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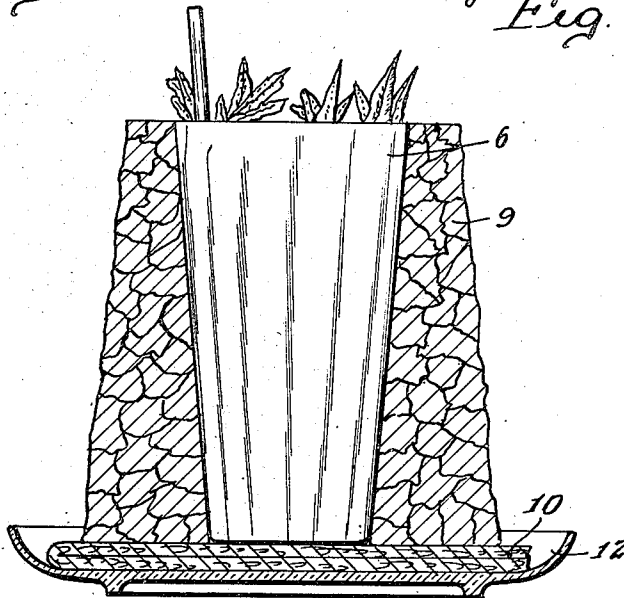
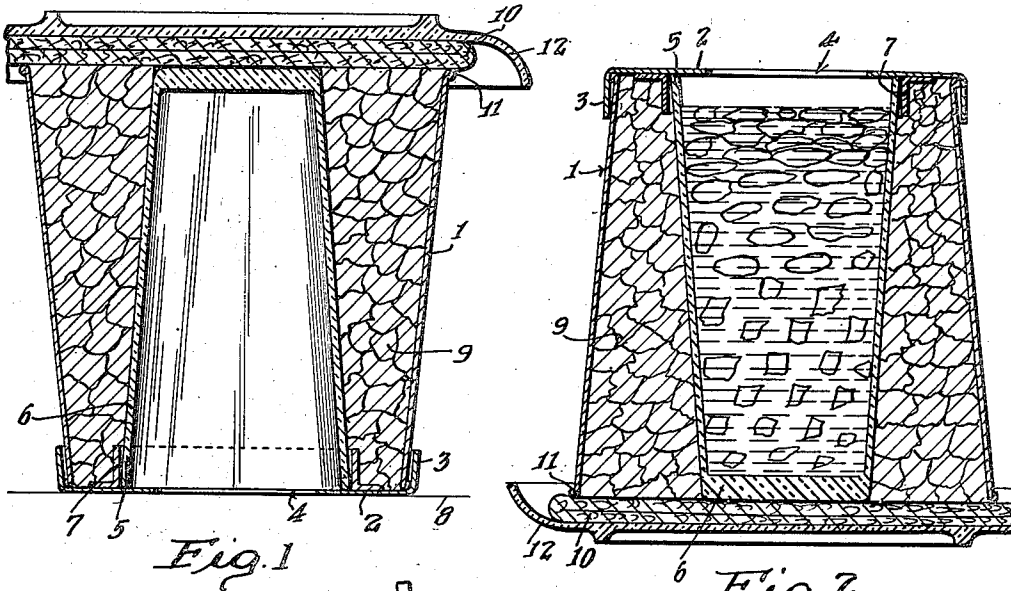


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to a method and apparatus for serving an iced drink. It has been the practice heretofore to serve iced drinks in a bowl in which cracked ice is placed surrounding the glass carrying the drink. However, the presence of the bowl surrounding the drink detracts somewhat from the appearance, and is more or less cumbersome in practice.

The general object of this invention is to produce a simple method and apparatus for serving an iced drink, such as a mixed drink, so that when the drink is served it will be surrounded by a wall of packed ice which sustains itself, avoiding the necessity for providing a retaining bowl.

One of the objects of the invention is to serve the drink in such a way that the visible accumulation of water from the melting ice will be substantially prevented.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

As regards the apparatus, the invention consists in the novel parts and combination of parts to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient apparatus for serving iced drinks.

As regards the method, the invention consists in the novel steps and combination of steps to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce a novel and efficient method of serving an iced drink.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a vertical section through the parts of the apparatus showing the glass and packed ice ready to be inverted to enable the drink to be mixed within the glass. In this view one edge of the absorbent pad and dish is broken away.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but representing the parts after they have been inverted so that the glass is in an upright position. This view represents the glass after the mixed drink has been placed in the same. In Fig. 2 a portion of the edge of the absorbent pad and dish is broken away.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the drinking glass in elevation, and surrounded with a wall of packed ice, which is shown in cross-section.

Before proceeding to a detailed description of the invention, it should be stated that we are aware that heretofore iced drinks have been served in a glass set in a bowl with the drinking glass surrounded with packed ice. In accordance with our invention, a wall of ice is formed around the glass; and this wall is given a form which particularly adapts it for sustaining itself

in an upright position around the glass. While our method and apparatus can be employed for serving any kind of an iced drink, it is particularly adapted for serving mixed drinks having an alcoholic ingredient, because the presence of the alcohol on the interior of the glass, assists in reducing the temperature. In fact, in practice, the temperature of the glass can be so reduced as to enable the particles of cracked ice to freeze to each other, the glass being completely surrounded by an exposed wall of cracked ice, which sustains itself in an upright position in an open saucer or dish. This is a very inviting way of serving mixed drinks such as a mint julep, planter's punch, or similar drinks.

