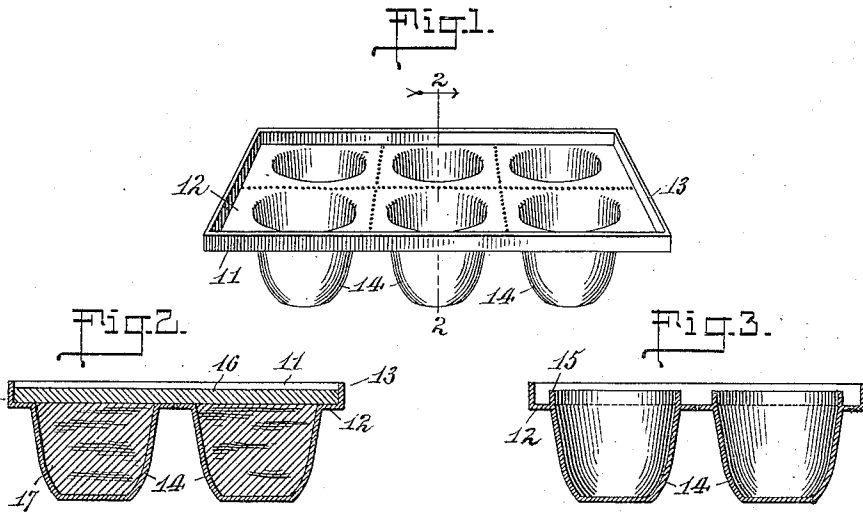


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIE MAY McKEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Jelly-Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a container for jelly or analogous material, and has in view the provision of a cheap but serviceable container, including a multiplicity of receptacles or molds, in which the jelly is deposited and sealed.

The container is preferably formed in the shape of a tray, from which depend a number of individual cups or receptacles, defining a plurality of isolated compartments, in which the jellies may be stored, the entire device forming a convenient article for the storage of jellies, in that it may be easily handled. Furthermore, a number of these tray-like containers may be placed, one above the other and form an attractive device for the storage or display of jellies.

A further object is to provide a tray-like container preferably formed of some fibrous or analogous material, suitably impregnated so as to render it fit for the storage of jellies, and including a number of rows of depending receptacles, between which rows, the base plate is provided with indentations or perforations, allowing each receptacle to be detached as desired, although it is to be noted in this connection, that the indentations or perforations are practically impervious to paraffin or analogous sealing material.

A further object is to provide a tray-like container for the storage of jellies, with a plurality of individual cups or receptacles connected by a suitable base plate, facilitating the handling of the same and providing for their convenient storage. It is also to be noted in this connection that the tray-like containers may be nested together when empty, providing for their shipment in bulk.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the description proceeds, it being understood that changes in the preferred embodiment of the invention can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings accompanying this specification and forming a part thereof, the pre-

ferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my novel, tray-like container. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view thereof, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in section of a somewhat modified form of container, the modification residing within the receptacles or cups which constitute a part of the container.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the container includes a tray 11 formed with the base plate 12 and circumscribing rim 13. The tray is preferably formed of some fibrous material such as paper, which allows a plurality of individual cups or receptacles 14 to be struck downwardly from the base plate thus defining a unitary article subject to economic manufacture.

In the somewhat modified form of container illustrated in Fig. 3, each of the receptacles includes an upstanding rim or mouth 15, which prevents any foreign material, which may be resting upon the base plate, from being brushed or accidentally discharged into the containers. A further advantage of this somewhat modified form, resides in the fact that as the paraffin 16 is poured upon the base plate, to seal the jelly 17 or analogous material within each receptacle, the upstanding rims 15 prevent the initial paraffin from flowing across the receptacles, the initial paraffin being more likely to contain foreign material. However, it is to be noted, that the upstanding rim 13, with which the tray is provided, allows the hot paraffin to be poured directly upon the base plate to simultaneously and conveniently seal the several receptacles, with which the tray is provided. The base plate is provided with indentations or perforations extending between the receptacles, which although sufficient for the easy and convenient separation of the receptacles and adjoining parts of the base plate, prevent the flow of paraffin or sealing material therethrough.

From the foregoing, it will be observed, that I have provided a jelly container which may be economically manufactured and which possesses numerous as well as novel advantages, among which, the ease and rapidity with which the receptacles may be filled

and sealed, the convenient manner in which a large number of jelly containing receptacles may be handled and stored, and the provision of a number of connected receptacles which may be subsequently detached, are to be especially noted.

The bottom walls of the several receptacles are flattened, so that several of the containers may be placed one upon the other without danger or likelihood of the receptacles of the upper containers being pressed through the paraffin with which the receptacles are sealed, the flattened bases of the receptacles providing a large bearing surface for withstanding the pressures due to the weight of the superposed containers.

It will be understood from the preceding that the receptacles or molds may be made of any desirable, fanciful, or attractive shapes, particularly when such are to be used for decorative purposes, the molds being capable of assuming any desired or fanciful shape suitable for social or other functions where the contained jelly is to be served. Furthermore, it will be understood that the use of such is economical, in that the receptacles or molds may be made of such size or dimensions as to contain just a sufficient amount of jelly as is desired to be served to each individual person, thus avoiding the waste incident to the serving of comparatively large portions of jelly from which slices or sections are cut and served.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A container comprising a tray including a base plate and an upstanding encompassing rim, a plurality of receptacles

formed integral with, and depending from, said base plate and provided with flattened bottom walls, the upper extremities of said receptacles projecting above the plane of said base plate and terminating short of the plane of the top of the encompassing rim.

2. A container comprising a tray including a base plate with an upstanding encompassing rim, receptacles formed integral with said tray and depending therebeneath, said base plate provided with alined perforations extending entirely therethrough and encompassing each receptacle, said perforations of a size preventing the passage of hot paraffin therethrough and providing for the separation of each receptacle from the adjoining portion of said tray.

3. An article of the class described comprising a tray including a base plate and an upstanding encompassing rim, a plurality of receptacles formed integral with said tray and depending therebeneath and provided with flattened bottom walls, the upper extremities of said receptacles projecting above the plane of the base plate of said tray and stopping short of the plane of the upper edge of said rim, said base plate provided with alined perforations completely encompassing each receptacle, providing for the separate detachment of the receptacles and adjoining portions of the tray.

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