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BASKET WITH INSERT

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FIG. 1

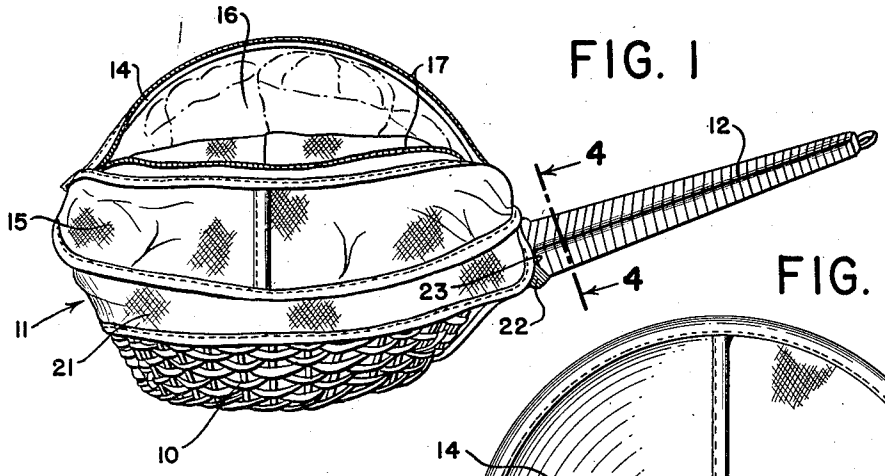


FIG. 2

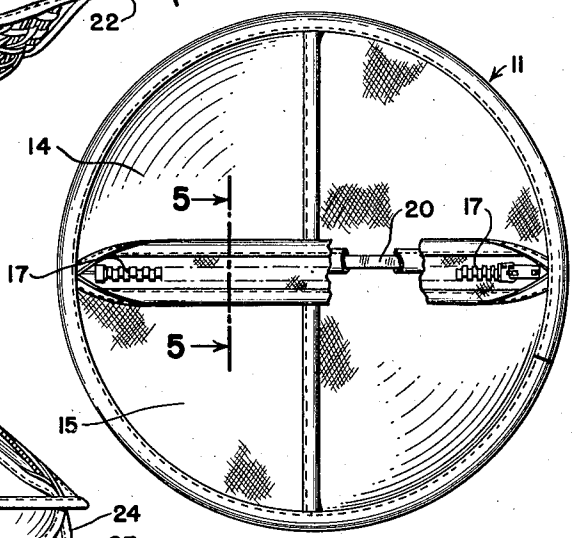


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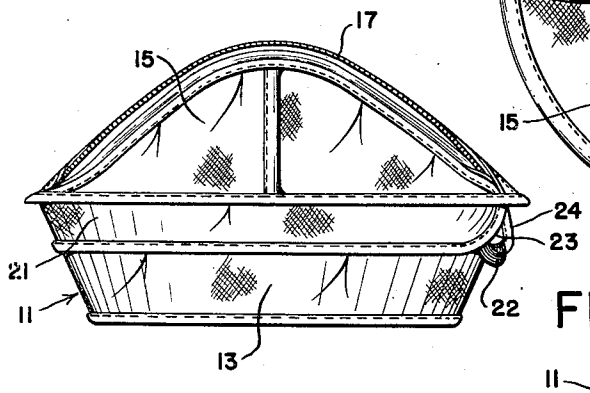


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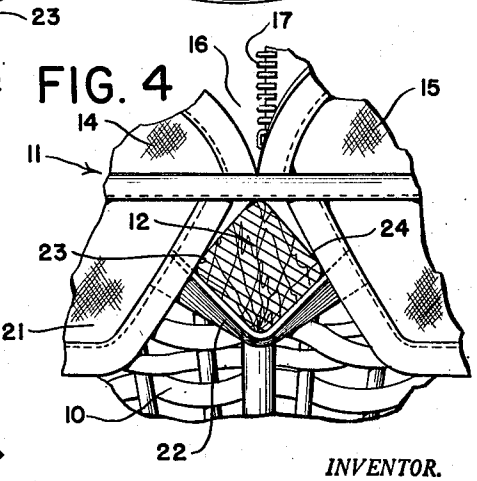
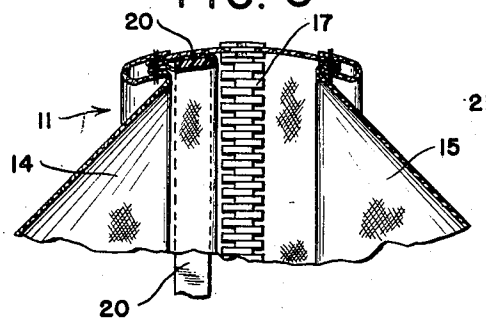


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This invention relates to a structure useful in reducing the rate of heat loss of objects placed within the structure, and more particularly to a bun hut.

Everyone is familiar with the pleasant experience of having warm buns or rolls served with his meal. Naturally, the housewife wishes to provide this experience, but generally finds this a task not easy of accomplishment. It requires great ability and care in the kitchen to be sure that the hot rolls emerge from the oven and reach the table at just the same time as the food which the rolls are to accompany. If the rolls are done too early, they will grow cold until the other food is done. It is, of course, not feasible to leave the rolls in the oven past the time when they are done, for fear of spoiling them.

