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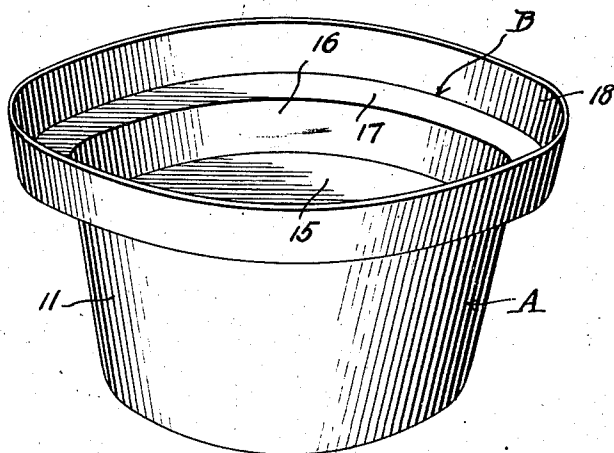


Fig. 2.

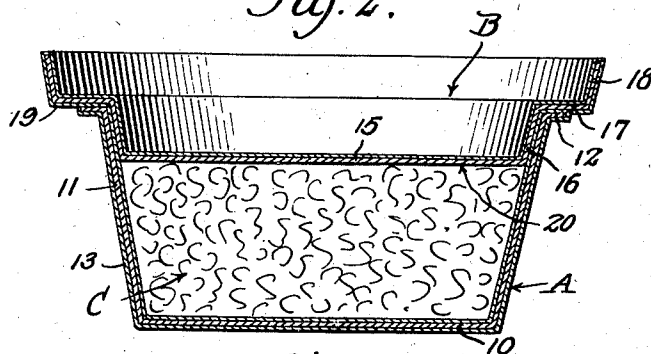
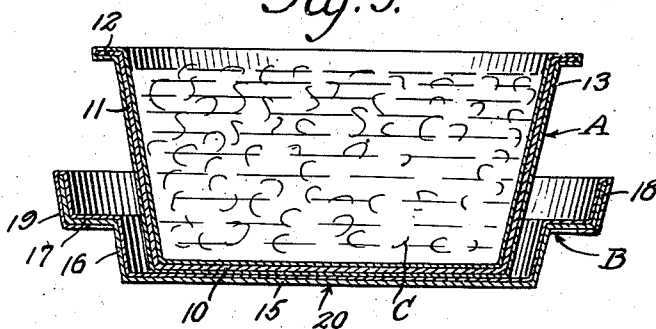


Fig. 3.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—46)

This invention has relation to the packaging and serving of food products and comprehends an improved container which, while not necessarily restricted to such use, is primarily designed as a package for dry cereals and when opened is adapted to function as a serving bowl for the cereal and for milk, cream, berries or other fruits which are usually served therewith.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a combined package and serving container of the indicated character in which the body and cover are so constructed and arranged when in closed relation as to prevent undue freedom of movement of the contents so as to avoid breaking up of the flakes, shreds or other forms of cereals, while providing, when the cover is removed, sufficient space within the body for accommodating cream, milk, berries or other fruits which are served therewith.

As a further feature, the invention comprehends a packaging and serving container of the character set forth including a body and cover having complementary tapered marginal walls which, when in closed relation, effectively seal the contents and provide a structure which may be nested together with similar packages for occupying a minimum amount of space for storage and shipment.

More particularly the invention resides in a package and serving container wherein the cover, when removed from the body, serves as a saucer within which the body is arranged and which cover and body are constructed of an inexpensive material adapted to be discarded after use.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention is set forth in greater detail in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combined package and serving container illustrating the same in closed condition.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view therethrough.

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating the cover removed from the body and associated therewith to serve as a saucer.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, A designates generally the body of the container, B the cover and C the dry cereal or other food product contained therein. As illustrated, the body A includes a bottom wall 10, an upstanding marginal wall 11 which tapers downwardly and is provided with an outwardly directed marginal flange 12 at its upper end.

The body A is preferably constructed of paper, cardboard or any equivalent inexpensive mate-

rial and both the inner and outer surfaces thereof are coated with a liquid proof film 13 of wax or any equivalent material. The cover B which is also constructed of paper, cardboard or similar inexpensive material, consists of a bottom 15 of a size and shape to fit within the marginal wall 11 of the body A a substantial distance below the upper flanged edge 12 and said cover bottom is formed with an upstanding outwardly flared marginal wall 16 corresponding to the taper of the marginal wall 11 of the body to frictionally fit within the upper open end of the body.

An outwardly directed marginal flange 17 is provided at the upper end of the marginal wall 16 of the cover and said flange 17 extends outwardly beyond the flange 12 of the body and is formed with an upstanding marginal rim 18. All of the surfaces of the cover B are coated with a liquid proof film 19 such as wax, with the exception of the undersurface 20 of the bottom 15 which is left uncoated for a purpose to be hereinafter set forth.

The coating of the body A and the cover B in the manner previously specified, may be accomplished in various ways. For instance, the body A may be initially immersed in a bath of molten paraffin wax and then removed so that all the surfaces thereof are covered with the film 13. A predetermined measured quantity of dry cereal or other equivalent food product C, is then placed in the bottom of the body A and the uncoated cover B is applied by frictionally fitting the lower downwardly offset tapered portion thereof into the open downwardly tapered body A so that the outer periphery of the marginal wall 16 is impinged within the upper portion of the downwardly tapered marginal wall 11 of the body A thereby disposing the flange 17 of the cover in contact with the flange 12 of the body. By thus immersing the closed container in a bath of molten paraffin wax or the like, the exposed surfaces of the cover B will be coated with the film 19, while the undersurface 20 of the bottom wall 15 is left uncoated due to the fact that it is located wholly within the container body A. This final immersion of the closed container in the wax effectually seals and preserves the contents until ready for consumption.

In use, it will be apparent that the downwardly offset portion of the cover B confines the contents C in the lower portion of the body A between the bottom wall 10, the marginal wall 11 thereof and the bottom wall 15 of the cover, thereby preventing the contents from having too free a movement which would tend to damage

the same. It is also obvious that the downward offsetting of the cover B affords, when the cover is removed, a space within the container sufficient for the accommodation of milk, cream, fruits or the like which are usually served with the food content of the package.

As illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the cover B is so constructed and arranged as to be useful after removal as a saucer within which the container body A is placed and the uncoated lower surface 20 provides a friction surface engageable with a table or other supporting surface which prevents undue slippage of the container thereon while the contents is being consumed.

What is claimed is:

In a combination packaging and serving container for food products to which a liquid is added when served, a container body including a bottom wall and an upwardly flaring marginal wall, and a combined cover and saucer defining member therefor including a bottom wall and an upstanding outwardly flaring marginal wall of an external size and shape to snugly fit within the

upper portion of the container body to serve as a cover therefor and which is of such a depth as to confine the contents against undue freedom of movement while affording when removed a space within the body for accommodation of the liquid added to the contents, said member also including an outwardly directed marginal flange at the upper end of the marginal wall and an upstanding rim at the outer edge of said flange and the flange being of appreciable greater diameter than the upper end of the body whereby when removed said member is adapted to serve as a saucer with the bottom portion of the body arranged on the bottom wall of the member and nested within the upstanding outwardly flaring marginal wall thereof and with the flange and its rim extending outwardly beyond the confines of the upper end of the body to catch and retain contents of the container which may be spilled over the upper edge thereof.

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