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LIQUID CONTAINER.

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FIG. 1.

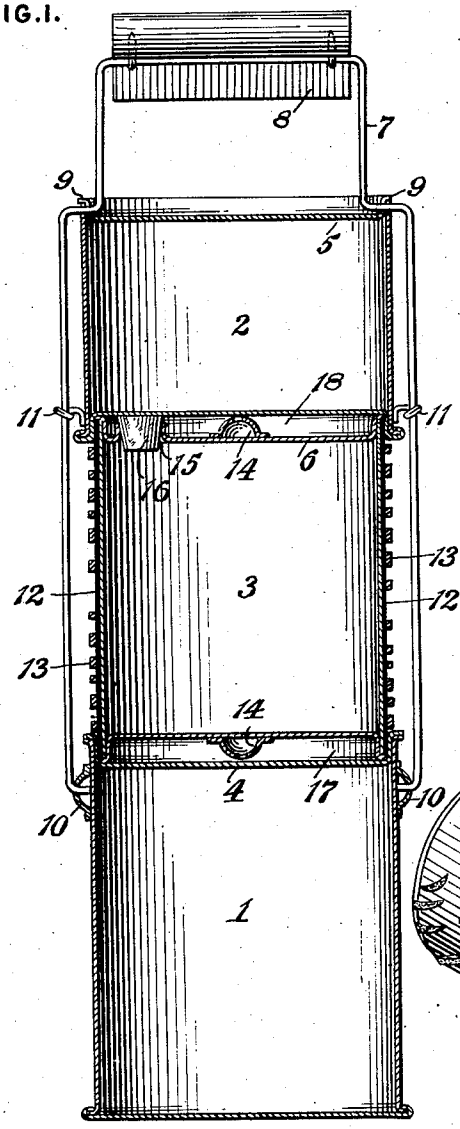



FIG. 2.

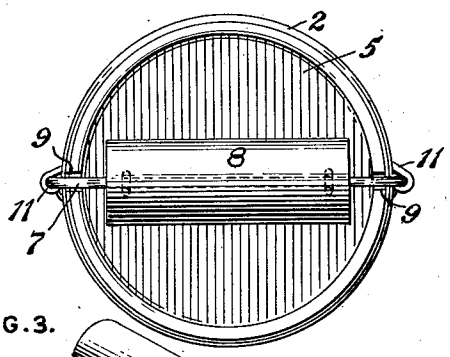



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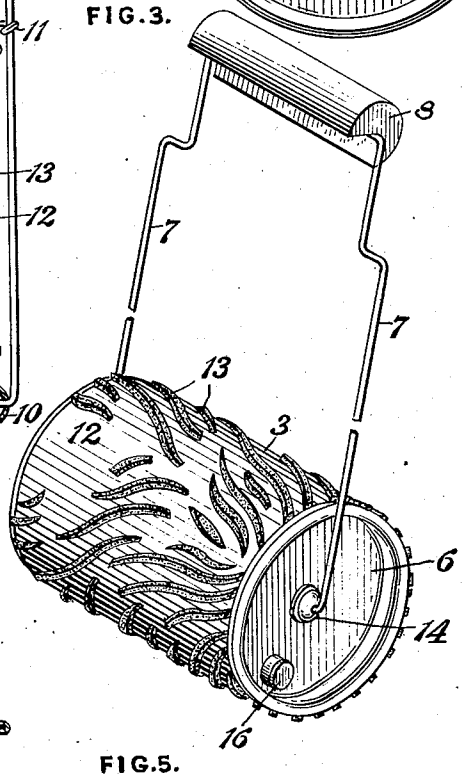



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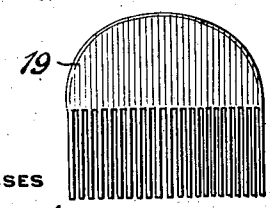
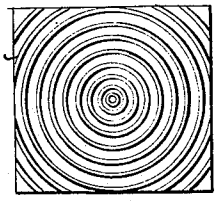



FIG. 5.




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## LIQUID-CONTAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER M. CLARK, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Liquid-Containers, of which the following is a specification.

An object of my invention is to provide a new and improved liquid containing package comprising a plurality of compartments or containers particularly designed for storing, shipping, and for using liquid ingredients, such for example, as ingredients employed in graining floors, doors, etc., and comprising a ground color, a stain, and a varnish.

A further object of the present invention is to provide one of the liquid containers with a cover or surface particularly designed for and capable of use as a graining tool or device for applying the representation of graining to surfaces, and particularly adapted for imitating quartered oak.

