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Fig. 1

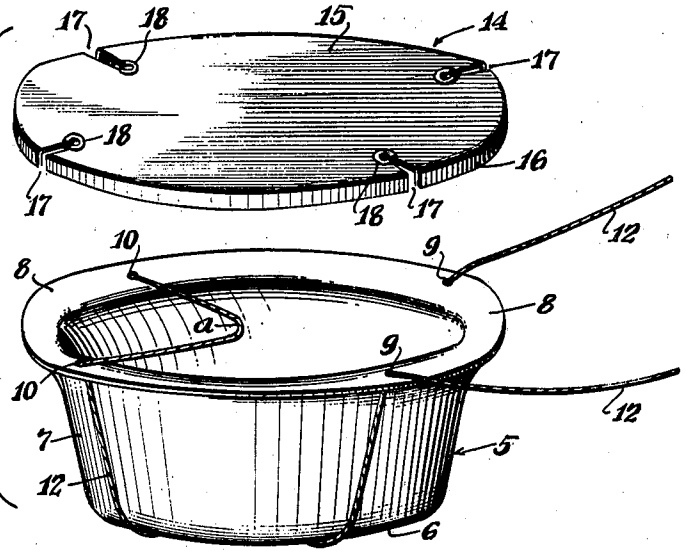


Fig. 2

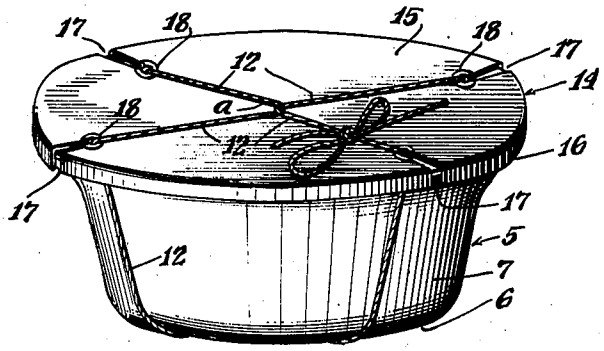
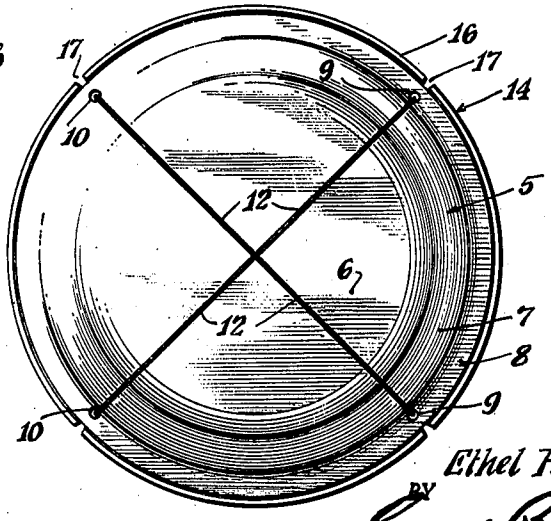


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to improvements in containers for merchandising material and articles.

The object of the invention is the provision of a container of bowl box type having a readily accessible open top and with an easily and securely applied cover, both the box and cover being formed to be stacked in minimum space.

Further objects of the invention will appear from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the container and of the cover separately in position over the container;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the container with the cover in place on the container and secured thereto; and

Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the container with the cover applied.

The container designated generally by 5 in Fig. 1 is preferably pressed or molded of cardboard, wood pulp, fiber, wood plastic, or other composition, and comprises a bottom 6, side 7 and an outwardly flaring rim 8, the form being such that the containers will stack readily and so conserve space in those shops and salesrooms in which many boxes are kept in stock. The container may be of bowl box or boat box formation (in bowl or boat shape, respectively), and is designed as a container for either large or small merchandise with special regard to hats, flowers, lamp shades, novelties and fancy articles. The bowl box formation shown in the drawing would also be desirable for foodstuffs, such as cakes, berries, ice cream and the like, and may be used as a serving dish or saucer.

The container is provided with an attaching cord, tape or ribbon 12 which is threaded down through to adjoining holes 10 in the rim 8, leaving a loop at *a*; the cord is then crossed under the bowl (Fig. 3) for reinforcement and security and the two ends are brought up through holes 9 in the rim 8 (Fig. 1). The cord is put in place by the manufacturer so that the container as received is ready to have the cover tied on. The holes 9, 10 may have their edges lined with grommets or eyelets.

The cover 14 has a flat disk portion 15 and may be rimless or provided with a downwardly depending flange or rim 16. The cover 14 at its periphery is provided with the notches 17 spaced in position to correspond to the holes 9, 10 and these notches may be grommeted at their inner portions as indicated at 18.

Preferably the cover 14 when flanged will have its rim 16 slightly inclined closely to stack a series of the covers and also to fit easily over and around the rim 8. In applying the cover the loop *a* of the string 12 is lifted and the corresponding portion of the cover is slid within the loop to insert the ends of the loop in the left notches 17 which are thus positioned over the holes 10, the pressing down of the cover bringing the flange 16 down around the periphery of the rim 8 and with the notches 17 to the right positioned over the holes 9. One of the loose ends of the string, tape or cord 12 is passed through the loop *a* and then drawn taut and tied to the other loose end of the string, tape or cord 12, for instance, as indicated in Fig. 2.

With this container both the container and cover stack in minimum space and being pressed out in a single operation are relatively inexpensive. The cover is slipped in place and firmly tied on quickly and easily and with the cover applied the container is ready for delivery or sending by mail or express without further wrapping. The cord tie crossing under the bowl serves as reinforcement so that the container is easily carried and securely supported.

The container may be made in any desired size and the bottom of the bowl may be round, quadrangular, square or oval. The cover may be flat as shown or slightly crowned or bowl-shaped.

I claim:

1. A container comprising a body portion having an outwardly protruding rim with a series of spaced openings around it, a continuous flexible fastening passing through all of said openings and forming a loop extending across from one opening to the other and with the free ends of the flexible fastening protruding from other openings, and a cover adapted to be placed over said rim and having cooperating openings receiving said flexible fastening and having open edge portions permitting a part of the cover to fit within said loop so that tension on the free ends of the fastening tightens said loop over said cover to hold the latter in place on the body portion.

2. A container as set forth in claim 1 in which the cover has a rim portion with notches forming recesses receiving said loop and the free ends of said flexible fastening.

3. A container as set forth in claim 1 in which the body portion is formed with a flare so that a number of such portions will stack readily to conserve space.

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