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[54] **SALAD SERVING COMBINATION INCLUDING CONTAINER FOR SALAD INGREDIENTS AND CUPS FOR DRESSINGS OR GARNISHES REMOVABLY SUPPORTED THEREBY**

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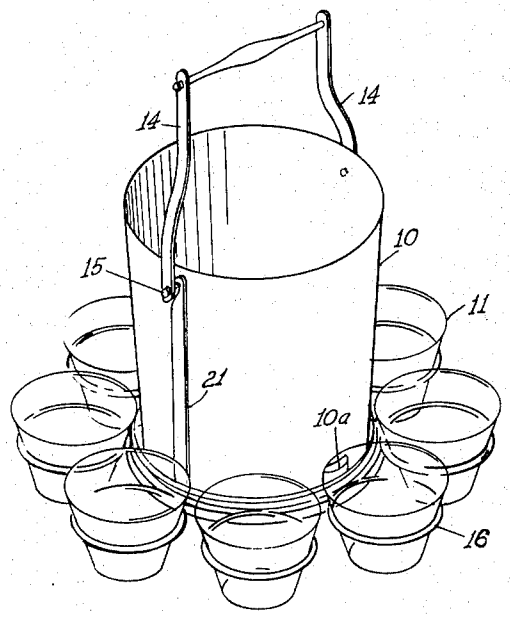
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A salad serving combination including a main container for the salad ingredients, such as fresh vegetables or fruits, preferably of bucket-like form. The combination also includes carrier means removably supported from the container but normally removably supporting a plurality of cups for various dressings and/or garnishes around the exterior of the bucket for ease in selection for use with a serving of the salad ingredients taken from the container.

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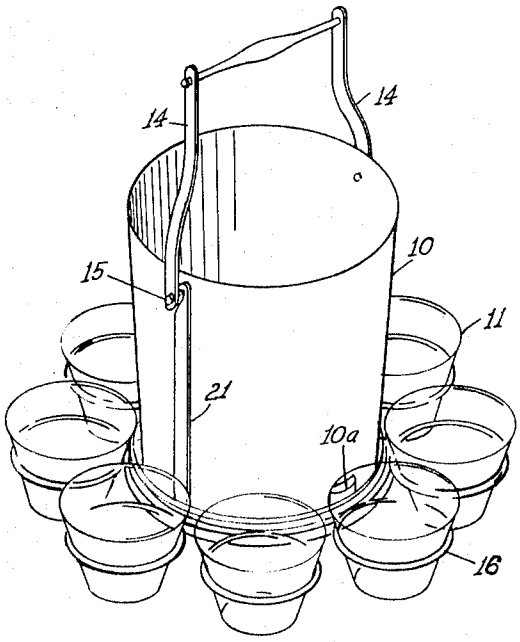


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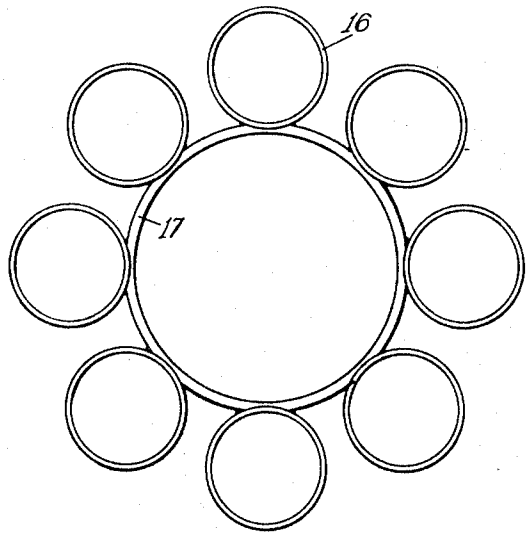


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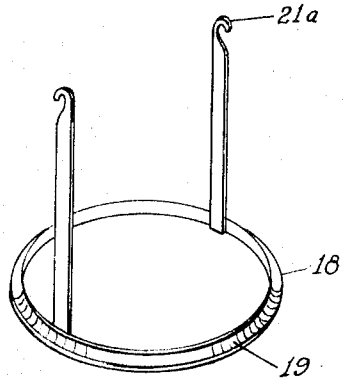


