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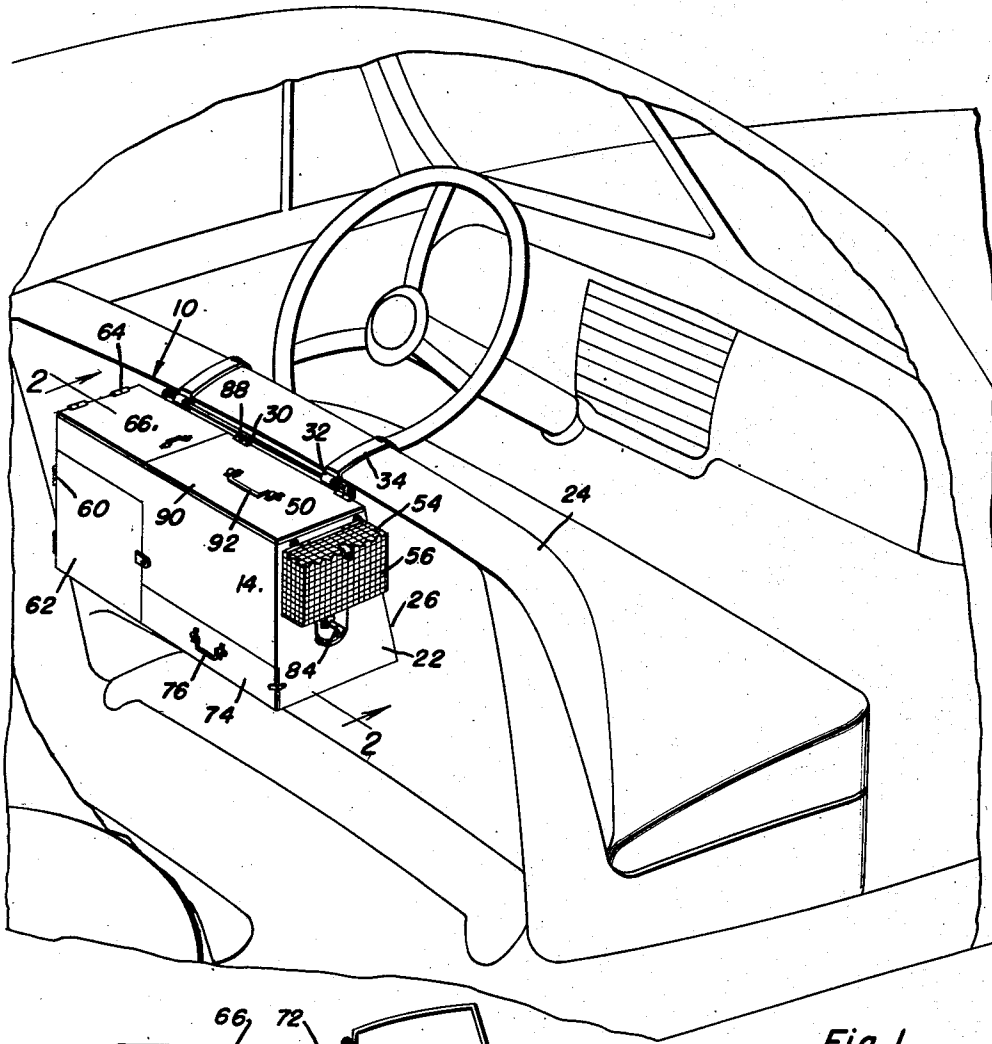


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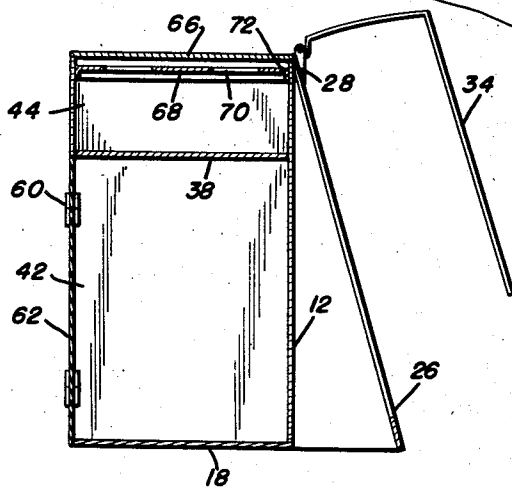


