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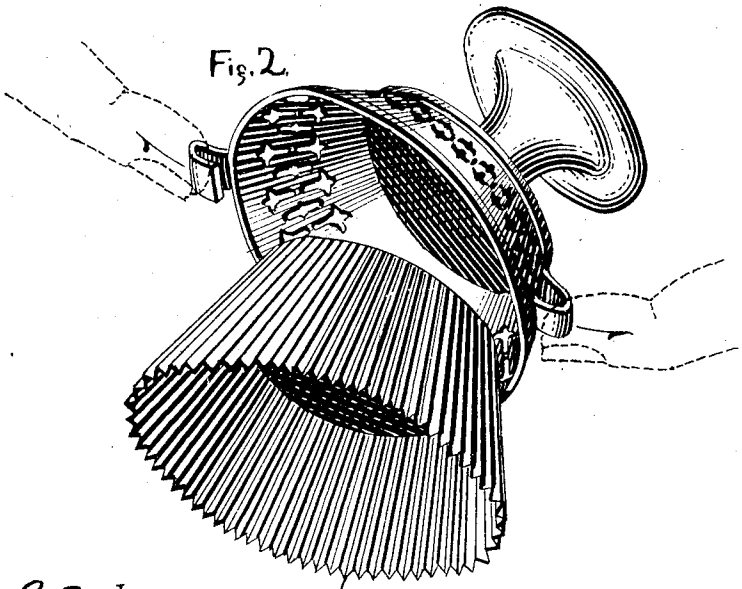


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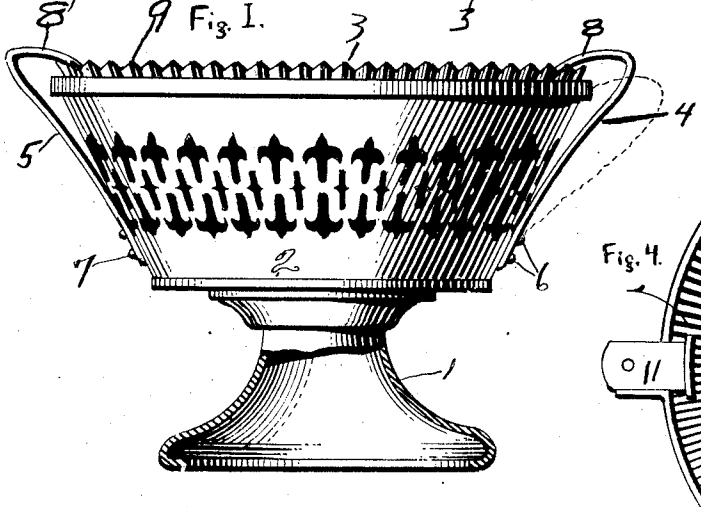


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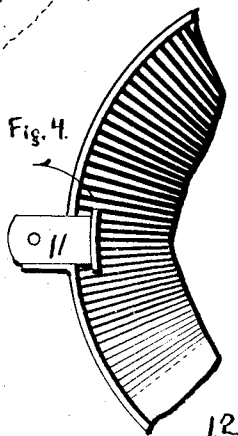


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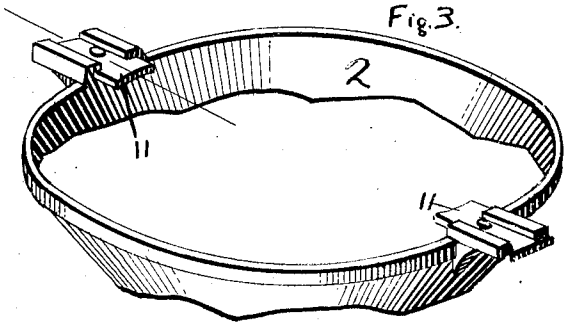
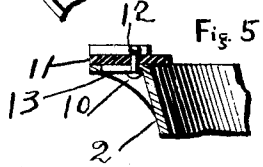


