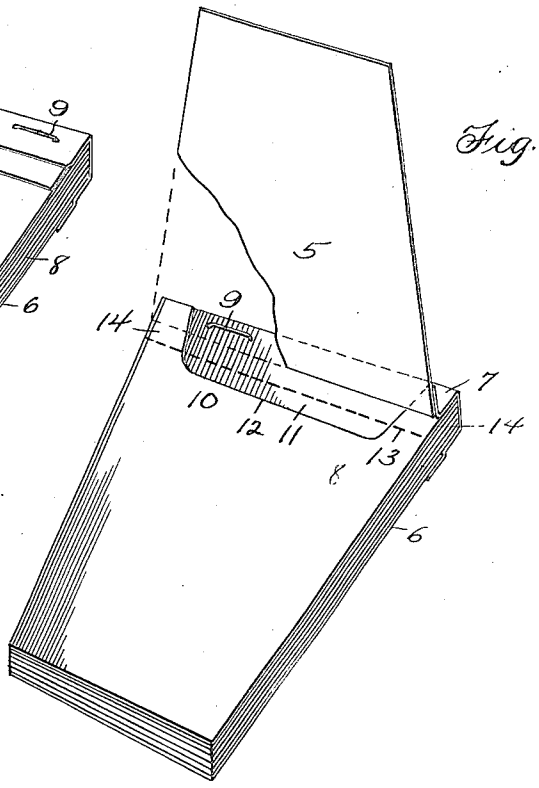


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL H. NUCKOLLS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Drinking-Cups and Containers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to containers put up in pad or book form and it has for its object the provision of containers such as a drinking cup and the like put in such form as to be particularly useful to motorists.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the detailed description which now follows:

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pad of containers adapted for use as drinking cups and showing the pad closed.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pad shown in Fig. 1 but with the cover of the pad raised and partly broken away.

Like numerals designate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing it will be seen that the invention comprises a pad having covers 5 and 6 and a binding strip 7 of flexible material which unites the covers 5 and 6 and constitutes a hinged element for cover 5. The drinking cups are indicated at 8 and a plurality of these cups is held in the padded formation shown by staples or other binding means 9 of usual and well-known form.

Each of the drinking cups comprises a front wall 10 and a rear wall 11 and the front walls of each of the cups is cut away as indicated at 12. A line of perforations 13 provides a weakened portion to enable the body portions of the cups to be readily detached from the portions held by the staples 9 and it is to be noted that these lines of perforations adjacent the outer edges of the cup pass through both the front and the rear walls of the cup across the portions 14 of said cups but that between these portions 14, the perforations pass through only the rear walls of the cups because the cut-away portions extend below the line of the perforations. Thus the cut-away portion 12 serves the triple function of so relating the parts that the cups are secured by double strength attachment adjacent their outer edges so that it requires a decided pull to separate the cups from the pad but after this separation has started the resistance thereto is materially reduced by the cut-away portion; enabling the user to readily separate the front and rear walls of the cup because it causes the rear walls to project outwardly beyond the front walls and thereby provides a portion adapted to be engaged by the thumb or thumb nail to aid in opening the cup and in addition provides one smooth edge to be placed between the lips of the user, it being apparent that a serrated edge would be objectionable in this relation.

If desired a rubber band 21 may be secured to one of the covers and serve as means for holding the pad in closed condition.

I am aware of the fact that paper drinking cups are well-known but I am not aware of the fact that they have ever before been associated as shown in the accompanying drawing and set forth in the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim is:—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a plurality of drinking cups of paper arranged in superimposed relation, covers upon the opposite sides of said drinking cups, binding strips uniting said covers, binding members passing through said drinking cups and weakened portions extending across said drinking cups to render the outer portions thereof detachable from the portions that are connected to the pad, each of said drinking cups comprising a front wall and a rear wall, one of said walls being centrally cut away, said cutaway portion extending below said line of perforations so that along the center of the cup the perforations extend through only one of the walls of the cups but extend through both of the walls of the cups adjacent the outer edges thereof.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a plurality of containers folded to flat form and arranged in

pad formation, and covers for said pad, each of said containers comprising front and rear walls, one of said walls being centrally cutaway and each of said containers being provided with a line of perforations extending thereacross in a plane above the lower edge of said cutaway portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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