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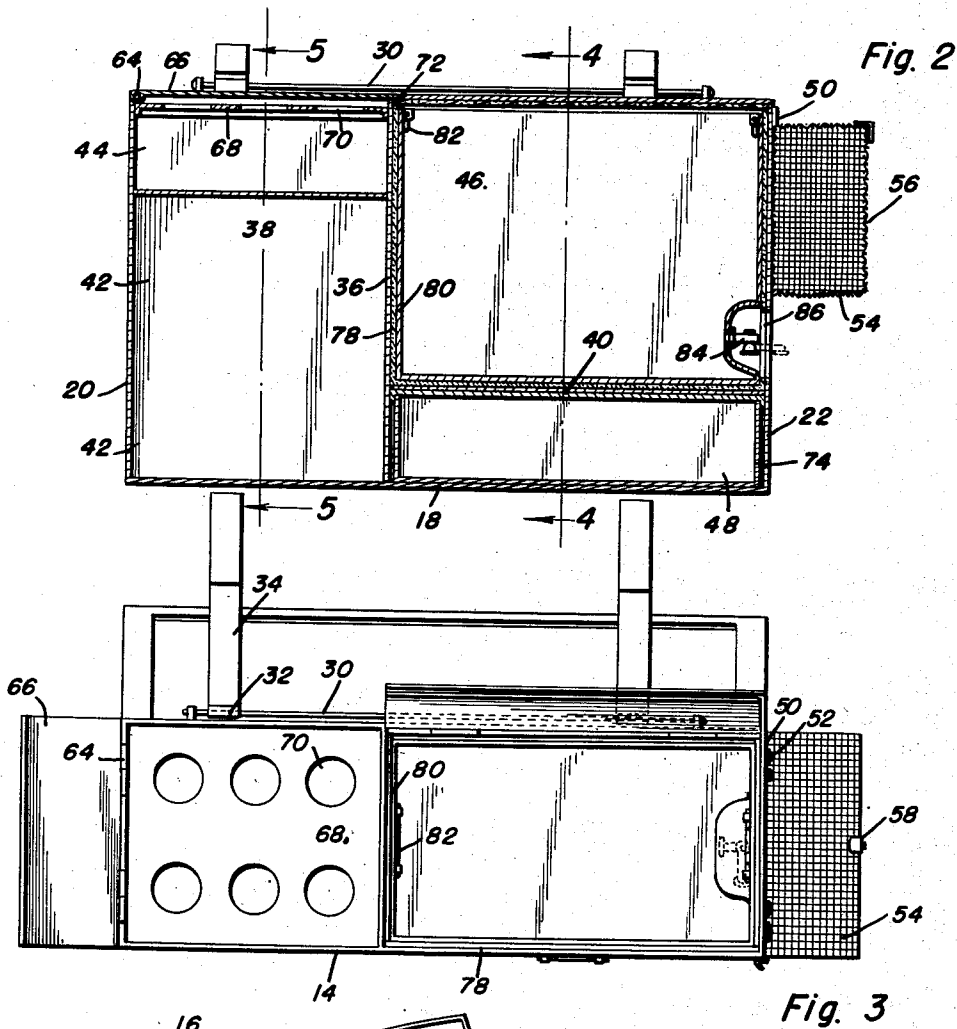
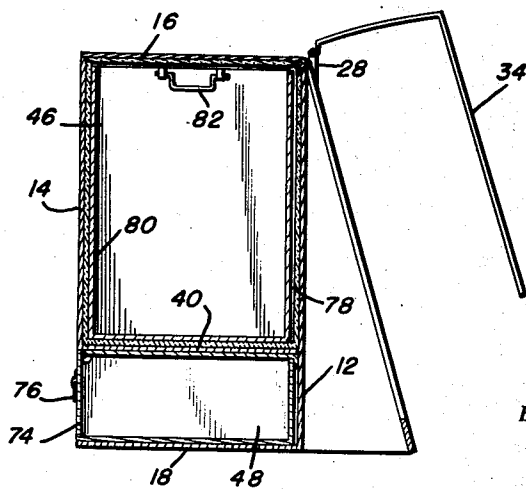


