

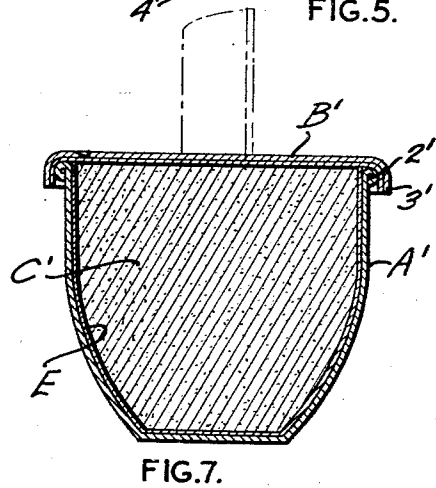
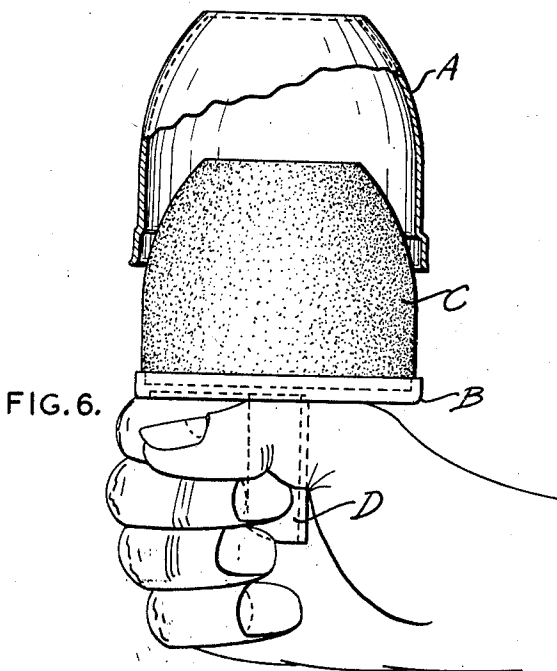
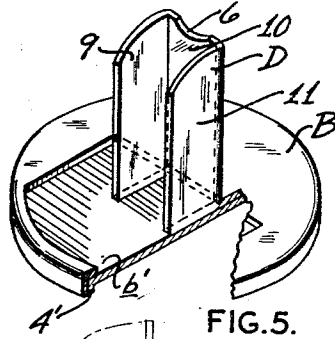
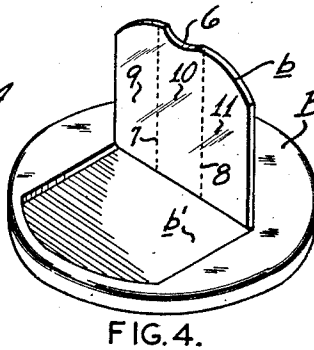
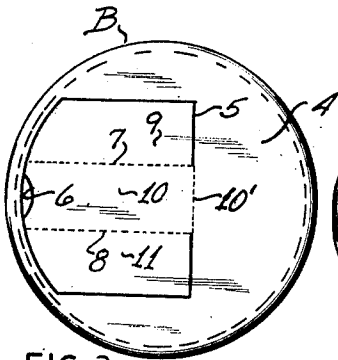
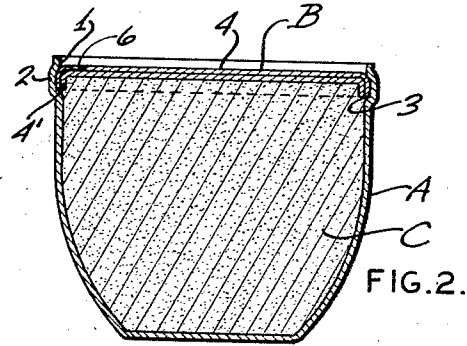
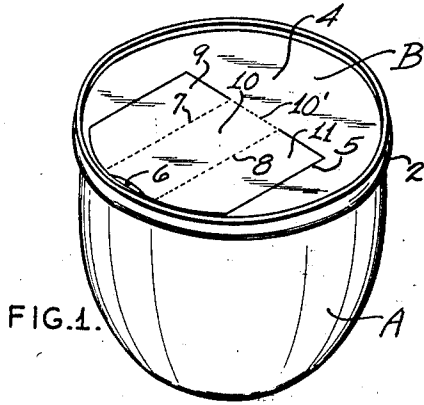
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This invention relates generally to containers. More particularly, my invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in containers especially, though not exclusively, adapted for the individual packaging of ice-cream and other frozen confections and has for its object the provision of an inexpensive container of the class mentioned having a readily removable handle-equipped lid capable of functioning both as a container-closure and as a tray for conveniently serving the contents of the container for consumption.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an individually packaged frozen confection container embodying my present invention;

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the filled container;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the combination contents-serving tray and closure-lid of the container, illustrating the handle-member thereof in normal flat condition;

Figures 4 and 5 are perspective views of the combination contents-serving tray and closure-lid of the container, illustrating the handle-member in successive formative steps to operative condition;

Figure 6 is a diagrammatic view of the individually packaged container in inverted position for removal of its contents; and

Figure 7 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of a slightly modified container embodying my present invention.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates practical embodiments of my invention, the container preferably includes an open-topped cup-like receptacle or shell A constructed of suitable material, such as and preferably heavy waxed paper, having adjacent its mouth 1 an annular outwardly presented bead 2 providing an inwardly opening pocket or recess 3, as best seen in Figures 1 and 2 and for purposes presently appearing.