It is the primary object of this invention to provide a structure whereby warm rolls and buns will retain their warmth, although they are prepared for the table well in advance of the time they are to be served. Such devices are known, but the inventive concept here involved is new. According to the present invention, this object is to be accomplished by providing a rigid, light container by way of a carrying member, and an insert for such container, which may be removable, and which may be closed to the outside by slide fastener or other simple means.

Susceptibility to removal is a very important object herein, for many advantages and virtues accrue from this feature. Naturally, in the course of use with an insert having the character described, the bun warmer will become soiled, and frequent laundering is indicated. This is made very easy by providing an insert which can be stripped from its carrier in a simple operation. In use the insert is always interposed between its contents and the carrier, so that the simple reasons of sanitation do not dictate frequent cleaning of the carrier as they do for the insert. Moreover, removability permits replacement of either insert or carrier separately should the need arise, rather than requiring replacement of the entire insert in the event of injury to only one component.

It is a further object herein to provide an insert which while quickly removable from its carrier, is firmly retained in place upon and within the carrier. This object is achieved by provision of an apron on the insert, which insert fits over the edges of the carrier to maintain the insert in a spread condition as a liner for the carrier. An elastic tape operating in conjunction with the apron provides simple, yet sure means for holding the insert in place.

Still another object is to provide means whereby a carrier having a handle may be used, and yet easy separation of insert and carrier, is still possible of accomplishment.

Another object herein is to provide an insert which is capable of maintaining an upwardly convex or substantialy conical form, independently of an contents of the bun warmer. This object is attained by including a bone appropriately disposed within the insert, which is removable for laundering. This feature makes for neatness in appearance, ease of insertion and removal of any contents, and simplicity in operation of the closure means for the opening in the insert.

A final object is to provide a structure capable of achieving all of the foregoing which is simple to make, inexpensive as to materials required, and which may be easily made as a very attractive item.

How these and many other objects are to be implemented will become apparent through a consideration of the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the structure with the cover portion open;

Fig. 2 is a top view of the insert;

Fig. 3 is a side view of the insert with the cover portion closed;

Fig. 4 is a section taken at 4—4 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 5 is a section taken at 5—5 of Fig. 2.

The embodiment of this invention shown in the drawings consists of a basket **10** and an insert **11**. The basket has a handle **12**, but the insert may be obviously applied to a basket or other container without a handle. Insert **11** has a bottom portion **13** which is adapted in shape to substantially line the interior of the basket **10**.

The insert has also a top portion consisting of two halves **14** and **15**, the halves defining an opening **16** which may be closed by a slide fastener **17**. When the top portion is closed by means of slide fastener **17**, the insert is effectively sealed, so that the rate of cooling of warm rolls or buns which are held therein is retarded.

The halves **14** and **15** of the top portion are so formed that when opening **16** is closed, the top portion of the insert assumes a substantially conical, or upwardly convex position. To assure this tent-like condition, a bone **20**, included in half **14** of the top portion, extends from side to side of the insert, across the edge of half **14** bordering on opening **16**. The function of this bone is to help sustain the top portion of the insert over and out of contact with the contents of the bun warmer.

As a part of the insert, and circumferentially disposed thereabouts, is an apron **21**. When the insert is in place with the basket interior, apron **21** is draped over the edge of the basket. In this manner, the entire insert is maintained in a spread condition with the basket. In addition to the apron, elastic tape **22** also aids in this function of keeping the insert neatly and securely mounted upon the basket. As is evident from the drawings, tape **22** passes under handle **12**, its ends being joined to sloping edges **23** and **24** of the apron **21**. It is thus apparent that the insert **11** may be completely separated from the basket **10** for laundering, and yet is securely held in place when this is so desired.

While a specific embodiment of the invention has been described it is apparent that changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. In combination an open top non-collapsible woven basket tapering outwardly in circumferential dimension from bottom to top, said basket having a handle extending outwardly in a substantially horizontal plane substantially from the top of said basket, and an insert of flexible material for said basket releasably attached thereto, said insert having a bottom portion substantially conforming to the interior configuration of said basket, and a cover portion having an opeing therein, a slide fastener for releasably closing said opening, a bone included within said cover portion alongside said slide fastener whereby said cover portion assumes a substantially conical shape when said opening is closed, an apron peripherally attached to said insert and fitting over the upper edge of said basket, one edge each of said bottom portion, said cover portion and said apron being joined

in a single circumferential seam, and a strip of stretchable material having the ends thereof attached to said apron and passing about and releasably engaging said handle.

2. In combination an open top non-collapsible woven basket tapering outwardly in circumferential dimension from bottom to top, and an insert of flexible material for said basket releasably attached thereto, said insert having a bottom portion substantially conforming to the interior configuration of said basket, and a cover portion having an opening therein, a slide fastener for releasably closing said opening, a bone included within said cover portion alongside said slide fastener whereby said cover portion assumes a substantially conical shape when said opening is closed, an apron peripherally attached to said insert for fitting over the upper edge of said basket, one

edge each of said bottom portion, said cover portion and said apron being joined in a single circumferential seam.

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