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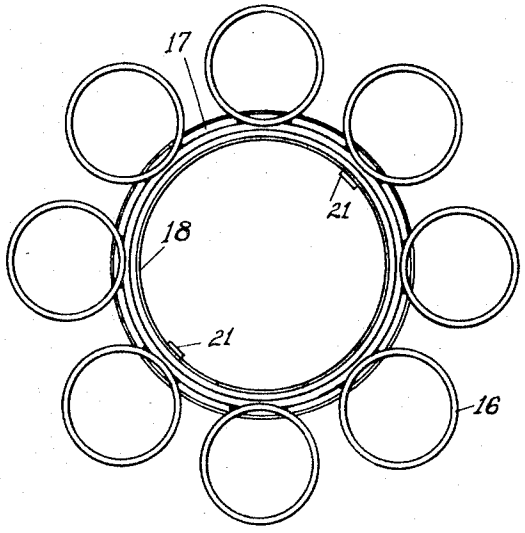


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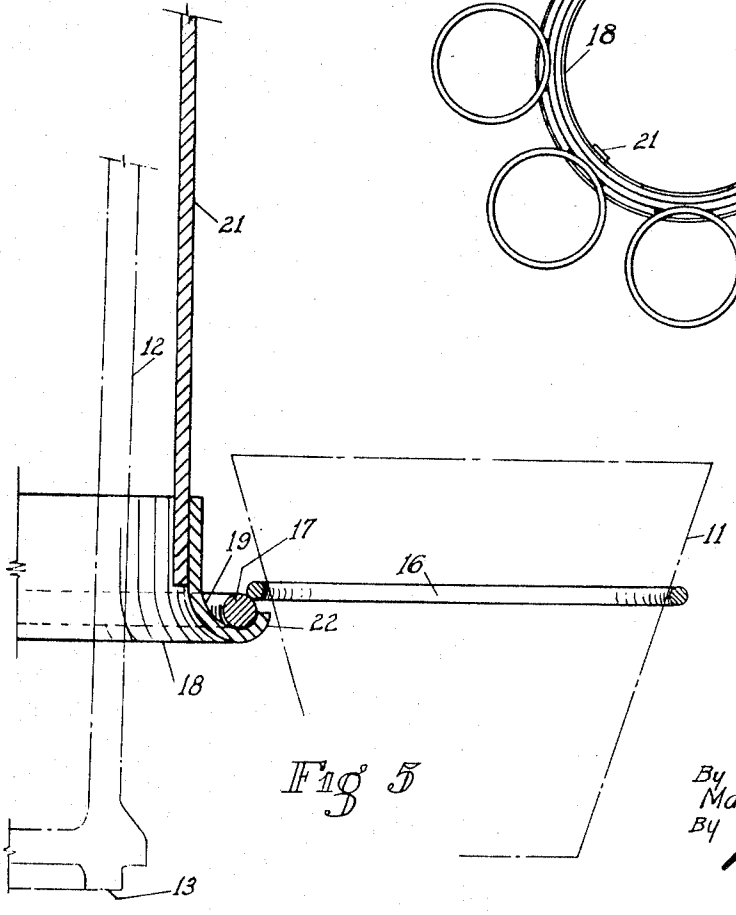


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SALAD SERVING COMBINATION INCLUDING CONTAINER FOR SALAD INGREDIENTS AND CUPS FOR DRESSING OR GARNISHES REMOVABLY SUPPORTED THEREBY

At the present time, it is customary to serve the main salad-making ingredients, such as fresh vegetables for tossed salads or fruit for fruit salads, from a large container for deposit individual dishes and to serve various dressings or garnishes from separate containers. The present invention provides for a main container, preferably in bucket form, and various cups supported around the container, for containing dressings or garnishes for selection. Consequently, all of the salad-making ingredients can be presented at once for selection and use.

The best mode contemplated in carrying out my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of the salad serving combination.

FIG. **2** is a plan view of the cup-supporting ring unit of the combination.

FIG. **3** is a perspective view of the suspending unit for suspending the ring unit of FIG. **2** from the bucket shown in FIG. **1.**

FIG. **4** is a plan view of the units of FIGS. **2** and **3** after assembly.

FIG. **5** is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view through the combination.