Still further objects of my invention are to provide a simple and efficient package of the character mentioned comprising a plurality of compartments or containers adapted to be assembled and locked together by a bail, which latter is adapted to coöperate with the container having the graining surface; also compartments or containers constructed and assembled in such a manner as to provide storage chambers between adjacent containers.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates an application of my invention, Figure 1 is a central vertical sectional view of the liquid containing package constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a plan; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the intermediate container showing the bail and handle in connection therewith; Fig. 4, a side view of a comb employed in graining; and Fig. 5, a plan view of a graining member adapted to be used in connection with the handle.

As illustrated and as preferred, the liquid containing package comprises a lower compartment or container 1, an upper compartment 2, and an intermediate compartment or retainer 3, each comprising a bottom member and side walls, and each respectively provided with a cover or cap 4, 5, and 6, thereby forming a separate independent compartment, each adapted to contain a different liquid ingredient, such for example, as are used in graining, namely, a ground color, a stain, and a varnish. These compartments or containers differ somewhat in size, and in practice, they are of such sizes as to contain relative proper proportions of ingredients desired to be used with one another.

The several separable containers 1, 2, and 3, when assembled in the position shown by Fig. 1, are designed to be locked together and carried by a detachable bail 7 having a handle 8 secured thereto. As shown, the upper container 2 is provided with slots 9 into which the bail is entered, and the lower compartment 1 is provided with ear-bosses 10 adapted to receive the respective lower bent ends of the bail. 11 designates two small guide members secured to the upper container 2 and adapted to surround the bail.

The central or intermediate container has its outer cylindrical surface formed or provided with a suitable material for graining purposes. This material preferably covers the outer cylindrical surface of the intermediate container, and as illustrated, the said graining material or surface comprises a piece of cloth or paper 12 pasted or otherwise secured to the container. Secured to piece 12, I provide projecting strips or pieces of chamois, felt, sponge rubber, or other suitable material 13 arranged in such a manner as to produce an imitation of quartered oak, as particularly shown by Fig. 3.

Secured to the bottom and to the cap or cover of the container 3 are ear-bosses 14, and in addition to the ear-boss of the cap or cover 6, this cap is provided with an opening 15 into which is inserted a plug 16.

Fig. 3 particularly illustrates a manner in which container 3 may be used for graining purposes, this figure showing the detachable bail applied in operative position to the container 3.

The several compartments or containers are preferably removably assembled in the manner particularly shown by Fig. 1, and when so assembled, storage spaces 17 and 18 are provided between the adjacent compartments. These storage spaces are adapted to receive a graining comb 19 such as shown by Fig. 4, and a graining strip 20 such as shown by Fig. 5. In use, the graining strip 20 is designed to be applied to the handle 8 of the bail and the same employed, when it is desired to produce a different graining effect from the quartered oak imitation produced by the employment

of the intermediate container 3 and its graining surface.

By means of my invention, I provide in a single package a complete outfit, including the necessary ingredients and tools, for applying the representation of graining to surfaces.

What I claim is:

1. As an article of manufacture, a liquid containing package comprising a plurality of separable containers with one of said containers having graining means including projecting pieces of absorbent material and engaging means, and common means for locking the containers in removable position and adapted to engage the engaging means of the graining container when the containers are separated.

2. As an article of manufacture, a liquid containing package comprising a plurality of separable superposed containers, with one of said containers having graining means including projecting pieces of absorbent material, and common means for securing the containers together.

3. As an article of manufacture, a liquid containing package comprising a plurality of separable superposed containers with one of said containers having graining means on its surface, and common means for locking the containers in removable position and coöperating with the graining container when the containers are separated.

4. A liquid containing package comprising a plurality of separable containers with one of said containers having graining means including projecting pieces of absorbent material, said pieces arranged to produce a quartered oak graining on a surface, and common means for locking the containers in removable position and coöperating with the graining container when the containers are separated.

5. A liquid containing package comprising separable containers with one of said containers having a graining device for producing a graining on a surface and bail engaging means on the top and bottom thereof, and a common bail for locking the containers in removable position and for coöperating with the bail engaging means of the graining container when the containers are separated.

6. A liquid containing package comprising top, bottom, and intermediate containers, said containers being removable and spaced to form storage spaces at the top and bottom of the intermediate container, said intermediate container having graining means including staggered pieces of absorbent material, and a common bail for locking the retainers in removable positions and for coöperating with the intermediate container when the containers are separated.

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

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