Referring more particularly to the parts, and especially to Fig. 1, we provide a shell 1 preferably of sheet metal, which is in the form of a truncated cone, the small end of which is provided with a cap 2 consisting of a metal plate, that is preferably constructed so that it is detachable from the shell, and this cap has an upwardly projecting conical flange 3 to facilitate its use in this way. The cap 2 is formed with a central aperture 4, and outside of the edge of this aperture we provide retaining means for engaging the lip 5 of an inverted drinking glass 6, said retaining means preferably consisting of a ring 7 of light metal, which will yieldingly hold a drinking glass.

In using the apparatus, the cap 2 attached to the "cone" or shell 1 is placed on a horizontal support such as the table top indicated by the horizontal line 8, thereby forming an annular space around the wall of the glass. The glass is preferably of slightly conical form, so that this space tapers in a vertical direction. This space is then filled with cracked ice 9, and after it is filled, an absorbent pad 10 preferably consisting of a napkin with several folds, is placed over the bottom of the glass and extended over the edge 11 of the cone. We then place a shallow dish or saucer 12 on top of the pad, and the cone with the dish held pressed against it in this way, is rotated by means of the hands, into an upright position as shown in Fig. 2. The interior of the glass is then filled with ingredients including alcohol, and finely cracked ice inserted through the aperture 4, to form the mixed drink; the contents is then rapidly stirred so as to produce extreme cold and chill the glass. This low temperature is facilitated if some of the ingredients include alcohol. After the contents has been stirred so that the wall of the glass is thoroughly chilled, the particles of cracked ice will freeze

together to form a "solid" wall sustaining itself. The conical shell is then lifted off and the "trimmings" such as sprigs of mint, are applied to complete the drink, and the drink is then served. The wall of cracked ice keeps the drink in a cold state, and the chilled glass assists in preventing too rapid melting of the ice in the wall. Any water trickling down the annular ice column is, of course, absorbed immediately by the pad, and unless the drink stands for a considerable time the water from the ice will all be absorbed by the pad.

This invention facilitates the serving of an iced drink in a thoroughly cold condition, and also in an inviting manner.

What we claim is:

1. A method of serving an iced drink, which consists in supporting a truncated conical shell on a substantially horizontal support with the smaller end of the shell downwardly, placing a drinking glass in an inverted position in the shell and substantially coaxial therewith so as to form an annular space between the glass and the shell, filling said annular space with cracked ice, covering the bottom of the glass and the upper end of the shell with an absorbent pad and a dish, inverting all of said parts, resting the dish upon a substantially horizontal support, placing the contents of the drink within the glass through the apertured cap, and then removing the cap and the shell so as to leave the glass surrounded by a wall of packed ice.

2. In apparatus for serving an iced drink, the combination of a substantially conical truncated shell to be held in an upright position with the smaller end of the shell downward, a cap to rest upon a support and carried by the shell, said cap having an aperture therein, a drinking cup or glass adapted to be inserted in the shell from above with the lip of the glass resting on the upper face of the cap so as to provide an annular space around the glass to receive cracked ice, an absorbent pad adapted to be placed over the bottom of the glass and engaging the upper edge of the shell, and a saucer adapted to be received over the absorbent pad in an inverted position, said parts cooperating to enable the shell and glass to be inverted into an upright position to enable the glass to be filled through the aperture, and the cap

and shell removed thereafter so as to leave the glass surrounded by a wall of packed ice supported on the pad.

3. In apparatus for serving an iced drink, the combination of a substantially conical truncated shell to be held in an upright position with the smaller end of the shell downward, a cap detachable from the shell adapted to rest upon a support and carried by the shell, said cap having an aperture therein, a drinking cup or glass adapted to be inserted in the shell from above with the lip of the glass resting on the upper face of the cap so as to provide an annular space around the glass to receive cracked ice, an absorbent pad adapted to be placed over the bottom of the glass and engaging the upper edge of the shell, and a saucer adapted to be received over the absorbent pad in an inverted position, said parts cooperating to enable the shell and glass to be inverted into an upright position to enable the glass to be filled through the aperture, and the cap and shell removed thereafter so as to leave the glass surrounded by a wall of packed ice supported on the pad.

4. In apparatus for serving an iced drink, the combination of a substantially conical truncated shell to be held in an upright position with the smaller end of the shell downward, a cap detachable from the shell adapted to rest upon a support and carried by the shell, said cap having an aperture therein, a drinking cup or glass of substantially conical form adapted to be inserted in the shell from above with the lip of the glass resting on the upper face of the cap so as to provide an annular space around the glass to receive cracked ice, a ring on the cap for retaining the lip of the glass, an absorbent pad adapted to be placed over the bottom of the glass and engaging the upper edge of the shell, and a saucer adapted to be received over the absorbent pad in an inverted position, said parts cooperating to enable the shell and glass to be inverted into an upright position to enable the glass to be filled through the aperture, and the cap and shell removed thereafter so as to leave the glass surrounded by a wall of packed ice supported on the pad.

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