Fig. 4

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1 Claim. (Cl. 155—188)

This invention relates to a food container adapted to be conveniently transported in an automotive vehicle.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a food container which includes an insulated ice chest, a lunch drawer, a bottle compartment, a bar and a removable wire cage for retaining eating utensils.

Another object of the invention is to provide a food container including a means for adjustably suspending the same on a car seat in such a manner as not to interfere with the comfort of the riders.

A further object of the invention is to provide a food container having removable parts allowing for ready cleaning and repair when needed.

These, together with various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by the device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated by way of example only in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device shown suspended on a car seat;

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the device;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Specific reference is now made to the drawings. In the several views in the accompanying drawings and in the following specification reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout.

The present device is generally indicated at 10 and is in the form of a substantially rectangular box having a rear wall 12, a front wall 14, a top wall 16, a bottom wall 18, and end walls 20 and 22. To adjustably suspend the box on the rear of a car seat 24, the end walls are provided with downwardly and rearwardly inclined extensions 26 integral and coplanar therewith and adapted to bear on the car seat as shown in the drawings. Carried by brackets 28 on the rear wall is a longitudinal rod 30 which slidably receives sleeves 32 at the ends of flat angulated straps 34 adapted to engage the car seat and suspend the box therefrom.

The box is provided with a vertical transverse partition 36, an upper longitudinal partition 38, and a lower longitudinal partition 40, the partitions dividing the box into a bottle holding compartment 42, a bar 44 above the said compartment, an ice chest 46 and a lunch compartment 48 beneath the ice chest. Removably suspended by appropriate brackets 50 and pins 52 on the end wall

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22 is a wire cage 54 for holding eating utensils, the cage including a pivoted door 56 and spring catch 58. When not in use, the cage can be removed from the end wall and kept in the ice chest 46.

Hinged as at 60 to the front edge of the end wall 20 is a door 62 for access to the bottle compartment 42. Hinged as at 64 to the upper edge of the end wall 20 is a top door 66 for access to the bar 44. On the same hinge 64 is a longitudinal plate 68 having apertures 70 for holding cups, a stop 72 being provided at the upper end of the vertical partition 36 to hold the plate in proper position. Slidable in the compartment 48 is a lunch drawer 74 having an appropriate handle 76 thereon.

Removably positioned in the ice chest 46 is a substantially rectangular insulation 78 and removably positioned in said insulation is an ice chest box 80 having pivoted handles 82 on the sides thereof by which the box may be readily removed. Carried at one end wall of the box 80 is a drain spigot 84 which extends through suitable aligned apertures 86 in the insulation and the end wall 22, the spigot being disposed below the wire cage 54. Hinged to the upper edge of the rear wall as at 88 is a door 90 having a handle 92 for access to the ice chest. This construction allows proper drainage of water from the ice chest during transportation, and removability of the box 80 and insulation 78 allows ease of cleaning and repair.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A food and beverage container adapted to be suspended from the back of an automobile seat, said container comprising top, bottom, rear and side walls, said side walls including downwardly inclined extensions adapted to bear against the back of an automobile seat, spaced brackets secured to said rear wall, a rod extending between and secured at its ends to said brackets and means on said rod for suspending the container, said container suspending means comprising angulated straps slidably mounted on said rod and adapted to engage the car seat and suspend the container therefrom.

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