Adapted to spring or snapwise fit within the recess 3 and across the mouth 1 of the cup or shell A, is a removable closure or lid B in the form of a disk having a body 4 constructed preferably of heavy multi-ply waxed cardboard or the like having a marginal lateral flange 4' and die-cut or otherwise suitably formed upon its

upper face along a line 5 to a depth of a single ply in the provision of a "lift-up" tab b marginally provided with a cut-out or notch 6 and longitudinally divided, as by longitudinal score lines 7, 8, to include a central panel 10 and end panels or flaps 9, 11.

The cut line 5 is transversely continued inwardly on opposite sides of the central panel 10, as shown, and the end panels or flaps 9 and 11 thereby at their base severed from the closure or lid proper B, the remaining material at the base of the central panel 10 continuing to join the tab b with, and to provide a bending or hinge-line, as at 10', between, the tab b and the lid or closure B, all as best seen in Figure 3.

In use and practice, the shell or cup A is filled to the proper level with ice-cream or other analogous confection C while in a somewhat so-called soft or partially frozen condition, and the cover B snapped into closure position, the tab b as a whole being presented on the outer face of the lid B and flatwise within its cut-out cavity or chamber b', as shown in Figure 2.

The filled, closed container may then be placed in a refrigerator or the like for hardening, during which operation or period the confection C becomes engaged to a certain extent with the inner surface of the shell A and lid B.

Now, when delivered to a consumer, the shell A may be warmed slightly in the hands to loosen or free the contained ice-cream C from the shell A, and the lip 1 slightly pulled back, if required, to release the lid B. A fingernail may then be inserted under the tab b at the notch 6 and the tab b lifted, as shown in Figure 4, along the hinge-line 10'. The tab end-panels 9, 11, are then bent inwardly with respect to the lid-cavity b' to extend in parallelism and to engage at their base separably with the lid B in the formation with the central panel 10 of a handle D approximately of U-shape in transverse section, as best seen in Figure 5.

The container is then inverted and, on removal of the lid B, the confection C moves in a so-called automatic manner from the shell A with, and is supported and conveniently presented and retained for consumption on, the flanged lid B, which thus also or abnormally, as it may be said, most uniquely provides or forms a serving tray or plate for the confection C.

Illustrated in Figure 7, is a slightly modified container embodying my present invention. In such container, the shell A' is provided at its mouth with a rolled bead 2', and the closure lid or disk B' has a marginal circumferential

flange 3' for disposition over and detachable engagement with the bead 2'. The shell A' is also provided with a lining of thin wax-paper or the like E which facilitates removal of the contained confection C' with the lid B' on removal of the lid B' when the shell A' is inverted, as will be clear and as seen in Figure 7.

The container may be inexpensively constructed, is quite sanitary, and is exceedingly efficient in the performance of its intended functions.

It should be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of the container may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A container-lid comprising a body-member shaped and contoured to closurewise fit a particular container, a tab hingedly joined at an end to the body-member for folding, and flaps hingedly joined to the tab along its opposite side margins for folding, the tab and said flaps being normally disposed flatwise with respect to the body-member and abnormally foldable to extend at right-angles to the body-member, the flaps being, when the tab is in such latter position, foldable to extend in approximate parallel relation one with the other and to engage at their inner end with the body-member.

2. A container-lid comprising a body-member shaped and contoured to closurewise fit a particular container and kerfed upon its upper face and partially therethrough in the provision of

a lift-up tab, the tab being hingedly joined at an end to the body-member for folding and being longitudinally divided by score lines to comprise a central panel and opposite end flaps, the latter being joined along a side margin only to the central panel for folding and by said kerf separated from the body-member, the tab and said flaps being normally disposed flatwise with respect to the body-member and abnormally foldable to extend at right-angles to the body-member, the flaps being, when the tab is in such latter position, foldable to extend in approximate parallel relation one with the other and to engage at their inner end with the body-member.

3. A container-lid comprising a cardboard body-member shaped and contoured to closurewise fit a particular container and kerfed upon its upper face and partially therethrough in the provision of a lift-up tab, the tab being integrally joined at an end to the body-member for folding and being longitudinally divided by score lines to integrally comprise a central panel and opposite end flaps, the latter being joined along a side margin only to the central panel for folding and by said kerf separated from the body-member, the tab and said flaps being normally disposed flatwise with respect to the body-member and abnormally foldable to extend at right-angles to the body-member, the flaps being, when the tab is in such latter position, foldable to extend in approximate parallel relation one with the other and to engage at their inner end with the body-member.

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