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LACKNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Long Island City, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Holders for Paper Dishes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices which are designed to hold a paper or other sanitary dish or receptacle for the serving of ice cream or any other desired contents. Devices of this character with which I am familiar are subject to one or more objections. Where no device is provided on the container to prevent the paper dish from moving around, it slides all around when the user is attempting to partake of the contents. It becomes necessary therefore to provide some means of holding it against movement. This is generally done by having some securing means extending over the upper portion of the paper dish, and thus holding it securely against tipping or rotation. This, however, while it serves the purpose of holding the dish, is highly objectionable because of the difficulty of ejecting the used paper dish from the container. Where the paper snaps under a retainer of this kind, it becomes necessary to take a fork and pry it out from under the retaining member or members, and in this way considerable time is lost, and it is not an easy operation.

My invention has for its object to provide flexible means for securing the paper dish in the container, which may be grasped by the thumb and sprung outwardly, so that the dish may be ejected with perfect ease and without the slightest delay.

Inasmuch as these devices are generally in use where large quantities of cream are required to be served with extreme rapidity, any saving of time in the operation of ejecting the used dish or insert and expediting its removal is of the utmost importance.

My means of accomplishing the foregoing object may be more readily understood by having reference to the accompanying drawing, which is hereunto annexed and is a part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a side view of a container constructed in accordance with my improvement with the paper cup inside.

Fig. 2 is an isometric perspective view showing the retainers sprung outwardly, and the paper cup being ejected from the container, the thumbs of the operator being shown in dotted lines.

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are fragmentary detail views of a modified form of construction.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the entire description.

As shown in the drawings, the container comprises a base 1, which is surmounted by a bowl-shaped container or receptacle 2, which is adapted to receive and has mounted therein the paper dish 3.

On the outer walls of the receptacle are mounted handles 4 and 5 which are secured to the container by means of rivets 6 and 7, or in any other suitable or convenient way. These handles are formed of resilient material and have their upper ends 8 bent inwardly so that they extend just inside of the rim of the container a sufficient distance over the edge or rim 9, of the paper dish 3, to hold it in position.

In the modified form these handles are constructed of lugs 10, which extend outwardly from the wall of the container 2, and are provided with sliding members 11, which extend inwardly a sufficient distance to engage and hold the paper dish in place. These slides, may, if desired, be provided with springs for holding them normally in the position shown in the drawings. A suitable headed pin 12 passes through the slide and holds it in position, a slot 13, being formed in the lug 10, to permit its movement.

The operation of the device is as follows: The dish is inserted into the container and is sufficiently flexible so that it bends inwardly until it has passed the inner ends 8 and 8' of the handles 4 and 5, when it will spring outwardly and be held in position. When it is desired to eject the cup, the operator grasps the handles with his thumbs, as clearly seen in Fig. 2, and bends them outwardly when by turning the container in the position shown in Fig. 2 there is absolutely no obstruction to the ejection of the paper dish, so that practically the only thing that is necessary to do is simply to take up the dish, bend the handles and turn it upside down when the paper dish drops out of the container.

In the modified form instead of bending the handles outwardly, the slides 11 are

slipped back a sufficient distance releasing the paper dish. It will be apparent that as soon as the handles are released they spring back into the position shown in Fig. 1 and the container is ready to receive another paper dish.

Although I have described a specific embodiment of my invention, I do not desire to be limited thereto as I believe changes may be made in the form of construction, the principal feature of which is the use of resilient means for holding the paper cup in the retainer, and I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the details of construction shown and described, except as such limitations shall appear in the hereinafter contained claims.

Having described my invention what I regard as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A cup-shaped receptacle for a cup, handles formed of flexible material, the lower ends of which are secured to the wall of the cup, the upper ends extending inside of the rim of the cup.

2. A container comprising a base, a bowl-shaped portion adapted to receive a paper dish, a pair of handles formed of flexible material having their lower ends secured to the bowl-shaped portion, their upper ends extending inside of the rim of the paper dish.

In testimony whereof, I have signed the foregoing specification.

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