With specific reference to the drawings, in FIG. **1,** the entire combination is shown as including the main container **10** and the various cups **11** supported around the container. The container is preferably in the form of a bucket having a tapering side wall **12** so that the bucket is of less diameter at its lower end. It is provided with a lower edge extremity **13** of annular form adapted to rest on a table or other support. The bucket also has a bail handle including arms **14** pivoted thereto adjacent its upper edge by diametrically opposed outwardly extending trunnions or pivots **15.** The bucket may be of any suitable material.

The cups **11** may be of any suitable material and may be provided in suitable number. Each cup is of tapering form with its larger diameter end uppermost. Each cup will removably fit directly into a small supporting ring **16** which will be of a selected diameter to engage the cup tapering side wall toward its upper edge to prevent it from dropping therethrough. The rings **16** are spaced circumferentially around a large support ring **17** which is of larger diameter than the lower end of the bucket **10.**

The ring **17** is adapted to be suspended from the bucket by the suspending unit shown in FIG. **3** and which includes the bearing ring **18.** This ring **18** is of substantially the same diameter as the ring **17** and is provided with a continuous upwardly opening bearing groove **19** formed at the upper side thereof. The ring **18** is suspended from the pivots **15** of the bucket by means of the arms **21** which are rigidly connected thereto at their lower ends at diametrically opposed points. These arms are upstanding and have pivot-engaging hooks **21***a* formed at their upper extremities. As indicated in FIG. **5,** the ring **17** will rest in the groove **19.** At the outer edge of the groove **19** is a lip **22** and the rings **16** are fastened to the ring **17** toward its upper side so that when the ring **17** rests in the groove **19,** the rings **16** will not contact the lip **22.** Thus, the support ring **17** will be free to rotate in the ring **18.**

In assembling the combination, the ring **17** will first be mounted on the bearing ring **18** to produce the ring assembly shown in FIG. **4.** Then this assembly is slipped upwardly over the smaller end of the bucket **10** and the hooks **21***a* on the arms **21** are slipped over the pivot pins or trunnions **15.** This will suspend the ring **17** at such a level above the lower edge **13** of the bucket that the rings **16** will be at a predetermined level. This level will be sufficiently high to prevent contact of the bottoms of the cups **11** with the table or other support for the bucket after the cups **11** are inserted therein. Thus, even after the cups are inserted, the ring **17** can be rotated on the ring **18.**

If desired, suitable wedge members may be inserted between the tapering side wall **12** of the bucket and the bearing ring **18.** These wedge members are preferably disposed at diametrically opposed points and their upper end are of sufficient thickness to prevent them from dropping downwardly through the space between the ring and the bucket wall. This will result in more stability of the cup-supportin structure, especially during rotation. One of these members is shown at **10***a* in FIG. **1.**

It will be aparent that the carrier for the cups can be rotated relative to the bucket for ease in selection of the dressing or garnishing for the salad. All of the salad ingredients will be readily available from the single combination of containers which can be presented as a unit to an individual for selection. The cups can be removed individually or the entire cup-supporting ring assembly can be removed from the bucket.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A salad serving combination comprising a main container for the salad ingredients, a cup-supporting ring assembly supported on the container and having a plurality of cup-receiving sockets disposed around its circumference, and cups disposed in said sockets; said cup-supporting ring assembly comprising a large support ring disposed around the container and having the sockets in the form of cup-receiving rings extending outwardly therefrom and disposed therearound, and a bearing ring supported by said container in surrounding relationship thereto and rotatably supporting said support ring, said bearing ring being channel-shaped, opening upwardly and receiving the support ring which rests thereon.

2. A combination according to claim **1** in which the cup-receiving rings extend outwardly from the support ring over the outer lip of said channel without contacting therewith.

3. A combination according to claim **2** in which the bearing ring is suspended from the container by suspending arms attached thereto and removably engaging the container.

4. A combination according to claim **3** in which the container is a bucket with a bail handle having opposed pivots, said arms having hooks on their upper ends for engaging said pivots, said arms positioning the bearing ring toward the bottom edge of the bucket but spaced therefrom.

5. A combination according to claim **4** in which the cups have tapering walls so that they will rest on the

cup-receiving rings with their bottom edges spaced above the bucket bottom edge.

6. A combination according to claim **4** in which the bucket has a wall which tapers inwardly towards its lower end, and wedge spacer members removably inserted between the bucket wall and bearing ring for stability.

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